

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale

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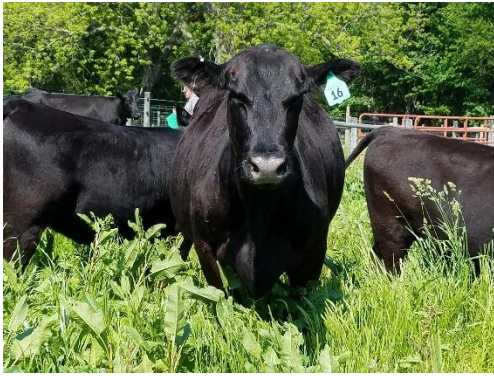
The 35th Annual North Carolina Angus Spring Fever Sale was held the first Saturday in May at the Upper Piedmont Research Station in Reidsville, NC. It was a great day to see all the nice black cattle on the green grass. Fifty-six live lots and embryo packages were sold for a sales gross of \$154,700. The sale was once again completely managed with volunteers from the association membership and they deserve a special thank you for all their hard work and commitment. The sale committee of Mark Wilburn, Brent Scarlett, Daniel Wall, Brooke Harward and Joe French did an exceptional job of getting all the consignors, cattle and facilities ready for the day. As always people arrived early on Saturday morning to view the cattle and to visit with their fellow Angus cattle breeders. Thank you to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association for preparing lunch and to the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary for decorating the sale ring.



The consignors did an outstanding job of selecting females from their herds that could benefit any Angus breeder in the Southeast. Females showcased in the sale included: fall and spring pairs, bred heifers, open heifers and embryo packages. The NC Angus Elite Heifers were the highlight of the sale. To qualify for the Elite Heifer status the females must meet a stringent set of performance and breeding guidelines. The consignors continue to take the extra effort to have their top quality heifers meet the standards and this year seven of the bred heifer consignments were awarded Elite Heifer status.

The seven Elite Heifers sold for \$22,900 averaging \$3,271. Lot 33 BBC Blackbird 629 consigned by Bridges Beef Cattle of Shelby, NC was the high selling Elite Heifer. She was a top prospect out of EXAR Denver 2002B from Deer Valley Blackbird 8189 the cornerstone donor in the Bridges herd. This balanced trait, eye appealing heifer sold bred to ICC Pay Raise 4886. She was purchased by James Britt of Britt Family Farms in Calypso, NC. Bridges Beef Cattle also consigned the next two high selling Elite Heifers in lot 40 and lot 34. Lot 34 was a flush sister to the high selling lot 33 and was bred to Baldrige Colonel C251 for an early fall calf. Mickey Love of Old Mill Farm in Pilot Mountain selected this outstanding female to add to his herd. Lot 40 was purchased for \$3,500 by Dennis McCracken of Shelby, NC. This AAR Ten X 7008 SA daughter offered added growth, maternal and carcass in a super attractive package and was bred to the powerful ICC Pay Raise 4886. Another bred heifer standout in the sale was lot 30 consigned by Tommy McGee of Evening Star Ranch in Lenoir, NC. Lot 30 QV Rita 708, was a high performing direct daughter of Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36. She was bred to the up and coming sire SAV Raindance 6848 and also sold to Mickey Love for \$3,500. Shuffler Farms of Union Grove, NC consigned lot 47, SFA Forever KD14, selling for \$3,100. KD14 was a KCF Bennett Southside female with breed leading growth EPD's along with the power of SAV Final Answer on her maternal side. She sold bred to SAV Bruiser for an early fall calf to Oscar Faircloth of Four Ponds Farm in Roseboro, NC. The twenty four bred heifers sold for \$57,450.





For many years the fall bred cows with fancy heifer calves have been the driving force behind the Spring Fever Sale and once again there was a strong offering. The top fall pair, selling for \$5,200, was Lot 8 and 8A consigned by Dr. Eugene Shuffler of Shuffler Farms of Union Grove, NC. Lot 8, SFA Blackbird Elvina TC27, was an own daughter of RB Tour of Duty 177 out of SydGen Mandate 6079 back to HA Image Maker 0415. This high maternal female was bred to 3F Epic 4631 for an early fall calf. She sold to Hayden Allen, Allen Farms, of Polkton, NC. Her super powerful heifer calf, by SS Niagara sold for \$2,100 to Highlands Farm of Conley Springs. Shuffler Farms also consigned lot

19 and 19A the second high selling fall pair for \$4,800. John and Emily Barnes of Bravo Cattle Company, Autryville purchased the cow SFA Patsy AA04 a SAV Final Answer 0035 daughter that was bred to 3F Epic 4631. Her very fancy KCF Bennett Southside heifer calf, SFA Patsy KE08, sold to T&T Farms, Lavon Tyson, of Wadesboro, NC for \$1,800. Lots 18 and 18A sold for \$4,500. Lot 18 Gentry Home Blackcap 1314 was a daughter of Boyd Forward with KCF Bennett Performer on the dam's side and her exceptional KCF Bennett Southside heifer calf were both consigned by Gentry Homeplace Angus of King, NC. Lot 18 sold to Four Ponds Farm and 18A to WJ Hawkins Farm of Anderson, SC. The seventeen fall cow/calf pairs sold for \$48,150. Shuffler Farms consigned the top selling spring pair as well. Lot 61/61A SAF Forever BC23 a SAV Bruiser 9164 sired female sold with her February heifer calf by SFA DC14 Vision of YZ47 to Sycamore Hill of Rockbridge Baths, VA for \$4,200. CCross Tiffany 5311C and her March heifer calf sired by 3F Epic 4631 was another standout in the spring pair offering. The lot 60 cow stems from the tremendous donor at C Cross Cattle Company, Justamere 10277 Tiffany 203Y. The pair sold to Caroline and Johnathan Scarlett for \$3,800. The four spring cow/calf pairs sold for \$12,300.

The top selling open heifer was lot 3, consigned by Evening Star Ranch, ERS Emblynette 1010 was a super powerful, fancy spring heifer sired by the hard to obtain SAV Ten Speed 3022 back to the famous Rito 707 of Ideal 3407 7075. She sold to Four Ponds Farm for \$2,600. Butcher Branch Angus consigned lots 26 and 27 Rampage and Fortress daughters who also went to Four Ponds Farm. Bear Swamp Angus purchased lot 2, an EXAR Stud 4658B daughter consigned by Fowler Family Farm for \$2,100. Four open heifers averaged \$2,337.



The high selling embryo package was consigned by Owens Family Farm of Roanoke Rapids, NC. These embryos sired by the ultra-rare Flying V Transformer out of URF Sarah 1503 the \$6,000 Elite Heifer in the 2017 Spring Fever Sale were purchased by Carla Burgess of Sevierville, TN for \$1,000.

Volume buyers were Four Ponds Farm, Britt Family Farms, Bowman Farms, Ricky Lee Casstevens and Bear Swamp Angus. Thank you to these and all the buyers for supporting the sale.

Thanks also to AAA Regional Manager David Gazda, Donna Outlaw, Linda Hicks, Joe Hampton and Neil Bowman for helping to work the sale and to our Auctioneer Col. Mike Jones of West Point, GA. The sale would not be possible without the support of Joe French and his staff at the Upper Piedmont Research Station. Thanks for all the work they do to get everything ready before, during and after the event. Join us for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale on Saturday, May 4, 2019.