

39th Annual North Carolina Angus Association Spring Fever Sale

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The 39th Annual North Carolina Angus Spring Fever Sale was held April 22nd at the Shuffler Farm Sale facility in Union Grove, NC. It was a rainy morning for potential buyers to view the cattle, but that did not affect the enthusiasm and number of attendees that came to evaluate the 70 live and frozen lots sold. The sale was a huge success, grossing \$272,750 with an average of just over \$3,915 on the 64 live lots. The sale was managed by Zach Moffitt Cattle Marketing & Consulting of Concord, NC. The consignors, along with Zach, worked hard showcasing the females before and during the sale. The offering included cow/calf pairs, bred heifers, open heifers, NC Elite heifers and show heifer prospects, elite pregnancies, and embryos. Consignors for this year included 4K Farms, Biltmore Company, Black Cedar Angus, Butcher Branch Land & Cattle LLC, Chapman Cattle Company, Chase Angus, Chessie Creek Farm, Dalton Angus, Dancing Pedlar Farm, Elite Cattle Company, Hawks Nest Farm, Hi-Lo Farms LLC, Hidden Hills Angus Farm, Legacy at Pine Hill Farm, Locust Level Farms, Rivers Bend Ranch, Ruckus Hill Farms – Smith, S & H Poultry, S & J Farms, Scarlett Farms, Shelton Angus Farm, Shuffler Farm, Straightstone Angus, Triple LLL Angus, Walkers Branch Angus, Windy Hill Farms LLC, and Wood Angus. Several visitors came out on Friday afternoon to view the cattle and lots more arrived early on Saturday morning. Between the crowd and the internet viewers, the sale reached bidders and buyers all over the country. A heifer was even sold to a buyer in Canada this year. The sale arena was full as Colonel Will Thompson kicked off the auction at noon. Thank you to the North Carolina Junior Angus Association for preparing a wonderful lunch of brisket sandwiches, chips, and banana pudding. The North Carolina Angus Auxiliary once again decorated the sale ring with flowers. We appreciate the working partnership we have with these two groups.

The high selling lot in the 2023 Spring Fever Sale was lot 43, a heifer pregnancy due in the Fall by Poss Winchester and Biltmore Lucy 148J, consigned by Biltmore Company of Asheville, NC. 148J is a young donor in the Biltmore program sired by GAR Home Town and out of a Stallion daughter that stems from the \$1 million producer Lucy 3056. 148J is in the top 10% of the breed or better for CED, BW, CEM, PAP, HS, Marb, Fat, Dairy Indexes, \$M, \$G, \$B, and \$C. This pregnancy was selected by Dr. Barry Pollard of Waukomis, Oklahoma for \$13,000.

The North Carolina Angus Elite Heifers were a sale feature once again. 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, seventeen of the bred heifer consignments were designated Elite. The Elite Heifers sold for an average of \$3,853. Lot 38, Scarletts Countess 1PS18 was the high selling Elite Heifer at \$5,000. She was a KR Pacesetter daughter bred to the popular Connealy Craftsman consigned by Scarlett Farms. Mickey Love of Pilot Mountain, NC purchased Lot 38. Other NC Angus Elite Heifer consignors included: Chapman Cattle Company, S&J Farms, Butcher Branch Land & Cattle LLC, Hi-Lo Farms, Locust Level Farms, Triple LLL Angus, Rivers Bend Ranch, Shelton Angus Farm, Shuffler Farm and Windy Hill Farms. In total twenty-seven bred heifers sold for \$93,500 to average \$3,463.

Once again there was a strong set of Fall bred cows with big stout calves. The top Fall pair was Lot 11 and 11A consigned by Locust Level Farms of Vernon Hill, VA. Lot 11, LLF 405 Patriot 867, was a daughter of Deer Valley Patriot 3222 with GAR Prophet on her maternal side. The cow was bred to HPCA Veracious for a Fall calf. She sold to Chris Dula of Dula Farms for \$6,000. Her September heifer calf, LLF 867 Identified 270 sired by SS

Identified 7551, sold to Bowman Family Farms for \$5,000 for half interest. Another Fall pair standout was lot 6, Fulcher Lady Ida 0138, consigned by Hi-Lo Farms. The cow sold to Seth Wilson for \$4,500. Chapman Cattle Company selected the fancy heifer calf at side for \$4,500. She is a daughter of Ankonian Paragon 0C4. The thirteen Fall cow/calf pairs sold for an average of \$6,619. The nine Spring cow/calf pairs averaged \$2,978.

The frozen lots also made a positive impact in the sale. Lot 43, the Biltmore Company heifer pregnancy by Poss Winchester and Biltmore Lucy 148J generated lots of attention. Another exciting pregnancy was lot 44B, a heifer pregnancy by Basin Jameson 1076 and WHS Home Town Burgess J6 consigned by Shelton Angus Farm in Gretna, Virginia. This pregnancy sold for \$4,250 to Rowdey Collier of Knoxville, Tennessee. Chessie Creek Farm of Walterboro, SC consigned one of the high selling embryo lots, offering three IVF embryos by Basin Jameson 1076 and Linz Lady Acclaim 4107-8809. These embryos sold to Carson Family Farms in Laurel Springs, NC for \$1,200. 12 embryos averaged \$412.

The top selling open heifer was Hidden Hills -Cox Lucy 611K, consigned by Hidden Hills Farm and Cox Ranch. She is an October 2022 heifer sired by GAR Home Town. She sold to Katie Colin Farm in Cartersville, Georgia for \$10,000. Another standout in the open heifer category was lot 65, WB Rita K976, a HPCA Veracious daughter consigned by Walkers Branch Angus. Travis Bunch of Surrency, Georgia selected this heifer for \$5,000. In total, 14 open heifers sold for an average of \$2,978.

Volume buyers were Michael Jensen with 323 Ranch, Chapman Cattle Company, Jason Phillips, and Vinson York. CCI.LIVE hosted the sale online. Cattle and embryos sold into North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio, and Ontario. Thank you to all the buyers who bid and purchased from the sale.

Again, this year we had a great sale day crew. Thanks to AAA Regional Manager Reese Tuckwiller, Joe Hampton, and Neil Bowman for serving as ring men. A special thank you to Suzanne Brewer, Alicia Brenseke, and Teresa Swisher for helping to clerk the sale. Also thank you to the Spring Fever Sale Committee, especially Brent Scarlett and Daniel Wall, to Colonel Will Thompson, and Zach Moffitt for making the sale a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next spring for the 40th Annual Spring Fever Sale.



The sun was shining on Friday as folks came early to inspect the cattle



The barn was packed with bidders and buyers on sale day



Lot 3 was ready for a close up



Will Thompson ready to get things started

Zach Moffitt and



Nothing better than black cows on green grass. These girls are ready to go to work for their new owners



The clerking crew was a big help on sale day



The Fall pairs doing their job raising big, stout calves



NCAA President, Callie Carson, greets everyone and leads us in prayer