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MILK  
**+35**  
MARB  
**+65**  
RE  
**+80**  
FAT  
**+0.73**

Sire **LAR Man In Black**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+58</b>	<b>+83</b>	<b>+138</b>	<b>+50</b>	<b>+188</b>	<b>+302</b>

**HA HA Man In Black 4425** 21099307



CED  
**+8**  
BW  
**+1.3**  
WW  
**+86**  
YW  
**+149**  
MILK  
**+25**  
MARB  
**+65**  
RE  
**+31**  
FAT  
**+0.066**

Sire **LAR Man In Black**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+74</b>	<b>+80</b>	<b>+111</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>+156</b>	<b>+276</b>

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**HA HA PSI 4108** 21109951



CED  
**+11**  
BW  
**+0.8**  
WW  
**+68**  
YW  
**+120**  
MILK  
**+34**  
MARB  
**+59**  
RE  
**+70**  
FAT  
**+0.006**

Sire **HA PSI K031**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+78</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+85</b>	<b>+51</b>	<b>+136</b>	<b>+254</b>

**HA HA Badlands 4257** 21109920



CED  
**+10**  
BW  
**-0.1**  
WW  
**+77**  
YW  
**+141**  
MILK  
**+31**  
MARB  
**+76**  
RE  
**+55**  
FAT  
**+0.038**

Sire **Ellingson Badlands 0285**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+85</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+120</b>	<b>+55</b>	<b>+175</b>	<b>+312</b>

**HA HA America 4107** 21109888



CED  
**+8**  
BW  
**-0.1**  
WW  
**+71**  
YW  
**+120**  
MILK  
**+35**  
MARB  
**+81**  
RE  
**+48**  
FAT  
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Sire **S A V America 8018**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+66</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+74</b>	<b>+59</b>	<b>+133</b>	<b>+239</b>

**HA HA Resilient 4007** 21109866



CED  
**+14**  
BW  
**+0.4**  
WW  
**+84**  
YW  
**+151**  
MILK  
**+29**  
MARB  
**+83**  
RE  
**+58**  
FAT  
**+0.030**

Sire **Sitz Resilient 10208**

\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
<b>+47</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+106</b>	<b>+59</b>	<b>+166</b>	<b>+262</b>

- HA PSI K031**  
29 sons sell
- Hoffman Thedford**  
8 sons sell
- Sitz Resilient 1028**  
29 sons sell
- Ellingson Badlands 0285**  
19 sons sell
- LAR Man in Black**  
21 sons sell

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Lot  
1

Sale Date

March 26, 2025

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Lot 1

**SITZ Dignity 712M** Reg # 20893453

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
5	+3.4	96	164	1.56	0.32	0.39	-3.64
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
17.3	17	83	0.73	1.14	84	332	



Lot 5

**SITZ Prefix 725M** Reg # 20893463

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
13	-2.7	69	121	0.76	0.27	0.34	-3.15
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
19.4	29	50	1.21	0.97	111	338	



Lot 35

**SITZ Premium 716M** Reg # 20893453

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
4	2.4	82	145	1.19	0.40	0.35	-0.22
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
11.1	27	70	1.04	1.23	59	315	



Lot 66

**SITZ Leverage 700M** Reg # 20912562

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
9	-0.2	72	128	0.70	0.40	0.44	0.64
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
16.8	27	58	0.80	0.41	89	272	



Lot 51

**SITZ Pilot 514M** Reg # 20893318

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
10	-0.9	81	140	1.54	0.41	0.54	-0.96
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
22.7	38	61	1.03	1.03	98	320	



Lot 84

**SITZ Unity 468M** Reg # 20913496

CED	BW	WW	YW	SC	Claw	Angle	PAP
10	1.4	90	153	1.45	0.26	0.38	-2.18
HP	Milk	CW	Marb	REA	\$M	\$C	
10.5	29	61	0.71	0.75	84	275	

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**SALE TIME**  
12:00  
Lunch at 11:00



**PINE COULEE HERITAGE L802**  
Sadler Heritage 1006 X Pine Coulee Barbara 68E  
Reg No +21126598 • Sells as Lot 1



**PINE COULEE RENOVATION L601**  
S A V Renovation 6822 X Pine Coulee Dixie Erica F202  
Reg No +21116728 • Sells as Lot 3



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Coleman Glacier 041 X Pine Coulee Forever Lady A37  
Reg No +21132142 • Sells as Lot 90

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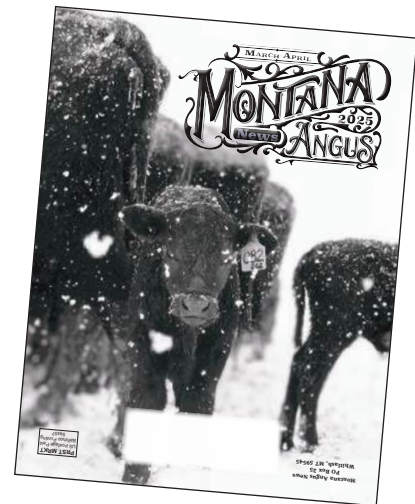
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Congratulations to Corry Arntzen for submitting the winning photo for our Annual Calving Season Photo Contest!

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Greetings Readers!

As we turn the page on another season in the Angus industry, I am reminded of the resilience, dedication, and passion that defines our Montana Angus community. This issue features two remarkable history articles that showcase the leadership of Montana Angus breeders and their role in keeping our state at the genetic forefront of the breed. These stories are more than just records of the past—they are threads in the fabric of our industry, weaving together generations of hard work, innovation, and unwavering commitment.

Our roots run deep, built by those who dedicated their lives to raising high-quality cattle and fostering strong relationships. But just as important as our history is our future. The next generation of Angus producers is stepping up, bringing new ideas, technology, and energy to an industry that continues to evolve. The stories we tell today will become the foundation for tomorrow's legacy, shaping not only our own operations but also the future of Montana Angus.

It is easy to get caught up in the challenges—market fluctuations, unpredictable weather, and the day-to-day grind—but we must also celebrate the victories. Every calf born, every successful sale, and every handshake at an industry event is a testament to the strength of this community. More importantly, every story shared—whether it's about a legendary herd sire, a breeder's lifelong dedication, or the impact of a single decision—keeps our legacy alive.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay involved, support one another, and continue sharing the story of Montana Angus. Whether you are a multi-generational breeder or just getting started, your voice and your experiences matter. Together, we will continue to build on the legacy of excellence that defines Montana Angus.

Here's to a bright future and a strong season ahead!

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# WHEELER MOUNTAIN RANCH

## ANNUAL BULL SALE

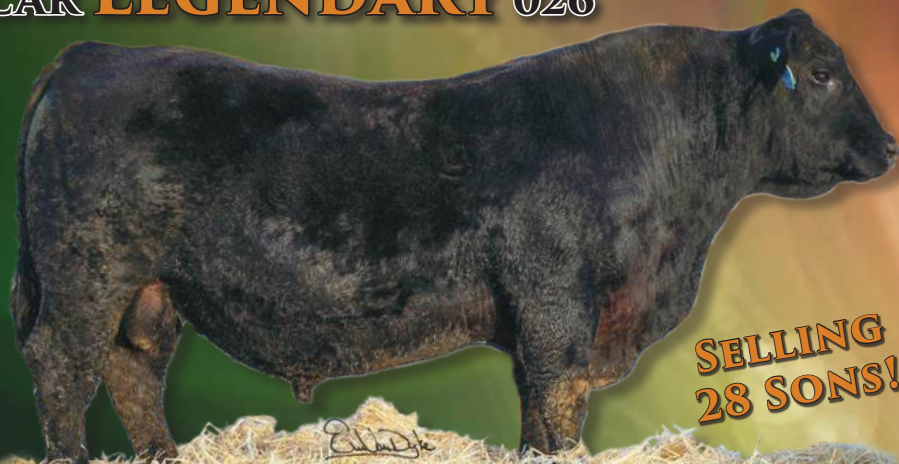
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CAR Miss Lucy 301

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# President's Message

Hello fellow cattlemen from a miserably cold and snowy central Montana! I assume most breeders and commercial cattlemen alike are off and running on their calving season. It's tough winters like this where you really appreciate the good angus mother cows and calving ease. Good maternal instincts and calf vigor is a must in these tough conditions.

The spring bull sale season is just beginning and it looks to be a crazy one. I look forward to getting out to as many sales as the weather will allow me. I encourage everyone to beat the drum on our Angus Link and Angus Verified programs as we visit with customers. In exciting times like this in the cattle business, it is crucial to have a strong program behind your cattle and the Angus Link and Angus Verified programs are an excellent way to capitalize on this strong market. I wish everyone the best of luck with their calving and sure hope this winter straightens out and we have an early spring. Stay safe out there!

