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Heins Sight...



In one way or another, our family has been involved in high school football over the last 25 years. The last 16 years we have spent our Friday's in the Fall, under the lights at Gaebe Field, New Salem, ND, home of the Holsteins (That is NOT a typo)

Clayton is the youngest of the four boys to play for Holsteins. He recently played his final football game. He literally grew up on that field, watching his brothers, loving the game and waiting for his turn to play. And well, it wasn't the season he hoped for. Two sprained ankles, and a three-win season is not what he had in mind.

He put the time in the off-season. In preparation for his Senior season, he went to two football camps, worked out with a trainer two days a week, did speed training two days a week and lifted weights with his teammates two days a week. The only time he missed was the two weeks he spent at Junior Nationals and our State Fair.

But learning to handle adversity, is one of the many things you learn from sports...and the cattle business. I know, I have said it before, but hard work doesn't always equal success, it greatly increases your chances, but sometimes...you just don't reach your goals. It's what you do next that matters.

For Clayton, that means wrestling season, deciding on college and working on his Herefords (also NOT a typo)

For those of us in the cattle business, we will just keep on working, trying to do what we do, the best way possible, while trying to mitigate the many factors that are out of our control.

I look forward to attending the upcoming state sponsored Simmental events and hope you will as well.

Enjoy the Day!



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FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 2025

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The American Simmental Association is excited to welcome Dr. Ben Crites to the team as the ASA and IGS Director of Commercial and Industry Relations. Ben grew up in southwest Michigan where his family owns a Christmas tree farm.

He received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and completed his master's and PhD at the University of Kentucky in Reproductive Physiology. His doctoral research focused on the impacts of selenium on beef cattle fertility. During his tenure at the University of Kentucky, he also served as an Extension Associate and assisted with Extension programs throughout the Commonwealth.

Most recently, Ben served as the Director of Beef Market Development at STgenetics, where he co-managed the beef team, conducted customer meetings, and assisted with sire acquisition. Ben and his wife, Jamie, reside in Paris, Kentucky, with their son McCoy. As a family, they enjoy traveling and visiting new places together. "We are in exciting times in the US beef industry, with record high prices being captured across the country. As the US cow herd rebuilds, there are great opportunities for producers to utilize Simmental and Sim-influenced genetics to increase performance, while keeping mature cow weight in check," Ben shared.



Dr. Ben Crites, ASA and IGS Director of Commercial and Industry Relations

NORTH DAKOTA ANNUAL MEETING & SIMMENTAL CLASSIC SALE

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Viewing Cattle - 11 AM

Dinner - 5 PM (prior to the Annual Meeting)

Annual Meeting - 6 PM

Location:

Kist Livestock, Mandan
1715 40th Ave SE
Mandan, ND 58554
701-663-9573

DECEMBER 12, 2025

ND Simmental Classic Sale - 1 PM

Location:

Kist Livestock, Mandan
1715 40th Ave SE
Mandan, ND 58554
701-663-9573

Banquet - 6 PM

Location:

Headquarter Hotel
Baymont Inn & Suites Mandan
2611 Old Trail NW
Mandan, ND 58554
701-663-7401

SOUTH DAKOTA SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET AND SOURCE SALE

DECEMBER 13, 2025

Brookings, SD

Social hour - 5 pm

Banquet - 6:30 pm

Banquet Venue

Domellie's Steakhouse/Event Center
932 25th Ave, Brookings, SD
(attached to the Comfort Inn and Suites)

Hotel Information

Comfort Inn and Suites
929 25th Ave, Brookings, SD
(just North of Runnings)
(605) 937-5867
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Source Sale

Video and Pictures will be use, No live viewing
Sale Contact: Brett Tostensen (320) 226-3915

Requesting Auction Items

Large and small items are greatly appreciated!!
These Auction items will go towards fundraising for
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PREPARING FOR THE NEW HERDSIRE DNA TESTING REQUIREMENT

by ASA Staff

The American Simmental Association membership recently voted to approve a resolution requiring a GGP-100K genomic panel on all herd bulls/natural service sires born on or after January 1, 2025.

