

## North Carolina Angus Association's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fever Sale

*Submitted by Suzanne Brewer, Executive Secretary NCAA*

The 2013 Spring Fever Sale was held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville. Friday's weather was breezy and sunny, Saturday morning started out unusually cool, misty and just a dreary day, but a good day for a cattle sale because it's been too wet for farmers to be making hay or other farming chores. As usual Joe French and his crew had the Station in tip top shape with green grass; lots prepared and facilities ready to work cattle. Everything was checked in, washed, tagged and penned outside by late afternoon.

Cattle prices have fallen somewhat on the livestock markets, but we were not disappointed with the prices paid for the Spring Fever offerings. The last couple of years we've seen the sale gross continued to improve and the 2013 sale gross was \$206,675. A good day for our consignors, our buyers and our Association!

First off on the auction block was an original water color donated by Virginia Deal of Taylorsville. Virginia and her husband Connie Deal, C.M Deal Angus are long time members and supporters of the NCAA and Virginia is one of the original members of the NCAAux. The painting was auctioned off with the proceeds going to support the Auxiliary with their work. The painting was purchased by Carol Shuffler, Union Grove for \$550.

North and South Carolina Junior Angus are hosting the 2014 Eastern Regional's in Raleigh in June, 2014, so they're working hard to raise money for this event. Several items were donated, some were placed for silent auction and others were offered for live auction. Bruce Shankle, EBS Farms, Polkton had donated a bred heifer for auction with the proceeds going to this fund. A coalition of 42 supporters bought the heifer for \$4,600, then donated her back to be auctioned off again and the second buyer was Mark Wilburn, Uwharrie Ridge Farm, Asheboro who paid \$3,000 to take her to his farm. Total between the heifer, the silent auction and the live auction, over \$11,000 was raised for the 2014 Eastern Regional's. A great day for the North and South Carolina Angus Juniors and their fund raising efforts....thank you to all the buyers, donors and supporters!

There were eighteen heifers that qualified for the *NC Elite Angus Heifer* program. This was the fourth sale where the elite heifers were offered for sale. These eighteen heifers brought \$50,750.00 and averaged \$2,820. Top selling lot was lot 41 consigned by Bryan Redfern, Quail Valley Angus, Indian Trail sold to Preston Pinkston, Norwood for \$4,000. She was sired by TC Total 410 and her dam was sired by GAR Retail Product. She is due in August, 2013 to Connealy Impression. Lot 31 was consigned by Eugene Shuffler, Shuffler Farm, Union Grove and was purchased by Malcom Booker, Gladstone, Va; she sold for \$3,100; she was sired by SS Objective T510 0T26 and her dam was a SAV 8180 Traveler 04 daughter. She was bred to SAV Final Answer 0035 and due in September, 2013.

Richard Kirkman, 4K/Tarheel Angus, Siler City consigned a February, 2013 ET heifer sired by Coleman Regis 904 and her dam was sired by B/R New Design 036. Bear Swamp Angus, B.L. Grady, Faison purchased her and her receipt for \$2,850. We sold a total of 47 lots of heifers for \$110,825, averaging \$2,358.

We sold 5 lots of bred cows, selling for \$12,250 and averaging \$2,450. Top selling bred cow was consigned by Mark Wilburn, Uwharrie Ridge Farm, Asheboro. Lot 64 was sired by Stevenson Moneymaker R185 and her dam was sired by Bon View New

Design 878. She is bred to Connealy Consensus and due in November, 2013. She was purchased by W.S. Chandler, Jr., Pinehurst, NC for \$3,000.

We sold 21 lots of cow/calf pairs for \$83,600, averaging \$3,981. Wood Angus, Willow Spring consigned the top selling lot, which was purchased by Bryan Perry, Perry's Rolling Hill Farm, Raleigh; lot 68 & 68A sold for \$8,000. Lot 68 was a SAV 004 Predominant 4438 daughter and SAV Emblynette 9099 sired her dam. She sold with a SAV Pride Mountain 1333 heifer calf born in March, 2013.

Oakview Farms, Yanceyville, Bobby Aldridge & Sons consigned lot 73 & 73A. Lot 73 was sired by War Alliance 9126 6006 and Oakview Ambush sired her dam. She is bred to Mytty In Focus. Lot 73A is her October, 2012 heifer calf sired by Nichols Extra K205. Riga View Farms, Salisbury, Connecticut purchased the cow and calf for \$5,800. Several other cow/calf pairs brought over \$4,000.00.

Volume buyers was Ronald Pridgen, Double R Farm, Whiteville who purchased 14 head for \$49,550 and Bryan Perry, Perry's Rolling Hills, LLC, Raleigh who purchased three lots for \$13,800.

Thank you to everyone who attended, consigned and purchased cattle from the 2013 North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale. Thank you to Mark Wilburn, Spring Fever Chairman and his committee of Joe French, Randall Smith, Michael Moss, Brent Scarlett and Daniel Wall and a special thank you to Joe French and his crew from the Upper Piedmont Research Station for their continued support. Thanks to Bryan Redfern and Daniel Wall for working the ring; Joe Hampton, Bruce Shankle, Steve Weller and Neil Bowman for taking bids. Thank you David Gragg for working the box; Donna Outlaw, Linda Hicks, Brenda Vinson, Robin Hampton and Teresa Swisher for helping clerk the sale.

Please mark you calendar for the first Saturday in May 2014 and plan to join us for the 31st North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale.

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