-Kevin Arntzen, Montana Angus Association President

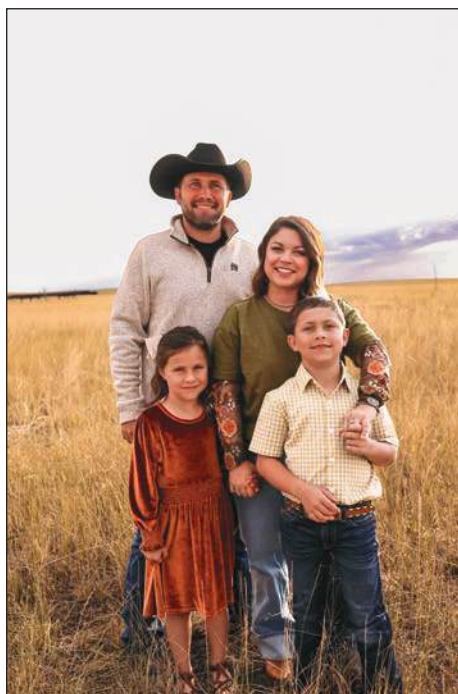


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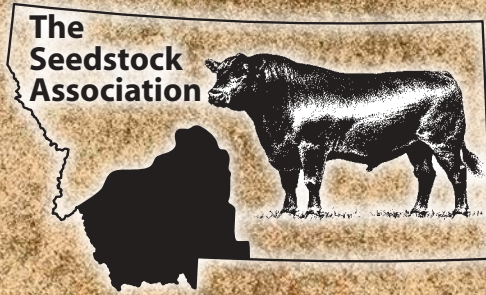
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WW	+113
YW	+180
Milk	+27
SW	+103
SF	+120
SB	+224

**GDAR All-In 024**



BW	+2.1
WW	+75
YW	+145
Milk	+31
SW	+72
SF	+109
SB	+154

**Vermilion-Riverside**



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WW	+107
YW	+177
Milk	+13
SW	+87
SF	+127
SB	+166

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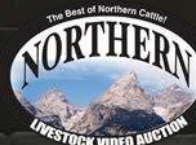
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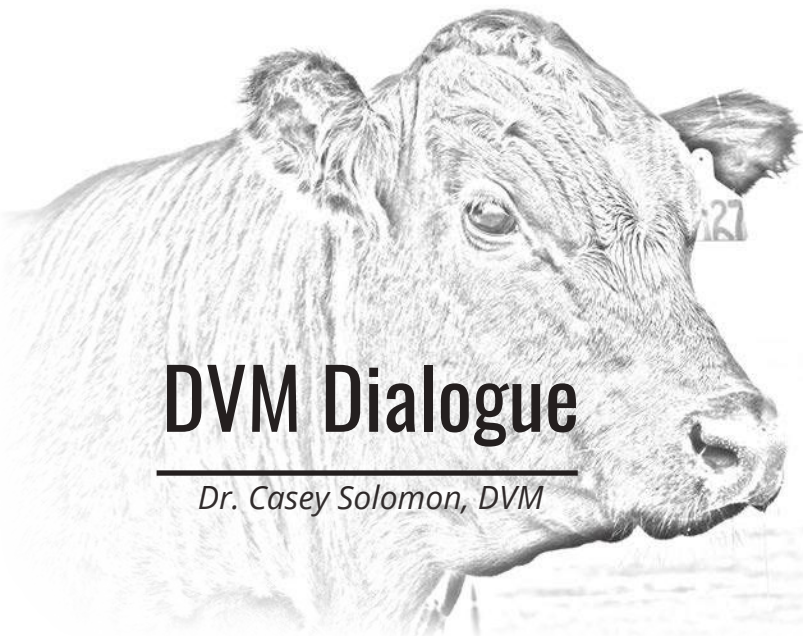
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# DVM Dialogue

Dr. Casey Solomon, DVM

Greetings from North Central Montana! I hope you all have fared well through “Frigid February.” Looking forward to green grass and sunshine!

Speaking of green forage, I thought I’d dive into Vitamin A in this edition’s article. It is rapidly becoming a topic of current research and I expect to see some changes to dietary recommendations moving forward.

## Vitamin A in Beef Cattle

Vitamin A plays an essential role in maintaining health, productivity, and overall well-being of beef cattle.

- *Vision:* It is necessary for the maintenance of normal vision, particularly in low-light. Vitamin A is a component of rhodopsin, a protein in the retina that helps detect light.
- *Immune Function:* It supports the immune system by maintaining the integrity of mucosal surfaces and enhancing the function of white blood cells, which are critical in fighting infections.
- *Reproduction:* Vitamin A is essential for reproductive health, influencing processes such as spermatogenesis in males and placental function in females.
- *Cellular Growth & Repair:* It aids in cell differentiation and growth, crucial for overall development and repair of bones, muscle, skin and hooves.

Beef cattle primarily obtain Vitamin A from their diet in the form of green forages, hay, and silage. The liver is responsible for converting precursors in green feed to the active form of Vitamin A. Additionally, many commercial mineral, tub, meal and cake supplements can be used to ensure adequate intake, particularly during periods when fresh forage is not available.

The previously established Vitamin A requirements for beef cattle vary depending on their age, stage of production, and overall health status. Generally, growing and finishing cattle, as well as pregnant and lactating cows, have higher requirements. The National Research Council (NRC)

recommends the following daily intake levels:

- *Calves:* 2,275 to 3,300 International Units (IU) per kilogram of dry matter intake
- *Growing and Finishing Cattle:* 2,200 to 3,300 IU per kilogram of dry matter intake
- *Pregnant and Lactating Cows:* 2,800 to 3,300 IU per kilogram of dry matter intake

Deficiency in Vitamin A can lead to a range of health issues in beef cattle, including:

- *Night Blindness:* One of the most commonly mentioned signs of deficiency is impaired vision in low-light conditions due to the lack of rhodopsin. I don’t think we appreciate this very often, because our deficiencies are more subclinical in today’s production systems.
- *Reduced Immune Function*
- *Reproductive Problems:* Deficiency can result in decreased fertility (bulls and cows), increased incidence of abortions/still born calves, and challenges in maintaining pregnancy.
- *Poor Growth and Development:* Vitamin A deficiency can lead to stunted growth, reduced weight gain, and poor coat condition.
- *\*\*\*Newborn Calves\*\*\** Probably the most susceptible to Vitamin A deficiency. They are born with very low levels of Vitamin A, and their main source as a newborn is through colostrum (colostrum levels are 6-14 times higher than milk). Deficient calves are much more susceptible to diarrhea and respiratory issues early in life.

The recommendations for Vitamin A in beef cattle rations have not changed much since the inception of the NRC in 1944. The latest research concentrates on the current recommended levels for Vitamin A when formulating and balancing a ration. When comparing the current dietary level recommendations to 3x the recommended level and 5x the recommended level. Significant differences were noted in the livers of both cows and their calves. The current recommended dietary levels were found to be deficient at all levels for providing adequate stores of Vitamin A in the livers of both cows and their calves. The cows supplemented at 3 times and 5 times the current recommended level for Vitamin A showed adequate liver levels in both cows and their calves. It is also worth noting that to see a benefit of increased supplementation, the increased levels of dietary Vitamin A was required for several months. This is why it is important to test feed and balance rations year round and to supply mineral/vitamin packs as many months of the year as is possible.

I look forward to further research and advancements in this area of research and to updating you all on what is discovered!

Until the next time, I pray for milder temperatures, good runoff, spring showers and a beautiful and productive 2025.

~ Casey

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## Montana State University Angus Program Update

Cheers from MSU Angus! We hope all of you are staying warm this winter and having a good calving season thus far! This is a busy time of year for all of us as both calving and bull sale season is in full swing throughout most of Montana. As in previous years we are excited to offer the best genetics from MSU at the Treasure Bull Test on April 15th. This year we will have 10 age advantage bulls that are the product of cows that are run in the hills like most commercial cows and graze 12 months out of the year! Sires of these bulls would include Ellingson Rangeland, Sitz Resilient, and HA Cowboy Up all of which are proven bulls that have demonstrated their ability to produce functional cattle made for the commercial cowboy. We think this could be one of the most consistent and complete set of bulls we have ever offered and are excited for sale day. We would like to thank the Montana angus community for their continued support and please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Sincerely,

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“Go Cats!”

### || **TUCKER LYTTON** || *MSU Student Spotlight*



Hello Montana Angus Association, my name is Tucker Lytton and I am a senior at Montana State University studying Animal Science. I grew up in Northwest Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation in the Mission Valley. My family has called the Mission Valley home for four generations and this is where we run our quarter horse operation. Growing up, I was heavily involved in the day to day operations of our horse ranch and our county 4-H program. Through my involvement, I was immersed in agriculture and developed a deep passion for raising and caring for livestock at a young age. On our operation we breed, raise, and train quarter horses particularly aimed at creating performance rodeo horses. Alongside our own bloodline of horses, we also take on client horses and train working ranch horses. In addition to our horse operation, my family also manages a small angus operation. We take advantage of the opportunity to use ranch work as a way to train and produce ranch horses capable of day to day cowboy work. I found a passion for community involvement in 4-H and introducing people to agriculture who had never been around it. Aside from 4-H, my family was also heavily involved in rodeo, naturally stemming from the raising of our performance horses. The impact rodeo had on my family was soon shared by my young self and fueled my passion for raising top notch rodeo horses and competing in rodeo at a high level. My upbringing and experiences in agriculture is what inevitably led me to Montana State to study Animal Science.