While it will take time for this rule to impact the membership, it is imperative that seedstock providers begin planning. A genomic test (GGP-100K or equivalent) has been required on all AI sires for some time; now, any natural service sire born on or after January 1, 2025, must meet the same DNA requirements (GGP-100K testing) as AI sires and donor dams before any of their progeny can be registered. The following guidelines can help members, and those applying for registration, prepare for this change.

Who does the rule apply to?

All herdsires born on or after January 1, 2025, must have a GGP-100K test. The following scenario describes how this rule applies: In 2028, Mr. Smith applies for registration on bull calf 1S. The calf is the result of natural service. The calf's sire was born February 1, 2025, and is not DNA tested. Mr. Smith is not able to register bull calf 1S because the rule change requires natural service sires born on or after January 1, 2025, have the same DNA requirements as AI sires and donor dams. 1S cannot be registered until his sire meets the current DNA requirements. If the sire of Mr. Smith's calf had a 100K test completed, the registration of 1S would not have been delayed.

The GGP-100K testing requirement applies to herd sires and AI sires (in addition to donor dams). Both members and non-members applying for registration must follow this rule. As has been the case for AI sires and donor dams, the owner of the parent animal is responsible for the testing. ASA cannot force any breeder to complete this testing, however, making it extremely important for members utilizing AI sires, donor dams, leasing herd sires, etc., to verify that testing is complete.

When does this rule go into effect?

The rule change was voted on by the ASA membership and is officially in place. However, because it will take time for any bull calves born after January 1, 2025 to begin siring calves, the rule change will not immediately affect the membership. It is never too early to prepare, and by collecting and submitting DNA samples on bull calves born this spring and beyond, producers can prevent any future issues.

Why is this testing now required?

DNA testing has become an increasingly important tool for genetic progress. The GGP-100K test includes parent verification, which is critical for ensuring the accuracy of the ASA Herdbook. Parentage mistakes are an inherent part of raising cattle — heifers mix up calves, the AI tech grabs the wrong straw of semen, etc. — and knowing that parentage is accurate is extremely important, especially for any bull siring progeny. Beyond parentage, the GGP-100K test includes access to the multi-breed genetic evaluation. Genomically Enhanced Expected Progeny Differences (GE-EPD) are a game-changer for commercial, seedstock, and all beef producers in between. The GGP-100K panel evaluates the molecular makeup of approximately 100,000 specific locations on the animal's genome, some of which have influence on various traits we predict (growth, carcass, stay, etc.).

The difference between GE-EPD and standard EPD is mostly seen in the form of increased prediction accuracy. Animals that have GE-EPD have significantly improved accuracy for all EPD as young animals. The way this improvement in prediction accuracy can be measured is by reflecting any improvement in a progeny equivalent. A progeny equivalent is the quantity of progeny an animal would have to have born, measured for a trait, and reported to the ASA to receive the same increase in

accuracy from a genomic panel. In the case of most of the growth traits, it would take ~25 progeny before a nongenotyped animal would receive the same prediction accuracy as a genotyped animal.

Requiring a GGP-100K test on all herdsires will further improve genetic predictions, EPD accuracy, and the forward progress of SimGenetics cattle.

How can this testing be done?

ASA's DNA Department offers several options for testing animals, including blood and hair samples, and Tissue Sampling Units (TSUs), which are recommended. Testing is ordered through the ASA office. ASA's contracted laboratory has an expected turnaround time of 4–5 weeks for results once the sample reaches the lab. Shipping, sample failures, etc can add additional time. Breeders are encouraged to plan ahead when collecting samples to avoid any delays in sire approval or the registration of progeny. This testing should be completed by the seedstock provider in a timely manner, ensuring that the responsibility is not passed on to the customer. Many seedstock providers are already completing GGP-100K testing on sale bulls in order to provide GE-EPD to their customers, and in doing so will already be meeting this new requirement.

The Calf Crop Genomics (CCG) program can also help producers navigate this change. This program offers discounted pricing and additional rebates on whole-calf crop genomic testing. A GGP-100K panel is offered at half the price of the normal testing — reduced from \$50 down to only \$25/head — with opportunities for additional rebates for phenotypic data reporting. More information on CCG can be found at simmental.org under “Programs.”

