

32nd Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale

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The 32nd North Carolina Angus Spring Fever Sale was a great event. The Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville, NC has served as the location for the sale for many years and what a great place to see all the cattle. Saturday, May 2 proved to be an outstanding day to be in the Angus business. Forty five lots were sold for a sales gross of \$194,185. The sale committee of Mark Wilburn, Brent Scarlett and Daniel Wall did an exceptional job of getting all the consignors and cattle ready for the day's event.

People began to arrive bright and early to view the cattle and to visit with their fellow Angus cattle enthusiasts from all across the state. A special thank you to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association who prepared a super lunch for all the sale attendees and to the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for providing flowers for decorating the sale ring.

As many of you know the NC Angus family recently lost a wonderful member in Mrs. DeEtta Wood. To honor DeEtta's memory and her commitment to the Angus breed and especially the Angus juniors a special event was held at this year's sale. The Wood family donated a beautiful bred heifer Wood Georgina 3203 to be auctioned at the sale. The proceeds from the sale of this female will be used to fund the newly established NC Junior Angus scholarship in memory of DeEtta. The heifer was first purchased by the "Friends of DeEtta Wood" for \$13,600 and she was then resold to B.L. Grady of Bear Swamp Angus for \$8,000. In addition a DeEtta Wood cookbook sold for \$350 and 10 units of AAR Ten X 7008 SA semen, donated by Accelerated Genetics, sold for \$600. A combined \$22,500 was raised for the DeEtta Wood Scholarship. A special thank you to Mr. Brandon Marshall for his efforts in organizing the fundraising and to all of DeEtta's family and friends for their generous contributions.

Outstanding females were sold as open heifers, bred heifers, fall and spring pairs and embryo packages in this year's sale. Six heifers were selected to wear the Elite heifer tag meaning they meet the strict EPD and performance requirements set forth by the NC Angus Association. The top selling open heifer was Lot 7, GA Lady Jaye Outcross B22E consigned by Goforth Angus of East Bend and sold to Chase Angus for \$4,200. She was an outstanding spring born heifer sired by SMR 585B Outcross 0507. Other top selling open heifers were consigned by Browns Farm Ridge and Shade Tree Angus.

The high performing group of bred heifers was led by the high selling Lot 16 Wood Envious Blackbird 3216 consigned by Wood Angus Farm of Willow Spring. This fall born S A V Bismarck 5682 daughter was confirmed safe to Whitestone Patriot A050 and sold to Evening Star Ranch of Lenoir for \$6,600. Lot 12 URF Rita 1307 a Connealy Final Product female bred to RB Tour of Duty 177, consigned by Uwharrie Ridge Farms sold for \$4,250 to Mattie Harward of the Harward Sisters in Richfield. Double Creek Farms of Brown Summit purchased Lot 15 Yon Witch B343 for \$4,200. Lot 15 was a Yon Final Answer W494 bred to Deer Valley All In consigned by Silver Springs Angus, Norwood.

The Upper Piedmont Research Station consigned the high selling fall pair. Lot 38 UPRS Blackwatch Y022 sold to Silver Springs Angus for \$4,000. Lot 38 was a B/R New Design daughter bred back to Deer Valley Convenience that sold with her fall heifer calf, Lot 38A, by HPCA Intensity. The high performing, stylish heifer calf sold for \$4,100 to Chase Angus of Sanford. Scarlett Farms of Snow Camp consigned Lot 28 Scarletts

Juanada May 2W15 sired by S A V Net Worth 4200 along with her fall heifer calf, Lot 28A, by EXAR Upshot 0562B. The Lot 28 female was bred to RB Tour of Duty 177 and sold to Greg Gallimore, Asheboro and her calf, Lot 28A, sold to Bear Swamp Angus of Faison for \$3,300. Long time consignor to the NC Angus Spring Fever Sale, Oakview Farms' Lot 26 fall pair sold for \$6,800. The Lot 26 was purchased by Carol Shuffler of Shuffler Farms, Union Grove and her KCF Bennett Absolute heifer calf went to Gordon Brothers Farm in Kings Mountain for \$2,900.

Wood Angus Farm consigned the top selling spring pair. Lot 42 S A V Erica 9975 a S A V Net Worth 4200 daughter sold with her February heifer calf sired by S A V International 2020 to Linthicum Ranch, Welch, Oklahoma for \$6,000.

Lot 48 the high selling lot of the day was consigned by Goforth Angus. An exciting consignment to the sale, Lot 48 RB-GFC Lady Upshot 890-3144, offered the choice of a confirmed heifer pregnancy by RB Tour of Duty 177, Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 or Werner War Party 2417. This exceptional offering was purchased by Gaffney Angus of Barneveld, Wisconsin for \$10,000. Other outstanding embryo packages were sold by Silver Springs Angus, Norwood and C-Cross Cattle Company, Asheboro.

Pasquotank Farms of Elizabeth City offered its entire Angus semen inventory for auction at the sale. Exciting sires such as N Bar Emulation EXT, OCC Emblazon, S A V Traveler 004 and Sitz Alliance 6595 were part of the offering. Fifteen different bulls sold for a total of \$3,235 to various buyers across the southeast. Ike Jackson and his family will be donating ten percent of the proceeds from the semen sales back to the NC Junior Angus Association.

Volume buyers were Bear Swamp Angus – 5 lots for \$19,000; Shuffler Farms 4 lots for \$13,500; Chase Angus 3 lots for \$11,700; Black Run Creek Angus 3 lots for \$11,400 and Silver Springs Angus 3 lots for \$11,040; Evening Star Ranch 2 lots for \$10,000 and Gaffney Angus 1 lot for \$10,000. Thank you to these and all the buyers for supporting the sale.

Thanks also to Donna Outlaw, Linda Hicks, Teresa Swisher, Suzanne Brewer, Chris Jeffcoat and Neil Bowman for helping to work the sale. A special thank you to Joe French and his crew at the Research Station for all the work they do to get everything ready before, during and after the event.

Please make plans to join us for the 33rd Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale on Saturday, May 7, 2016.