During my time at Montana State, I was given the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research under the guidance of Dr. Tim DelCurto. This research study opened the door for me into the field of precision agriculture and using technology to better the production of beef cattle. We used GPS ear tags to assess behavioral characteristics of range beef bulls. This study showed me a side of agriculture that I hadn't been previously exposed to and gave me insights into just how much beef cattle production can continue to grow and evolve for years to come. I have also been privileged with the opportunity to participate and work with the MSU Steer-A-Year program which provides students with hands-on learning experiences in the cattle industry as well as the ability to interact with cattle producers from around the state.

My passion for agriculture has allowed me to follow an exciting path, and thanks to the opportunities provided to me by Montana State University I have been awarded the chance to continue these endeavors. After graduation in May, I will pursue a master's degree in Animal Science focusing on precision agriculture and its implications in the beef cattle industry working under Dr. Tim DelCurto. I look forward to continuing my studies in Animal Science at Montana State and furthering my knowledge in beef cattle production and continuing to work with industry leaders throughout Montana.

# Pulmonary Arterial Pressure (PAP) Estimates and Relationship with Birth Weight, Gestation Length, Growth Traits, and Sire Lines

MSU Research Update

I am excited to share a research update on my master's project. We collaborated with Sitz Angus to investigate the relationship of Angus yearling bull pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) estimates with birth weight, gestation length, and growth traits. The real-world application provided by using performance driven Angus seedstock cattle provides a unique component to our project. Our research showed there was a relationship between PAP and gestation length, birth weight, yearling weight, and weaning to yearling gain. The association between gestation length and PAP scores showed that as gestation lengths increased, PAP scores did as well. The relationship between birth weight and PAP also showed that as birth weight increased so did PAP scores. However, the relationship between PAP scores, yearling weight, and weaning to yearling gains suggested that as performance and gains increased, PAP scores decreased. From this result, we concluded that bulls with improved heart-lung function will experience increased gains and extra performance compared to those with decreased heart-lung function. Although we did find significant relationships with PAP and the above traits, these relationships still explain very little of the variation in PAP scores.

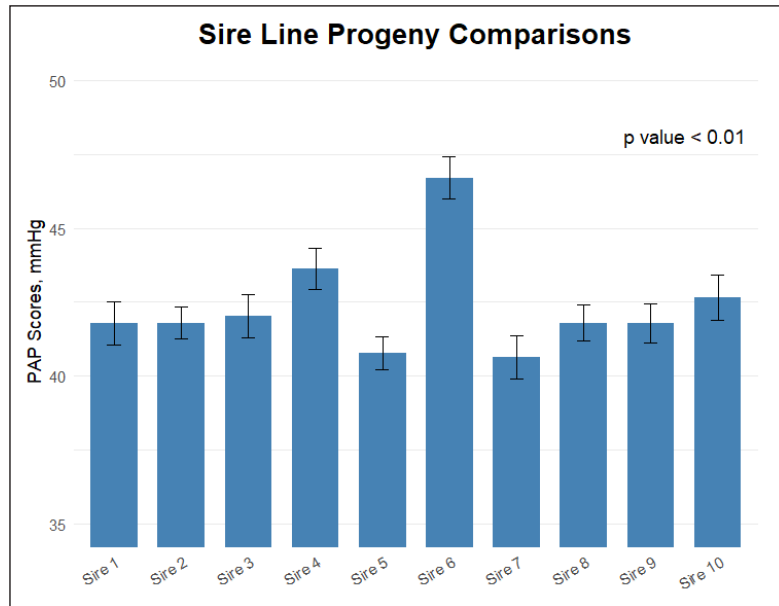


Figure 1. Mean PAP scores for sires with  $\geq 100$  progeny within the data set.

We also evaluated the sires and maternal grand sires of bulls with more than 100 progeny in the data set

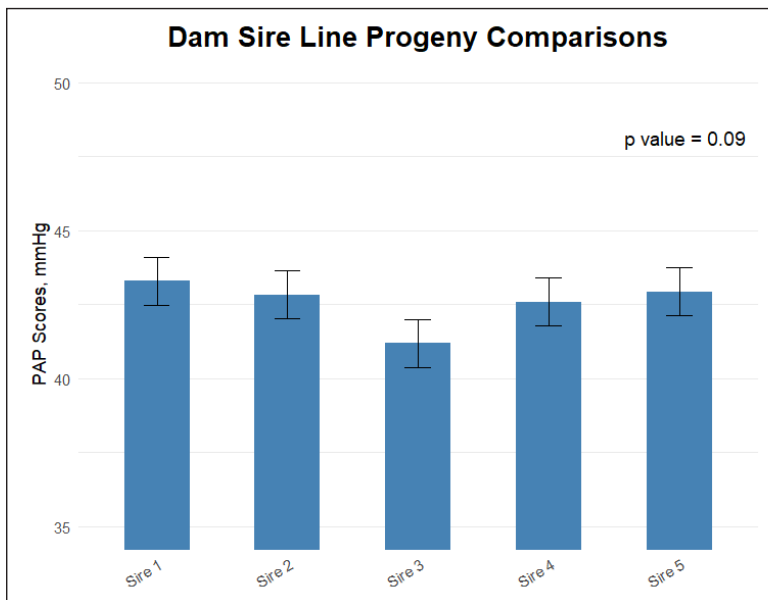


Figure 2. Mean PAP scores for dam sires with  $\geq 100$  progeny within the data set.

to determine their influences on PAP means and variation of scores. There were differences observed across sire lines among mean PAP scores. Simply put, low PAP bulls result in low PAP offspring. The figures below illustrate the differences in PAP scores between the sire lines and the dam sire lines.

The findings from this study could help enhance beef cattle production in high elevation systems. By better understanding how PAP scores are related to performance, beef cattle producers can make conscious breeding decisions to achieve production goals based on their operation. Sire progeny showed consistency and little variability of PAP scores. This illustrates that sire selection for PAP does make a difference and has an impact within an operation.

Kaylen Stearns

# MBC Promoting Culinary Education Through Beef Grants

The Montana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS-MT), in collaboration with the Montana Beef Council (MBC), launched a successful educational initiative during the 2023-24 academic year. By awarding mini-grants to schools, the program aimed to enhance culinary education and nutrition awareness through hands-on activities centered on higher value cuts of beef. This effort, "Beef: A Healthful Choice to Build a Stronger Montana," impacted over 850 students and educators across the state, helping students explore culinary techniques, nutrition, and the value of beef.

The program awarded \$2,500 in gift cards to 23 educators, enabling the purchase of various beef cuts for use in culinary and nutrition labs. Participants included Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) educators and community extension agents. The program reached 857 individuals, fostering not only student engagement but also community involvement.

## Key Activities and Outcomes

Educators integrated beef into their curriculums through diverse activities, including cooking competitions, beef cut analysis, meal planning, and recipe experimentation. Highlights from participating schools included:

### 1. Beaverhead County High

**School:** Students practiced cooking filet mignon and prime rib, mastering pan-frying and basting techniques.

### 2. Big Sky High School:

Participants learned about beef anatomy and fabricated cuts under the guidance of local butchers.

**3. Flathead High School:** Students smoked beef jerky, prepared fajitas, and made rich stock from roasted marrow bones, exploring advanced culinary techniques.

**4. Fairfield Schools:** A field trip to a local butcher shop and feedlot provided students insights into the beef production process before

heading back to the classroom for hands-on beef preparation.

The grant allowed students to work with premium beef cuts typically outside their schools' budgets, fostering confidence and skills in handling high-quality ingredients. One student remarked, "I didn't believe I could cook Country Fried Steak at home until I successfully prepared it in class."

## Broader Impacts

Teachers reported that hands-on labs not only enriched culinary skills but also imparted lessons on nutrition and the sustainability of beef as a protein source. Teachers leveraged the MBC website resources and incorporated them into expanded lesson plans. For many students, this was their first exposure to higher-end cuts, igniting curiosity and excitement about cooking and meal preparation.

Furthermore, the program's benefits extended beyond students. Families were indirectly influenced as students brought newfound knowledge and enthusiasm into their homes. Several educators emphasized the importance of financial support, noting that these experiences would not have been possible without the MBC grant.

## Conclusion

The Montana Beef Mini-Grant Project has proven to be an invaluable tool for enhancing culinary education and promoting beef's role in a nutritious diet. By encouraging students to explore diverse cuts and preparation methods, the initiative has laid a foundation for lifelong culinary skills and informed food choices. As one educator put it, "This grant was a game-changer for our culinary classes," underscoring its transformative impact on Montana's FCS program.



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CED	BW	WW	YW	WN ADJ WT	YR ADJ WT
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# 2025 Angus Foundation Scholarship Applications Open

Youth can apply for Angus Foundation scholarships until May 1.