If you have questions about this rule change, or want more information on DNA testing, please contact the ASA DNA Department (dna@simmgene.com).

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ND JUNIOR GRANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Current member of the ND Junior Simmental Association (membership dues are \$10 and can be sent with the grant application)
2. As of January 1, 2025 applicant must be at least 8 years old and not older than 21
3. Junior member must use the awarded grant money to purchase an open heifer or a bred heifer at the ND State Simmental Classic Sale held at Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND on December 12, 2025
4. Embryo lots do not qualify for grant money
5. Recipient of the grant money must be present at the sale in order to use the grant money
6. Open heifers purchased through the grant program are eligible for the current junior incentive program if the junior owner chooses to show the heifer that was purchased with the grant money
7. Junior member must be able to provide the remaining funds to pay for the heifer that they wish to purchase
8. Award grants are worth \$250 and will be paid directly to Kist Livestock
9. Award recipients will be notified prior to the sale

The grant application can be found at www.northdakotasimmental.com, click on NDJSA tab. Deadline to submit applications is December 1, 2025.

ND JUNIOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Rules:

1. Open heifer must be purchased at the ND State Simmental Classic Sale. Purebred or 50% or higher percentage heifers qualify to show. Sale credit applies to the show season immediately following the sale. Example if heifer is purchased in December 2025, show season would be the summer of 2026.
2. Junior member must register the heifer in their own junior membership with the American Simmental Association. Junior members listed as a representative under an adult membership does not qualify.
3. Junior members must be a member of the ND Junior Simmental Association
4. Only one level of credit (highest) per year awarded per qualified junior member. Junior members will receive sale credit for placing or winning in the levels listed below.
5. Sale credit must be used at the State Sale in December of the same year's show season. If not used that year the sale credit will be voided.
6. To receive sale credit junior must provide a picture (advertising quality) and a signed statement from a ND Junior Simmental Association Advisor for the Classic, ND JR Field Day or ND State Fair shows; from a NDJPSA Advisor for the ND Jr Points Association levels; or from your local county extension agent /Chapter FFA Advisor for the local County Fair level by December 1 of current year.

Levels of Sale Credit Incentives:

- Simmental National Classic or Regional Classic —\$1,000 sale credit
- Place in the top 10
- ND JR Field Day or ND State Fair Junior Simmental Show —\$750 sale credit
- Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
- ND Junior Points Show Association —\$750 sale credit
- High point year end heifer
- Local County Fair —\$500
- Champion Overall Breeding Heifer at your local county fair

SD JUNIOR HEIFER GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Rules:

1. Be a current member of the SD Junior Simmental Association and a resident of South Dakota.
(Annual membership fee of \$10 may be sent with Grant Application)
2. Age: Must be at least 8 years old on January 1, 2025 and not older than 21 years on January 1, 2025
3. Must agree to attempt to show the heifer in the upcoming Futurity Heifer show at the SD Summer Spotlight; your local SD county fair; and the 2026 SD State Fair Junior Heifer Show with the co-signature of parent or guardian to aid in the exhibit of heifer in these shows.
4. Must be able to provide an amount at least equal to or greater than the amount of the grant to purchase a heifer.
5. Must purchase a heifer from the 2025 SD Simmental Source Sale, 2026 Watertown Winter Farm Show Simmental Sale, 2026 Black Hills Stock Show Simmental Sale.
6. Recipient agrees to abide by rules of the Futurity Show and the 4-H Code of Ethics.
7. Recipient of grant must have the bidder number registered in their name at the sale. We will not transfer grants.
8. Non-compliance with the Grant Rules (by recipients) may affect future chances to receive a grant.

ALL GRANTS WILL BE \$500. Grants are not transferable and do NOT carry over to the next year.

Note: Grants are not limited to a one-time issuance. If you have won a grant before, you may apply again.

Applications need to be filled out by the applicant in their own handwriting.

GRANT RECIPIENTS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE SALE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE & USE THE GRANT.

To access the application, go to www.sdsimmental.com and click on SD Junior Simmental tab.

