

36th Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale

The 36th 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 beautiful day to see all the fine black cattle on the lush green grass. Over fifty live lots were sold for a sales gross of \$137,929. 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: cow/calf pairs, bred cows, bred heifers and open heifers. A special donation lot was consigned by Jones Farm of Benson, NC. All the proceeds from the sale of Lot A an SAV Ten Speed 3022 daughter went to support the DeEtta Wood Endowment Fund within the



Angus Foundation. Thank to Bill and Jane Ebert of Eberlee Farm for purchasing the donation female. The monies in the endowment are used to fund scholarships and merit awards for deserving Junior Angus members.

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 make the extra effort to have their top quality heifers meet the standards and this year six of the bred heifer consignments were awarded Elite Heifer status. The six Elite Heifers sold for \$16,900. Lot 36, Scarletts Blackbird 7H51, consigned by Scarlett Farms was the high selling Elite Heifer at \$4,000. Sired by BSF Hot Lotto 1401, she was a growth and performance specialist and still maintained a very attractive phenotype. She was bred to Jindra Acclaim and purchased by Mikey Love of Pilot Mountain, NC. New to this year's sale, Windy Hill Farms consigned lot 39 the second high selling Elite Heifer. A Quaker Hill Rampage daughter with an outstanding set of EPD's for growth and carcass went to Fulcher Farms of Godwin, NC for \$3,300. Scarlett Farms also brought out another Elite Heifer in lot 44, Scarletts Becky 7P20, selling to Mickey Love. Jaime Elliot of Second Creek Angus Farm in Denton, NC consigned two heifers that received Elite Heifer status. Another bred heifer topping the sale included lot 49, 4K Rita of Rampage E739, from Dr. Richard Kirkman at 4K Farms. This Quaker Hill Rampage daughter was bred to Bubs Southern Charm AA31 for a December calf. She sold to Alan Howard of Fuquay-Varina, NC for \$3,000. The thirteen bred heifers sold for \$24,700.

For many years the fall bred cows with big stout calves have been the reason buyers come out to the Spring Fever Sale and once again there was a strong offering of these cattle. The top fall pair, selling for \$5,050, was Lot 5 and 5A consigned by Shuffler Farms of Union Grove, NC. Lot 5, SFA Sabarina KD08, was a power packed daughter of KCF Bennett Southside with WRA Vindicator W2 on her maternal side. This high performance female was bred to VAR Discovery for a fall calf. She sold to Moffitt Cattle Company, of Concord, NC. Her

September born bull calf by SAV Bruiser 9164 sold to Dustin Frances, Cedar Lane Farms of Nathalie, VA. Gentry Homeplace Angus of King, NC consigned lots 1 and 1A selling for \$4,150. Lot 1, Gentry Rosebud 1619, was sired by KCF Bennett Homestead with the ever popular SydGen CC&7 on the dam's side. Lot 1 sold to Charles Dalton of Dalton Farm in King, NC. Lot 1A her exceptional SF Speedway A187 heifer calf was purchased by Panther Creek Farm of Pink Hill. Craven Angus of Seagrove, NC consigned the fall pair of lot 9 and 9A selling for \$4,150. Dalton Farm purchased the cow, Cravens Elite 505, a Conneally Impression daughter that was bred to Baldrige Colonel C251. Her very fancy heifer calf out of Baldrige Colonel, sold to JPL Holdings, of Concord, NC. The nineteen fall cow/calf pairs sold for \$59,675.



The bred cows were also standouts of the sale. Lot 65, SAV Elba 2662, consigned by Wood Angus went to Austin Lee of Vinita, OK. This powerful female was packed with SAV breeding in her pedigree. Sired by SAV Iron Mountain 8066 and out of the famous SAV Elba 1094 cow who has over a million dollars in direct progeny sales sold for \$4,000. 4K Blackcap C505 was another bred cow that got a lot of attention on sale day. A young cow from Warner War Party and was bred to Whitestone 18-Million for a fall calf. She sold to Julio Ascencios of Liberty for \$2,000. The top selling open heifer was lot 24, consigned by Scarlett Farms, Scarletts Blackcap 8DC19, was a fancy fall heifer calf sired VAR Discovery 2240. She went to Sydnor Angus Farm for \$2,700. Eight open heifers sold for \$11,300.

Volume buyers were Julio Ascencios, Cedar Lane Farms, Old Mill Farm, Panther Creek Farm and Sydnor Angus. Thank you to these and all the buyers for supporting the sale.



Thanks also to AAA Regional Manager David Gazda, Bambi Craven, Linda Hicks 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 37th Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale on Saturday, May 2, 2020.