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has championed the success of Angus youth by investing in their education. In the past 27 years, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.9 million in scholarships including \$388,500 in 2024 alone. These scholarships help support students in their educational endeavors — whether pursuing undergraduate, graduate or trade degrees. Applications are due by May 1, offering an opportunity for Angus youth to receive financial support for their education.

*"Thank you to the Foundation for your unwavering commitment to supporting our aspirations and for fostering an environment that promotes growth and opportunity. Your generosity has not only given me the resources to pursue my educational goals but has also inspired me to strive for excellence in everything I do. While it may seem unconventional to aspire to be a registered nurse that raises cattle, I am excited to combine these passions into a fulfilling future where I can work hard at what I love."*

— Addison Cotton, past Angus Foundation scholarship recipient.

For many junior members, like Addison, the Angus Foundation offers more than financial support; it helps to shape young leaders in the Angus breed. Whether it is exposing youth to unique career paths or exploring new opportunities, the Angus Foundation's support is felt far and wide.

"Raising the Bar and LEAD have allowed me to experience agriculture in different regions and form friendships with Juniors from all over the country," says Allison Davis, a past Angus Foundation scholarship recipient. "The [Angus] Foundation scholarships are allowing me to attend an out-of-state university. I know that I would not be able to attend an out-of-state school and have the experiences I have without the support of the Foundation and its donors."

## Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications are available to National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members through their AAA Login.

Applicants for undergraduate and graduate scholarships must have, at one time, been a member of the NJAA and currently be an active junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. The following documents are required to be considered for a 2025 undergraduate or graduate scholarship: the 2025 scholarship application; three letters of recommendation; a copy of current high school/college/university transcript; and the applicant's Association member code.

**Deadline: May 1, 2025**

## Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship

The Angus Foundation also offers opportunities to youth from a commercial cattle operation background, through the commercial cattlemen's scholarship program.

The Angus Foundation will award five \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation's breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis will be placed on applicant's knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed. The applicant or their parent/guardian must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2022) and must be considered commercial and not seedstock in their operation. The scholarship applies to any field of study.

**Deadline: May 1, 2025**

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Since 1990, the NJAA has teamed up with Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) to help Angus youth pursue their higher education goals. The selected applicant will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. A separate application from the Angus Foundation scholarship application is required for the CAB/NJAA scholarship.

**Deadline: May 1, 2025**

## External Scholarships

In addition to the many scholarships available through the general undergraduate scholarship application, NJAA members may be eligible for additional Angus Foundation scholarships administered by partners who share our mission. See applications for individual deadlines.

"Supporting youth in their education is an important part of the Foundation's mission. The Angus Foundation scholarship are one of the most prominent and consistent ways our donors support Angus youth. Our scholarships pave the way for a bright future for our industry by ensuring young people can reach their full potential," says Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director.

The logo for the Angus Foundation features the word "ANGUS" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Foundation" is written in a smaller, yellow, cursive script font. A thin yellow horizontal line is positioned between the two words.

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## **2025 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW'S SUPER POINT ROLL OF VICTORY (ROV) ANGUS SHOW**

Angus exhibitors led 117 entries at the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, January 17 in Denver, Colo. Jake Scott, Gordon, Neb., evaluated the entries before naming champions.



### **|| Reserve Junior Champion Bull ||**

BCC King Pin 93L won reserve junior champion bull at the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Jan. 17 in Denver, Colo. Zane Barragree, Absarokee, Mont., owns the winning bull. Photo by Legacy Livestock Imaging.

## **2025 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW'S ANGUS PEN AND CARLOAD SHOW**

Angus exhibitors led 25 entries at the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Angus Pen and Carload Show, January 18 in Denver, Colo. John Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla.; Adam Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.; and Doug Stevenson, Laurel, Mont., evaluated the entries before naming champions.



### **|| Summer Pen of Three ||**

Circle L Angus, Wise River, MT showcased the summer champion pen of three bulls at the 2025 National Western Stock Show's Angus Pen and Carload Show, Jan. 18 in Denver, Colo. The August and September 2023 sons of Cherry Crk Assertive G205 S, Poss Rawhide and Adams Aces Crackerjack 6345 posted an average weight of 1,555 pounds and an average scrotal circumference of 42.5 centimeters. Photos by Legacy Livestock Imaging.



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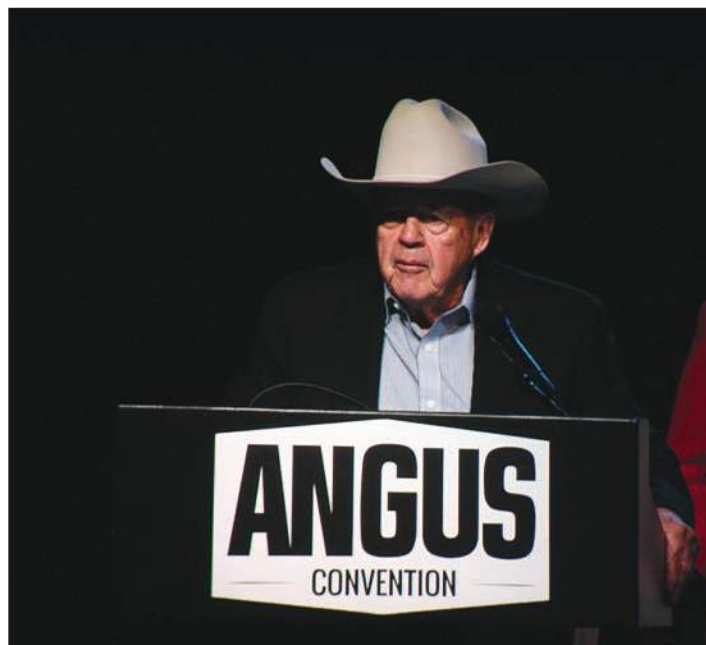
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# Leaders in the Angus Industry: Tracing Van Dyke Angus Ranch's Roots

The histories of generational ranches represent a deep-rooted connection to the land, tradition, and family legacy. Ranching is more than just a way of life—it's a testament to resilience, hard work, and the ability to adapt through changing times. Families who have managed ranches and cattle herds for generations know this well and strive to pass down invaluable knowledge about stewardship, cattle husbandry, and practices that ensure the ranch's future. Their history fosters a strong sense of identity and pride, binding generations together through shared experiences and a commitment to preserving both the land and the cattle that come with it.

70 years ago, the Gallatin Valley became home to one of the Angus industry's most influential ranches and one of the nation's premier Angus herds. In 1955, Clarence Van Dyke bought 35 head of Black Angus cows and set out to develop what we know today as the Van Dyke Angus Ranch, a historic cattle operation located near Manhattan, Montana, specializing in breeding high-quality Angus cattle.

As one of twelve children raised on a dairy farm, Clarence learned early on that a good cow is a good cow. In setting out to develop his Angus herd, he knew that his focus would be on cow quality. This emphasis on cow quality has never wavered and it has built the Van Dyke Angus Ranch's reputation for quality maternal genetics. Throughout Clarence's work to develop his herd and the ranch, he made improvements on the land that his father purchased in the early 1900s, the same land that used to be the family dairy farm before making the switch to Angus cattle. He also acquired more ground with his family in mind, hoping



**CLARENCE VAN DYKE**

to set up the ranch in a way that would allow his sons to follow in his footsteps.

In the late 1950s, American Breeders Service (ABS) approached Clarence, along with a few other select Angus breeders, hoping to have his herd be a part of a test program. It was Clarence's extensive recordkeeping and the fact that he abundantly used artificial insemination (AI) in his herd that brought him this opportunity; the ranch was one of the first herds to widely use AI across their cows.

For many years, Van Dyke Angus Ranch continued to be a test herd for ABS.

Clarence received numerous awards throughout his life, including many awards in the dairy industry, and the 1985 Performance Man of the Year, 1989 Outstanding Farmer/Rancher, 1997 Wayne Stevenson Award of Excellence, 1999 Certified Angus Commitment of Excellence, and 2003 Gallatin County Outstanding Conservationist. In 2017, Clarence was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation, which recognized his passion, dedication, and perseverance, as well as honoring his lasting influence on the Angus breed.

Over the decades, Clarence and his sons, John, Keith, and Lee, built Van Dyke Angus Ranch through their hard work and dedication to great cattle. Today, Clarence's vision for the ranch is upheld by his son,



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Lee Van Dyke, as well as Tom Wulff (who bought out Keith) and Tim Crabtree, Lee's son-in-law. Together, the three of them strive to produce breeding stock that is problem-free and long-lived for their customers. The ranch's breeding program maintained a focus on an



scan the ear and know what calf it is," Tim explains. Technology plays a vital role for the ranch, but it's important to note that all of their cattle are still evaluated by cattlemen and not just computers.