Please return the completed application to Ashley.Werning@gmail.com By December 1, 2025

Recipients will be announced by December 13, 2025

SILVER DOLLAR SIMMENTALS 2ND ANNUAL
PRODUCTION SALE

Friday, February 6, 2026



Rugby Livestock Auction | Rugby, ND | 1:00 PM (CST) | Online Bidding Through DVAuction



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SD JUNIORS COMPETE AT THE AJSA NATIONAL CLASSIC

NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW HELD IN MADISON, WI JULY 6-12, 2025

Congratulations on an impressive showing at the Junior Nationals!

CONTESTS/SWEEPSTAKES: CREIGHTEN WERNING

- Champion Overall Intermediate Genetic Evaluation
- Reserve Overall Intermediate Showmanship
- Reserve Overall Intermediate Cattleman's Quiz
- 16th Overall Intermediate Sales Talk
- Reserve Overall Intermediate Simmental Sweepstakes

THATCHER WERNING

- Champion Overall Junior Public Speaking
- Reserve Overall Junior Sales Talk
- 5th Overall Junior Simmental Sweepstakes

DREW PEDERSON

- 11th Overall Senior Livestock Judging
- 15th Overall Senior Sales Talk
- 16th Overall Senior Genetic Evaluation

CATTLE SHOW AWARDS:

KENIDEY EFFLING

- 6th Overall Owned Purebred

KENIDEY EFFLING

- 10th Overall Owned Percentage

THATCHER WERNING

- 9th Overall Owned Percentage

OAKLYN PLAMP

- 16th Overall Owned Percentage

CREIGHTEN WERNING

- 3rd Overall Bred/Owned Percentage Bull



Kenidey Effling exhibited the 10th Overall Owned Percentage at the AJSA Jr Nationals in Madison, WI, in June. She also exhibited the 6th Overall Owned Purebred at the AJSA Jr Nationals.



Thatcher Werning exhibited the 9th Overall Owned Percentage at the AJSA Jr Nationals in Madison, WI, this summer

Creighten Werning exhibited the 3rd Overall Bred and Owned Percentage Bull at the AJSA Jr Nationals in Madison, WI, this summer



SD Juniors who attended the AJSA National Classic Show in Madison, Wisconsin this summer included Kailee Gosse, Maggie Holt, Kenidey Effling, Rhett Marek, Jesse Cribbs, Drew Pederson, Creighten Werning, Thatcher Werning, Oaklyn Plamp



Thatcher Werning (left) won the 5th Overall Junior Sweepstakes at the AJSA Jr Nationals.

Creighten Werning (right) won the Reserve Overall Intermediate Sweepstakes at the AJSA Jr Nationals.

RESULTS FROM THE 2025 ND SIMMENTAL ASSOC. FIELD DAY!!

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS:

Sales Talk.....Bridger Martin
Public Speaking.....Bridger Martin
ShowmanshipPeyton Samuelson
Champion Overall JrBridger Martin
Reserve OverallBailey Samuelson

SENIOR CHAMPIONS:

Sales Talk.....Kodi Bell
Public Speaking.....Kindle Carlson
ShowmanshipKodi Bell
Champion Overall Sr.....Kindle Carlson
Reserve OverallKodi Bell

Congratulations to Madison Sys for champion percentage Simmental heifer and Colter Sys for reserve heifer

Congratulations to Brynlee Hoffman for champion purebred Simmental heifer and Peyton Samuelson for reserve heifer



Brynlee Hoffman exhibited the Champion Purebred Simmental Heifer



Madison Sys exhibited the Champion %Simmental Heifer



Peyton Samuelson exhibited the Reserve Champion Purebred Simmental Heifer



Colter Sys exhibited the Reserve Champion %Simmental Heifer



Zane Lodoen exhibited the Supreme Champion Female in the Junior Show! Vicki captured the Champion Purebred Simmental female both in Open and Junior Shows, and was awarded 3rd Overall Supreme in the Junior Show!