Many industry-leading bulls have been raised on Van Dyke Angus Ranch, including

extremely fertile, highly maternal cowherd. They are culled for feet and leg structure, as well as for temperament, which has helped them to provide a unique line-bred genetic package. Tim Crabtree tells me that "our whole program can still be summed up with a quote from Clarence: "The first thing a bull has to do is make a good cow. If he can't do that, he's no good.'" Maternal traits and structure are of utmost importance when it comes to the ranch's cattle.

VDAR Lucys Boy. "If I had to pick 2 bulls from the last 20 years that have drastically influenced our program, it's been VDAR Sonny Boy 1194 and VDAR Cedar Wind 8111," Tim states, adding that "Sonny Boy added bone, and improved feet and disposition while making beautiful daughters. [...] Cedar Wind was the high-selling bull in 2012. He was a high calving ease bull; he throws great attitudes and perfect udders." In recent sales, many of the ranch's high-selling bulls have been out of Sonny Boy daughters. Across 21 herds, 154 of his daughters have an average nursing ratio of 101. The ranch currently has 5 Cedar Wind daughters who are 11 or older and still in their herd. Three of these are donor cows. Cedar Wind is also in the top 25 bulls for functional longevity for the Angus breed, along with two of his sons and a grandson.

The mother cow is what ensures a ranch's success and Van Dyke Angus Ranch's understanding of this has been a key factor in contributing to their leadership in the Angus industry. Their focus on the Angus female is unwavering; they have remained dedicated to perfecting their genetics, leading to some of the ranch's females making lasting impacts on the breed. "We firmly believe in the relentless pursuit of the traits that made the Angus cow great in the first place: sound, functional cattle that bring in a calf year after year,"

Next to breeding the best females possible, Van Dyke Angus Ranch remains committed to customer service and ensuring that they can offer their customers quality cattle they can actually stand behind. They recognize that the most valuable insights come from commercial cattlemen and seek to learn about how their cattle are performing for their customers. Furthermore, Van Dyke Angus Ranch has had buyers coming back to their sales, year after year, which is only a testament to the emphasis they place on maintaining relationships with buyers. Those at the ranch go above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction. Tim shares something with me that he always tells new customers, which is that "if you decide that you don't like our cattle, that's fine, but I hope after we're done, you'll say that we were good to work with and treated you well." This sentiment showcases the honesty and care that Van Dyke Angus Ranch puts into working with other producers.

The heart of Van Dyke Angus Ranch is family, a notion that is exemplified through everything that they do. "My wife and I are currently raising the fifth generation that will be on the home place. It's pretty special to be a part of that much family history on one ranch," Tim says. In the 70 years that the ranch has been in operation, the dedication to the family has remained unchanged. The Van Dyke's roots run deep, just as their passion for their cattle rings true.



**TOM, SHERRY, & ALEXIS WULFF**

Tim explains. It's this commitment to Clarence's original vision that showcases their deep understanding of what's important in the industry.

As with most ranches these days, technology has brought about its own changes. Technology has drastically changed Van Dyke Angus Ranch, allowing them to further improve their day-to-day operations. "One of my favorites [referring to technologies] is putting microchips under the skin in our calves' ears. When it's cold, we don't have to tag, but I can



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When asked what it means for Van Dyke Angus Ranch to be a family operation, Tim tells me that “it gives purpose and meaning to what we do, if you’re not working towards the next generation, what’s the point?” Those of us in the cattle industry know that truer words have never been spoken. While we all strive to produce top-notch, well-functioning, and performing cattle, it’s important to note that so much of what we do in our work is also to preserve our heritage. By continuing tradition and implementing new technologies and practices where needed, we can ensure that future generations are not only able to pick up where we left off but able to continue to improve.

Van Dyke Angus Ranch remains at the forefront of the Angus business and the cattle industry as a whole. Their rich, living history is one to be proud of and one they strive to carry on, each and every day. Through their continual dedication to the commercial cattleman, they have solidified their reputation as purebred producers and leaders in a continuously evolving industry.

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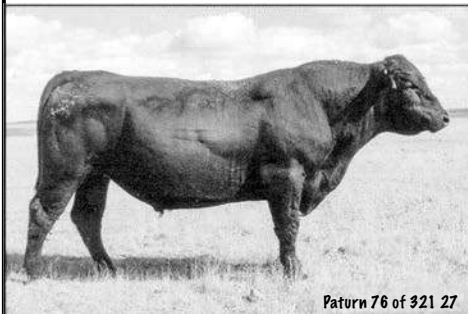


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# Montana's Top 10 Angus Sires: Highlighting Montana Producers' Continued Dedication to Genetics

It's no secret that Montana Angus breeders maintain an incredible focus on producing top-notch cattle and achieve their goal of breeding industry-leading sires time after time.

Montana breeders continue to emphasize improving their cattle's genetics by implementing rigorous selective breeding programs that prioritize traits such as maternal ability, fertility, productivity and efficiency, carcass traits, and adaptability to harsh environments. Many breeders utilize advanced technologies like artificial insemination (AI), embryo transfer (ET), and genomic testing to accelerate genetic progress and ensure superior bloodlines. They also participate in breed association programs to make data-driven breeding decisions. By continuously evaluating and improving their herds through performance tracking and industry collaboration, Montana Angus breeders remain at the forefront of the industry, producing high-quality cattle that meet the evolving demands of both commercial and seedstock producers.

Over the years, Montana breeders have bred for and raised some of the industry's best sires. These sires have not only risen to the top of the industry's list of great sires, but they have also changed the industry.

## Mytty in Focus

Breeder: Mytty Angus Ranch



With a whopping 48,870 registered progeny, Mytty in Focus is a bull that has stood the test of time. Born in 2001 and bred by Mytty Angus Ranch, Mytty in Focus was out of an outstanding cow. His EPDs and disposition stood out, as well as his phenotype.

Klint and Lori Swanson of Shipwheel Cattle Co. purchased Mytty in Focus, alongside Black Pine Farm in 2002 from Midland Bull Test. "We're [Shipwheel Cattle Co.] more so focused on great maternal cows, cows that last a long

time, and he was out of a great cow, and great cows make great bulls," Klint explains, expanding on why they were interested in him right off the bat. Mytty in Focus was also leased to ABS Global.

"His first calf crop was pretty impressive," Klint says. The calves were moderate-framed and consistent with good growth traits. The females out of him were fantastic, as they were fertile with good fleshing ability. Further, his calves were gentle and deep-ribbed. For three years in a row—2008, 2009, and 2010—Mytty in Focus was the top bull for registrations for the Angus breed. Interest in him was worldwide and he was used in Australia and Brazil. ABS Global also helped line up tours for international breeders to come and see him. He gained popularity fast and maintained that popularity for many years. He was also one of the first bulls ABS marketed sexed semen from.

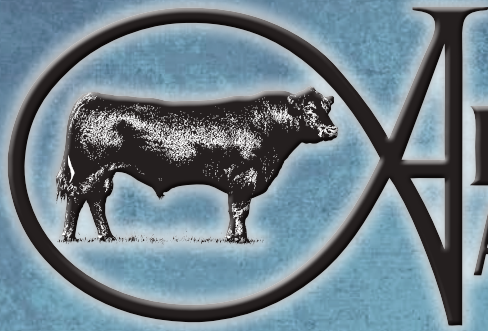
After his retirement and passing, Klint and Lori had him mounted and he hangs in their sale barn. "He was part of the family," Lori says. Klint further expands, stating that "he really was a huge part of giving us a boost in the business and a big part of where we are today. Truly, it was a gift from God." Both Klint and Lori believe that they wouldn't be where they are today without Mytty in Focus' influence on their herd and their lives. Mytty in Focus was not only an incredible bull because of his maternal qualities, but also because of the lasting impact he had on the breed.

## Sitz Upward 307R

Breeder: Sitz Angus



With 30,133 registered progeny, Sitz Upward 307R has solidified his place in the Angus breed's history. He was an outlier, with a phenotypically correct mother. "You wanted a whole pasture full of cows that looked just like her," Jim Sitz states. 307R came from a great cow and made for a fantastic



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bull with a great phenotype. Karl and Donna Tyler and Little Creek Ranch were partial owners of 307R with Sitz Angus.

“One thing we noticed is there was a lot of fertility within the Upward cattle,” Jim states. Sitz Angus aims to raise cattle that are functional, productive, and phenotypically correct. They want to develop a fertile cow with a lot of rib shape, as well as good udders and teats, and 307R’s progeny fit that bill. “As good as the bulls were, the females were even better,” Jim explains. The growth and performance of his progeny was unmatched—they weaned heavy and were structurally sound.

Interest in 307R grew the old-fashioned way. “Once we proved him and people saw what the progeny were doing within our herd, then they got behind him and the industry got behind him,” Jim says. However, once producers noticed him, 307R saw widespread use across the Angus breed. He was used nationally and even internationally, in countries such as South America and Australia. Sitz Angus used him for years and years themselves.

While semen is pretty limited today, Jim tells me that there are still a handful of people using him. For him to still have producers interested in him 20 years later only further proves how influential he’s been for the breed.

### **AAR Ten X 7008 SA**

Breeder: Artnzen Angus Ranch



AAR Ten X 7008 SA was born in 2007 and was the high-selling bull in Artnzen Angus Ranch’s 2008 production sale. He sold to Bodner Angus and Stein Angus. With great maternal ability and excellent carcass traits, Ten X sired great calves and boasts a total of 28,565 registered progeny.

“For three or four years, he led the whole nation in AI calves,” Kevin states, “he also led the breed in Dollar Beef for several years.” The timing was right for Ten X to rise in popularity, as producers were looking for bulls that could balance maternal and carcass traits. He shot to the top of the breed for Dollar Beef, especially since his calves exploded on feed. He excelled in ultrasound and carcass data, making him stand out from other bulls at the time.

Besides great carcass traits, Ten X had high-performing calves. “My youngest Ten X cows are probably 10 by now,”

Kevin says, adding that “they’ve stuck around and done a good job.” His daughters have been productive, with the ability to raise big calves year after year. Accelerated Genetics leased Ten X and he led their semen sales for several years.

Ten X was a unique bull that offered a combination of ease of calving, performance, and carcass traits.

### **Leachman Right Time**

Breeder: Leachman Angus



Leachman Right Time was a consistent and phenotypically great bull that grew in popularity rapidly. He was a well-proven sire and a son of N Bar Emulation EXT. When asked about what made Right Time so popular, Jess Moody of Leachman Angus told me that “he’s just probably one of the all-time best female makers that the Angus breed has ever had in terms of easy flushing females that were good-footed, had the right look, and good udder and teat attachment.” Many of Leachman Angus’ donors are direct daughters of Right Time. They are even planning on using him again in order to breed some more longevity back into their herd.

Bob Cook of Vermilion Ranch purchased Leachman Right Time in 1993. Leading up to the sale, he was the most talked about bull that year. “His name was very appropriate. He was right for the time,” Bob says. His phenotype drew people in and he fit what producers were looking for at the time. As a more moderate-framed son of EXT, he was a well-balanced sire who carried great maternal traits. “He sired a lot of cattle and he sired a lot of sale toppers for us,” Bob states.

Over the next 10-12 years, he remained very popular. He became widely used in the breed, and even today, Bob sells semen certificates for him. Right Time was used nationally and internationally in countries such as Canada and Australia.

“His daughters were big, beautiful, high-volume females with tremendous maternal traits. And people still 30 some years later are using the bull. I think that’s a testament to a lot of things [in regard to his ability],” Bob states. And, he’s right. Leachman Right Time has 24,712 registered progeny, indicating that he was certainly an impactful bull for the Angus breed.





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## Sitz Alliance 6595

Breeder: Sitz Angus



Born in 1989, Sitz Alliance 6595 was identified as a yearling. When he was born, Sitz Angus didn't have their yearling program established yet and was only selling two-year-olds. So, for him to be identified as a yearling signaled that he would be influential in the Angus breed. "We identified him out of the feedlot as being something pretty special," Jim Sitz says, "we felt that he was a game-changer."

Sitz Angus got him collected and used him before they sold him. From there, they saw how great of a bull he'd be. He sold to TC Ranch out of Nebraska in their fall sale. His progeny were consistent and the best part of him was his females. His bull calves sold well, but his daughters were exceptional. "That's one of the things that he'll always be known for is the maternal aspect," Jim states. His daughters were highly productive and easy-fleshing. Much like Sitz Upward 307R (another top bull from Sitz Angus), many of the Sitz cattle today would trace back to 6595.

6595 went above and beyond many of the sires being used at the time. He was used nationally and even internationally, in countries such as Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and even Europe. The demand for him went on for a lot of years, with commercial cattlemen continuing to want to get progeny out of him.

"I always define Alliance as being a commercial man's bull. He was a bull that would keep the commercial guy in business," Jim states. And, that very sentiment is exactly why 6595 grew so popular and was used for such a long time. He was consistent and proven; he was a true breeder. Over the years, 6595 has sired 23,874 registered progeny.

## DHD Traveler 6807 (top right)

Breeder: Dale Davis

Bred by Dale Davis, DHD Traveler 6807 was an incredibly unique sire who has solidified his place in the Angus breed's history. He was moderate and thick, with a low birth weight and great maternal aspects.

Bob Sitz, Sr purchased DHD Traveler 6807 alongside the Gartner-Denowh ranch. He was sold at Midland and was

the top-gaining and top-weight per-day-of-age bull of the 1987 Midland Bull Test. "Our goal when we purchased this bull was to add more performance to our herd since he was such a good gainer," Mick Denowh states. Jim Sitz tells me that Sitz Angus bred their cattle to him for a lot of years, stating that "he was kind of an outlier for the time." His dad liked cattle that had a bit more shape and 6807 fit that bill for him well. He added shape to the herd for Bob Sr., and even worked well on larger-framed cattle, helping to downsize them. After all, that was part of Bob Sr's goals when purchasing 6807.

6807 was leased to Accelerated Genetics, which helped his popularity grow. After a time, Sitz Angus sold some interest in the bull to Tim Oldhe of Oldhe Cattle Company. He became the #1 semen sales bull in the history of the Accelerated Genetics AI Stud and one of the most influential sires due to his ability to sire moderate birth weight cattle with performance, volume, fleshing ability, and thickness.



"This bull really shined because of his daughters," Mick says, adding that those girls "turned out to be some of our best cows."

6807 had solid, good uddered daughters and his uniqueness for the time was what allowed him to stand out from other bulls at the time and rise to the top of the Angus breed. He marked a turning point in the Angus breed. Today, 6807 has 21,454 registered progeny.

## VDAR Lucys Boy (not pictured)

Breeder: Van Dyke Angus Ranch

VDAR Lucys Boy was an industry-leading bull, with fantastic carcass traits and maternal ability. He was a bull that came from an outstanding Van Dyke Angus Ranch cow, Pine Drive Lucy 5. His dam passed on her genetics, lending to his ability to produce great daughters. Clarence Van Dyke wanted to breed for bulls that would benefit the commercial cattleman, combining both practical and marketable traits.

"Lucy Boy was one of the premier carcass bulls of the breed in his time. He saw wide use across the industry," Tim Crabtree of Van Dyke Angus Ranch states. At a time when producers were starting to get interested in chasing carcass traits, Lucys Boy was there to allow them to incorporate those traits into their herds. Demand for him was high.

Mick Denowh of Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch is one

of Lucys Boy's owners, along with Kimm Angus and Gary Geim. Mick tells me that "we bought him because of his maternal traits," adding that, "the daughters made really good cows and the bull calves were very marketable." He was also leased to Genex, which helped the interest in him grow. He has 16,694 registered progeny.

**Basin Payweight 1682 (right)**

Breeder: Basin Angus Ranch

"I picked him out as a yearling bull, thinking that he was something the industry needed at the time," Doug Stevenson of Basin Angus Ranch states. Basin Payweight 1682 was a bull that had incredible depth of body and fleshing ability, as well as a sound, moderate frame. Further, 1682 had the necessary rib shape and capacity for cattle



out on the range. He sold in their bull sale that spring to Ellis Cattle Co., but Basin Angus kept an interest in the bull. This allowed for him to be tested on both a purebred and a commercial herd. From that, there was enough information collected on him for 1682 to begin gaining some traction in the Angus breed.

"He was a changer for breed type," Doug says, adding that "he added those functional phenotype things that the breed needed at that point." At a time when many producers had been chasing carcass traits and other qualities, 1682 was a bull that would allow producers to get back on track for targeting correct conformation in their cattle. It was his structural soundness that helped him have such a huge impact on the breed, siring 15,995 registered progeny.

Basin Angus Ranch aims to develop cattle that perform well in diverse environments while meeting the needs of both commercial and seedstock producers. They don't give up on the numbers and don't give up on the phenotype, which allows them to strive for the best of both.

1682 was a bull that stood out from others, and his progeny have been exceedingly productive. "We have daughters now that are 12 years old and Ellis Cattle Company that owned the bull with us has commercial cows that age. And those cattle have just stayed around. They continue to be functional, solid, good cows with longevity and productivity for a lot of years," Doug explains. Basin Angus' customers want reliability and cattle that will perform, time and time



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again. 1682 set the standard for Angus cattle, with highly marketable progeny but more importantly, with high satisfaction progeny that can be kept in the herd.

### **Hyline Right Time 338**

Breeder: Hyline Angus Ranch



Hyline Right Time 338 was an exemplary bull, complete with great growth traits and top-notch maternal traits. Used nationally, he became a top bull in the industry pretty quickly, not only for his traits but also because the cow family on both sides of his pedigree was exceptional. “He came from one of my dad’s best cows,” Ron Van Dyke, Raymond’s son, states. His mother was Hyline Pride 265 and he was sired by Leachman Right Time. Raymond Van Dyke believed that he would be carrying on high-quality genetics through this breeding. And, he was right.