Dori finished off her incredible career being selected as the Reserve Champion Sim-Influence female in the Open Show and Junior Show



NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR RESULTS

Congratulations to the Champions that were crowned at the ND State Fair Junior Simmental Show:

Grand Champion Purebred Heifer:

Lashmett/Weis Vicki, shown by Zane Lodoen

Reserve Champion Purebred Heifer:

Volk Cow M414, shown by Brynlee Hoffmann

Grand Champion Percentage Heifer:

LYND/SHER Rosebud, shown by Zane Lodoen

Reserve Champion Percentage Heifer:

Bailey's Grace, shown by Dylon Cargo

Grand Champion Simmental Bull:

JCS Summit, shown by Hanna Widicker

Reserve Champion Simmental Bull:

BELL Bomber, shown by Kodi Bell

Grand Champion Simmental Steer:

JCS Ramone, shown by Hailey Widicker

Reserve Champion Simmental Steer:

KLKD Databank Smokey, shown by Kaylyn Hendrickson

Champion Senior Showman:

Zane Lodoen

Champion Junior Showman:

Colter Sys

Congratulations to these North Dakota Juniors that traveled to Tremonton, Utah for the Western Regional Classic from June 18-21. Pictured left to right, Zane Lodoen, Abbey Schaefer, Peyton Samuelson, Bailey Samuelson, Gracee Thorlakson, Bridger Martin and Caleb Nesham

ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS

By Amy Blum

Editors note: Simmental breeder, Brady Wulf, Clear Springs Cattle Company, was recently chosen as one of Cattle Business Weekly's Top 10 Industry Leaders. His profile appeared in the October 2025 Cattle Business Herd Reference Guide. This article was reprinted with permission.

Bearing a recognizable family name with a well-documented presence in the cattle business can be stifling for some people. Brady Wulf, however, shares that the opposite can also be true. His grandparents, Leonard and Vi, raised 11 children. They developed Leonard Wulf & Sons, which morphed into Wulf Cattle. In their example of embracing change, the Wulfs encouraged their children to follow paths best suited to them and their goals.

Leonard's shared passion for the cattle industry coupled with a solid foundation allowed son Jim, his wife Twyla, and their sons, Travis and Brady, to start their own ranch in 2011 near Starbuck, Minn.

Clear Springs Cattle Company focuses on registered Simmental and SimAngus genetics. Breeding quality cattle are marketed through the family's Bred for Balance sale, which was born from partnership with Tom Hook and now includes affiliates Highland Acres and Trails End. Cattle not chosen for breeding entered the family's feedlot to be finished and marketed as beef.

Wulf, 29, was raised to embrace education and add value wherever possible. Expanding his knowledge base and growing his network of friends were important to him because he understood the power of both from a young age.

"Growing up, my uncle Duane made reference that college was about the education, not the degree," Wulf says. "I always knew I wanted to come home, so I used my time after high school to make sure I got an education in areas that interested me." Wulf studied at South Dakota State University. He earned his associate's degree in agriculture and spent year three focused on elective courses related to areas like agronomy and business.



"That path served me well," Wulf says. "I enjoyed having a college experience and participating in activities like Little I without feeling obligated to a bachelor's degree." While in college, Wulf interned with Jorgensen Land & Cattle near Ideal, S.D. After graduation, he worked full-time as an agronomist with CR Koehl and Sons near Hancock, Minn. Those experiences solidified his desire to return home and gave him the tools to bring extra value to the family's mission when he did.

Wulf joined his family full-time in 2020. At the same time, he launched Clear Springs Market, a direct-to-consumer online and in-person beef marketing business now run in partnership with his wife, Ashley. Clear Springs Market purchases fat cattle from the family's feedlot. Those cattle are harvested under inspection, and the Wulfs market beef directly to consumers via their website.

"There's a powerful connection between the land and cattle," Wulf says. "My dad, brother Travis, and I have been able to make that connection work for us." To that end, Wulf has helped increase their farming acres and embrace regeneration over sustainability. Wulf cites his dad's foresight to develop gravity-fed natural water springs as motivation for ways to improve the land and cattle quality.

"We can't put a price tag on the impact spring water has had on our herd health, but I can tell you Dad's investment in fresh

water that stays open all winter contributes significantly to our belief in leaving things better than we found it," Wulf says.

He continues, "I look at our farming efforts the same way. We're doing what makes sense for the land, cattle, and business. The goal is to have something growing on the land year-round."