Hyline Angus Ranch focuses on breeding and raising cattle that excel in traits such as maternal ability and growth efficiency, the biggest goal being raising cattle that grow and can raise good females. 338 was the perfect example of an ideal bull for their operation, as he excelled in all of these areas. Ron tells me that “for our own cattle and my customers that are selling calves by the pound, they’re [338’s progeny] just really hard to beat for growth.” Further, he was a great female producer. His daughters are easy fleshing with good capacity and all offspring have lots of length. His offspring are high-performing in the field.

For Hyline Angus Ranch, Hyline Right Time 338 was well-known as one of the best, if not the best sons, out of Right Time. “That bloodline was popular and he probably carried on Right Time’s lineage as well as anyone,” Ron says. The more influence Hyline Angus had from 338, the better they saw their cattle getting. Hyline Angus uses line breeding in their operation, even still using 338’s line. Ron expands on this, stating that “by line breeding, we’re trying to preserve those traits.” For 27 years, 338 has stood the test of time.

Over the decades, he’s sired 14,765 registered progeny. And, even better, 338’s line is still alive and well in Hyline Angus Ranch’s herd. The fact that many of their cattle still carry on his line is a testament to how impactful of a bull he was.

### **Rito 2100 GDAR**

Breeder: Gartner Denowh Angus Ranch

Rito 2100 GDAR was a standout calf out of Rito Ever 865 GDAR and Blackcap Lady 999 GDAR, one of Gartner Denowh Angus Ranch’s best cows. They maintained ownership of 2100, using him extensively in their own herd. The ranch also leased 2100 to ABS Global, who helped sell semen and increase his popularity.

“We kept this bull because of his mother and his outstanding phenotype,” Mick Denowh says, adding that “his bull calves were some of our best sellers.” Furthermore, his daughters were outstanding for the ranch, providing exceptional functionality and productivity. Given this, many of his daughters remained in their herd. He sired many herd sires for the ranch, including another top bull for them, Transformer 100 EAR. Several of 2100’s daughters raised other exceptional herd sires, such as GDAR Executive 727.

Gartner Denowh Angus Ranch has two locations in Eastern Montana. They expect their cows to run under the same conditions that the local commercial man endures. 2100 exemplified this and provided Angus producers with a reliable and well-gaining bull. He has 14,570 registered progeny, making his lasting impact on the Angus breed apparent.

Each one of these sires is a testament to the efforts of every breeder in the Angus industry. Montana Angus breeders have consistently demonstrated their leadership in the industry by producing sires that have not only shaped their own herds but have also left a lasting impact on the Angus breed as a whole. The influence of Montana-bred sires can be seen across the country and beyond, proving that the state’s breeders are among the most respected and influential in the industry. Montana breeders’ ongoing commitment to genetic excellence ensures that Montana will remain a powerhouse in the Angus breed for generations to come.



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Through educational sessions sponsored by the Colorado Angus Association at the 2025 National Western Stock Show, industry experts and boots-on-the-ground cattlemen discussed the value of balancing trait selection to achieve forward progress.

The session kicked off with a presentation by Kara Lee, director of producer engagement at Certified Angus Beef (CAB), followed by a panel discussion. The panel was comprised of moderator Kevin Ochsner, host of Cattlemen to Cattlemen on RFD TV, and industry perspectives including — **David Brown of Montana Angus Ranch, Darrell Stevenson of Stevenson Angus**, Anton Hermes of Hermes Livestock who is also an ABS Global representative, and Oakley Kelley, herd manager of Double RL Ranch.

The American Angus Association offers a suite of 30 + EPDs and dollar indexes to help measure an animal's performance. But what's top priority when given such vast information? For Stevenson, the nucleus of the herd is the cow, and every input should focus on her continuous improvement.

"I believe first and foremost, those females have got to look the part, and then we've got the advantage, the art and the science and the genomically-enhanced EPDs that makes things even easier," Stevenson said. "Today, we can move these cattle farther and faster than ever before, we just need to know where to govern that out."

When asked how producers can use particular EPDs to find optimums and maximums, Kelley encouraged his approach of finding a baseline before setting long-term goals.



**Producer panelists discuss what areas they place emphasis on in the selection process based on the priorities for their herd, and what tools they use to help achieve their goals.**

"As somebody that is really focusing on high quality ribeye, we have to have a baseline," Kelley said. "You need to figure your baseline and then figure out how fast and how far you want to proceed and over how many years."

In addition to EPD indexes, Association programs like Targeting the Brand™, AngusLink™ and the Genetic Merit Scorecard™ allow commercial cattlemen to capitalize on the marketing value of their product.

Stevenson remarked, his customer-base magnetized to genetic testing and these programs because of their capabilities as a selection tool, a scoring tool, a culling tool and ultimately as a profiting tool.

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**Darrell Stevenson, of Stevenson Angus, shares what he believes his ideal female is and how the use of tools like genomically-enhanced EPDs can make a cattleman's job easier.**

"They want to get from calving season to weaning time to getting their check. It's a bad cycle. We've got to change that mindset to where everybody is thinking about the future," Hermes said. "When you want to be sustainable in the cattle industry, whether you're a seedstock guy or a commercial cow-calf producer, you've got to take a balanced approach."

Rest assured this balance all serves a greater purpose — the consumer. After all, the demand for high-quality beef drives our industry, Kelley said.

"They want taste, they want quality, they want consistency," he said. "What we learned with our herd was we couldn't just chase carcass, we had to go back to the female. The female had to make the herd, and I think that's our emphasis now is building that maternal cow herd, but not sacrificing carcass traits."

That inclusion of carcass traits leaves room for increased revenue for producers. Lee brought to attention the opportunity for marbling selection to increase profit, analyzing data showing it as largely the number one reason Certified Angus Beef a brand candidates don't make it across the finish line.

"That's why we talk about marbling so much, it's not because we're encouraging single-trait selection," she said. "We talk about marbling because it's the number one place that we're leaving money on the table."

It does not have to be an either-or decision with maternal and carcass traits, Lee said. In particular, she also addressed recent concerns that emphasis on marbling has led to decline in fertility

type female selection and then tie yourself to a marketing program — these guys have seen tremendous results creating margin."

Striking balance isn't just for the seedstock procurers, commercial cattlemen can tap into it too.

and foot structure. Lee referenced recent disposal code data from the American Angus Association® showcasing animals removed for either fertility or foot structure purposes, which spanned a wide range of both high and low marbling cattle.

With the diversity in the Angus breed, balanced trait selection is possible, she said. It all comes back to the balanced approach, regardless of your industry sector. Balance in your selection criteria, balance in your focus level and balancing the ever-evolving demands of the consumer.

"When we think about our customer first — whether you're breeding bulls and thinking about your commercial cow-calf customers coming to buy those registered bulls, or you think about the end consumer — you're thinking about the end in mind," Lee said.

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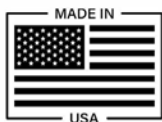
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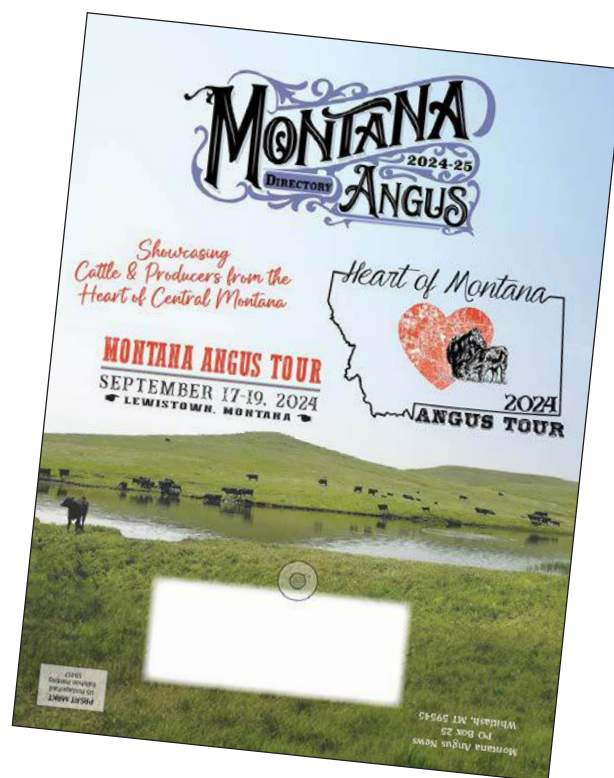
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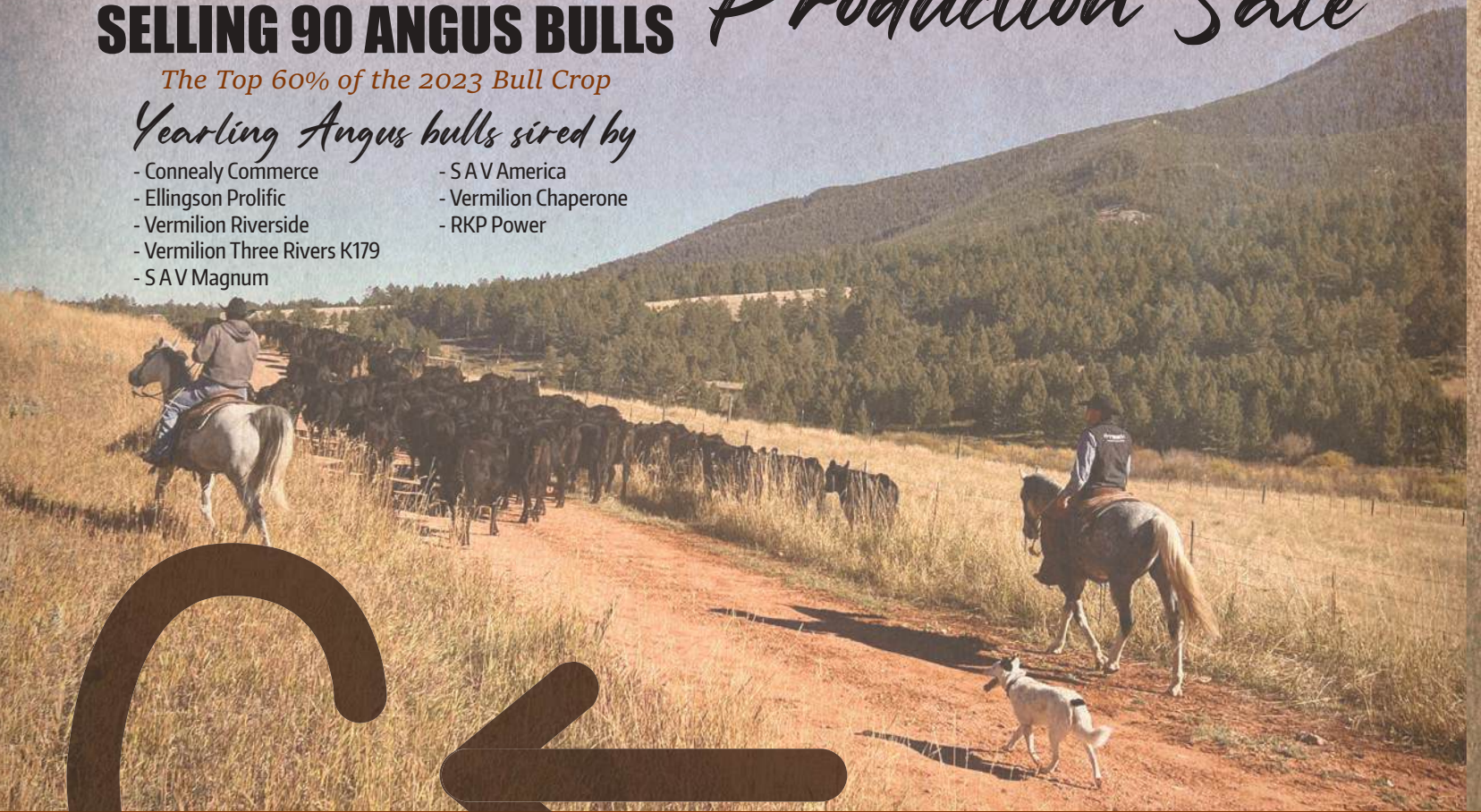
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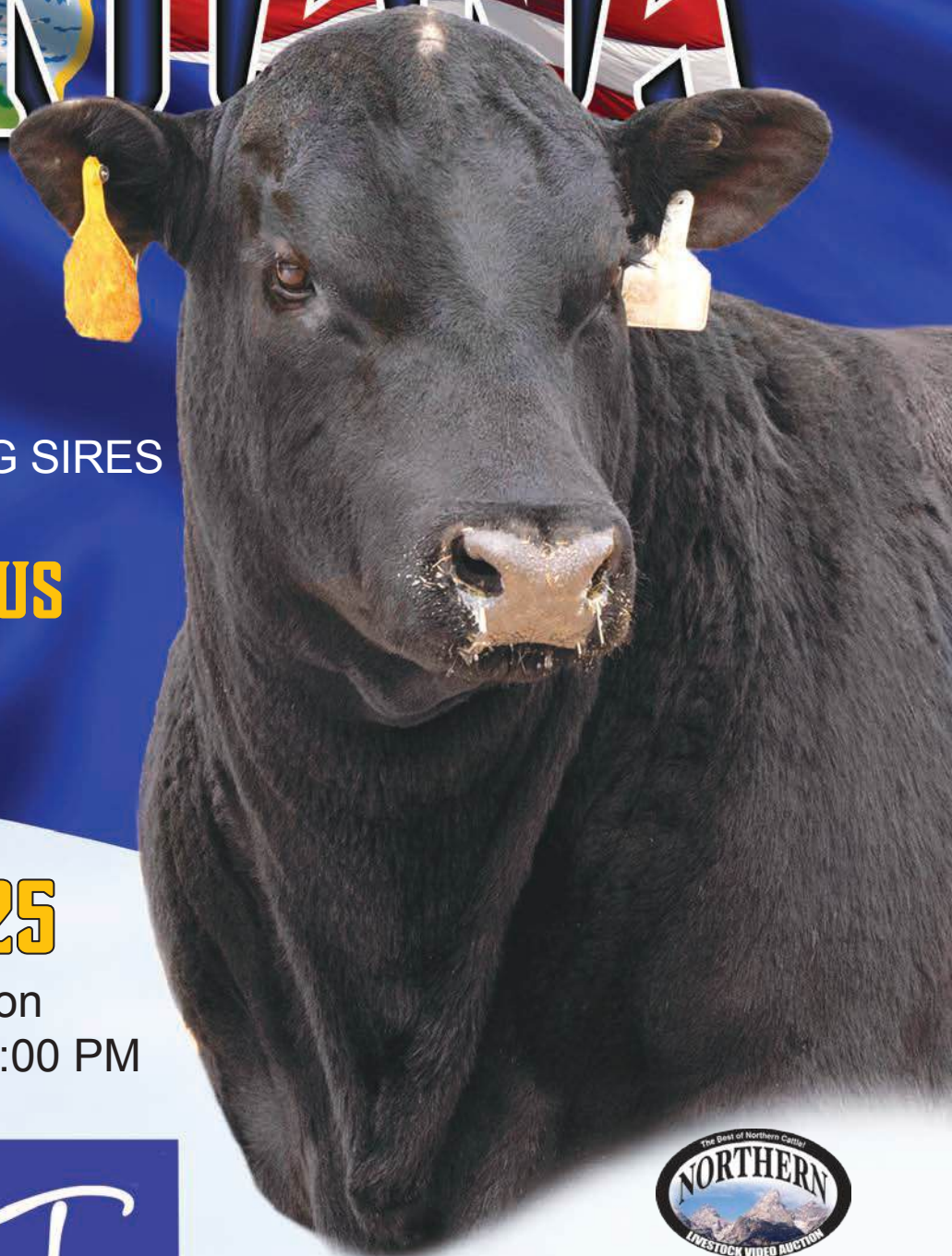
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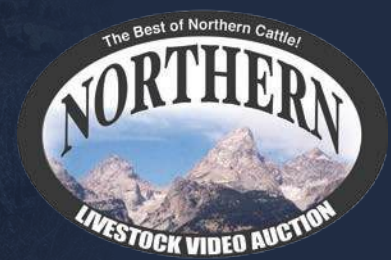
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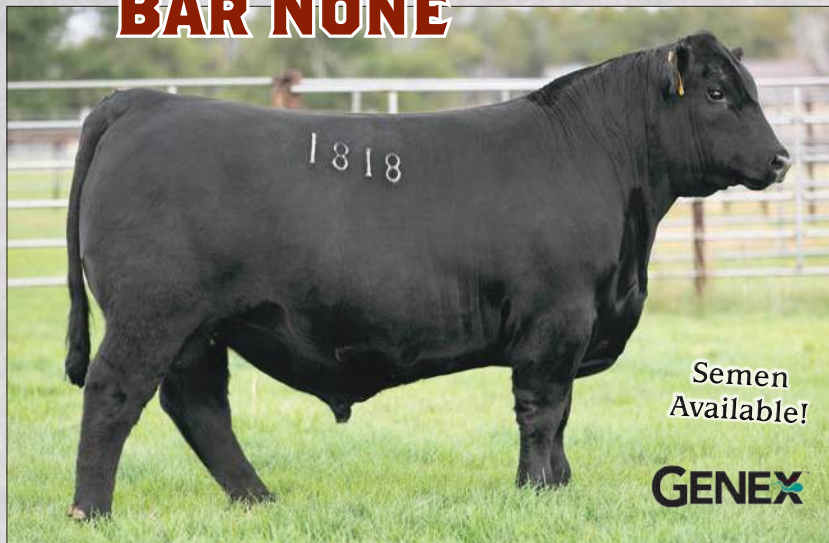
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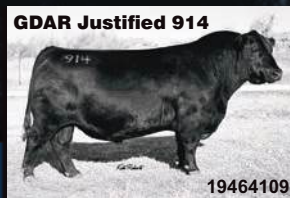
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