An example of how Wulf farms for the future can be seen in his wide row corn philosophy. Wulf utilizes 44-inch corn rows. Depending on the corn's production goals, he either inter-seeds forage sorghum or a cover crop mix.

"We've tweaked the fertility program but have found that at worst we're maintaining yields with most fields showing yield improvement. Mix that with corn plants staying greener longer while showing greater wind-resistance, the move is proving beneficial in all the ways that matter most for our operation," Wulf says.

Still new in both his entrepreneurial ventures and marriage, Wulf knows some of the best years remain ahead. He and Ashley look forward to transitioning from their home in town to a place on the ranch.

"There is so much value in living and working where your kids are growing up," Wulf says. "We enjoy this stage in our life, but I am excited to think about building a home and a business that can be passed from generation to generation."

WINDY CREEK CATTLE COMPANY

The Female Sale

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 AT 5:00 PM SPENCER, SOUTH DAKOTA



PB SM

WINC HOLLIE | ASA #: 3795351

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PB SM

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1/2 SM

WINC 115D | ASA #: 3157365

Sire: REMINGTON LOCK N LOAD 54U | MGS: CONNEALY FOREFRONT
An ALC Treasure C50P daughter, full and maternal sisters have built
the WINC brand.
Due 4/12/26 to ECC CKCC Roosevelt 4903M.



PB SM

WINC 015M | ASA #: 4544827

Sire: WINC MATTER OF TIME 249K | MGS: SS EBONYS MASTERPIECE
The set of MOT x Y302 daughters in the bred heifer offering are the
kind to build a herd around.
Due 2/15/26 to ES Stronghold LA110-14.



PB SM

WINC 4164M | ASA #: 4544825

Sire: OMF JOURNEYMAN J24 | MGS: W/C EXECUTIVE ORDER 8543B
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Due 1/24/26 to R&R Testament J155.



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WINC 801M | ASA #: 4544835

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3/4 SM

WINC 528N | ASA #: 4566455

Sire: WINC MATTER OF TIME 249K | MGS: REMINGTON LOCK N LOAD 54U
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PB SM

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ASA# 4500141
SIRE: LCDR DILIGENCE 215J
MGS: BCLR CASH FLOW C820



LOT 1 • BCLR M273
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MGS: BCLR TUXEDO H7042



LOT 20 • BCLR M652
PB SM • ASA#4500063
SIRE: KS TENNESSEE J2510
MGS: CDI VEGAS 26X



LOT 36 • BCLR M742
PB SM • ASA#4500073
SIRE: LCDR DILIGENCE 215J
MGS: BCLR WIDE LOAD C21-X



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SIRE: ES PURSUIT HD55-2
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5/8 SM 1/4 AR 1/8 AN
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3/4 SM 1/4 AN
ASA#4500110
 SIRE: MR SR TACTIC K1629
 MGS: WS PROCLAMATION E202



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3/4 SM 1/4 AN
ASA#4500052
 SIRE: MR SR TACTIC K1629
 MGS: TNT AXIS X307



LOT 86 • BCLR M463
PB SM • ASA#4500155
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LOT 69 • BCLR M465
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 MGS: HHS INCOGNITO 847G



LOT 87 • BCLR M455
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 MGS: BCLR WIDE LOAD C21-3



LOT 96 • BCLR M476
PB SM • ASA#4500113
 SIRE: LCDR CONSTANT 265K
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LOT 101 • BCLR M482
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8 CRITERIA FOR CULLING COWS

HIGH CATTLE PRICES SPUR STRATEGIC CULLING, BUT HEIFER RETENTION LAGS

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REDFIELD, Iowa (DTN) -- Cattle prices continue to be at record-high levels, which means cattle producers are doing all the extra things to ensure good health of their animals. Fall is the time when producers with spring-calving herds wean calves and make decisions on what cows will be retained for the coming year.

Oklahoma State University Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist Derrell Peel said there is no solid indication of heifer retention in 2025 so far. "The only direct data was the mid-year cattle report, which showed the lowest beef replacement heifer inventory in the history of that particular data set," he said. And with the 2025 calf crop projected to be the lowest since 1941, he questions how quickly any rebuilding could be seen.

While some say the high cattle prices have made producers more stringent on what they will put up with when deciding on what cows to keep, others suggest good culling practices will improve the long-term reproductive performance of the cow herd.

Dan Childs, former agricultural economics consultant for Noble Research Institute said culling needs to be done each year to maintain optimal productivity. "Records on each cow's yearly production would be beneficial when making culling decisions," he said. "Cattlemen should make a point to evaluate all breeding females at least once a year."

Childs prioritizes his culling procedure with an 8-point list.

- 1 -- Disposition. Producers should know what they are willing to tolerate and evaluate cows in the pasture and in a pen. Note which animals are harder to gather or are aggressive.
- 2 -- Open females. All open females should be culled. It's hard for an open cow to make up for the year of lost production. Make sure cows fit into their management environment.
- 3 -- Structural soundness. Cows should be evaluated for their ability to raise a calf. Structural soundness is not only good feet and legs, but also reproductive soundness, eye problems, and udder quality.
- 4 -- Age. Cows are typically most productive between the ages of 4 and 9. A cow's teeth should be evaluated as she gets older regarding her ability to properly eat and keep in condition.
- 5 -- Bred cows older than 9 years of age. Cows that get older in age will likely be culled soon and are close to the end of their most productive years.
- 6 -- Replacement heifers. Yearling heifers that have not been exposed to a bull have good value when sent to the feedlot.
- 7 -- Phenotype. Producers can make their herds more uniform looking when they are more stringent on culling due to breed, size or productivity.
- 8 -- Bred cows 3 to 9 years of age. These are the most productive cows and should be the last ones considered for culling.

Each operation is different, but ensuring good productivity during high prices is important.

Mark Johnson, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle breeding

specialist points out the importance of culling open heifers in order to benefit the herd's bottom line. "Pregnancy can be diagnosed by palpation at 60 days and by ultrasound as early as 30 days, so now is the time to take action and cull the open heifers," he said.

Johnson said well-developed yearly heifers going into their first breeding season should conceive in 45-60 days. Culling the heifers who are open or taking longer to conceive could mean better reproductivity in the long run.

"It is good management practice to breed heifers to calve a little ahead of our mature cow herd. It permits us to concentrate our management efforts during the heifer's calving season and gives them a little extra time to breed back and calve on schedule the following year," he added.

Overall, good management practices and culling problem females is a practical way to improve fertility and profitability.

Peel said there's currently no data to confirm producers are retaining enough heifers to initiate herd rebuilding. The beef cow slaughter numbers have dropped, but he said this is likely because most producers have culled the problem cows and now are back to a slower cull rate. "Without heifer retention, the clock does not start on the timeline to anticipate the peak in prices and the duration of elevated prices," Peel concluded. "It looks increasingly like that peak is being pushed into the last part of the decade."

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4. Roper Moore, and 5. Creighton Werning*



Top 5 Senior Simmental Showmen at SD Summer Spotlight



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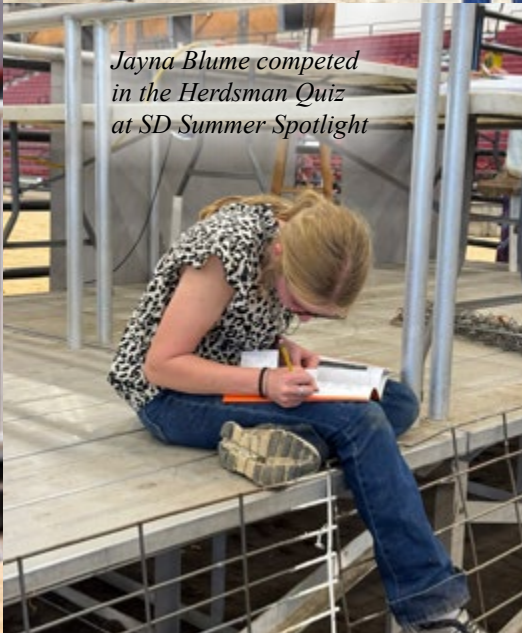
Natalie Marshall competed in Sales Talk at SD Summer Spotlight



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Jayna Blume competed in the Herdsman Quiz at SD Summer Spotlight



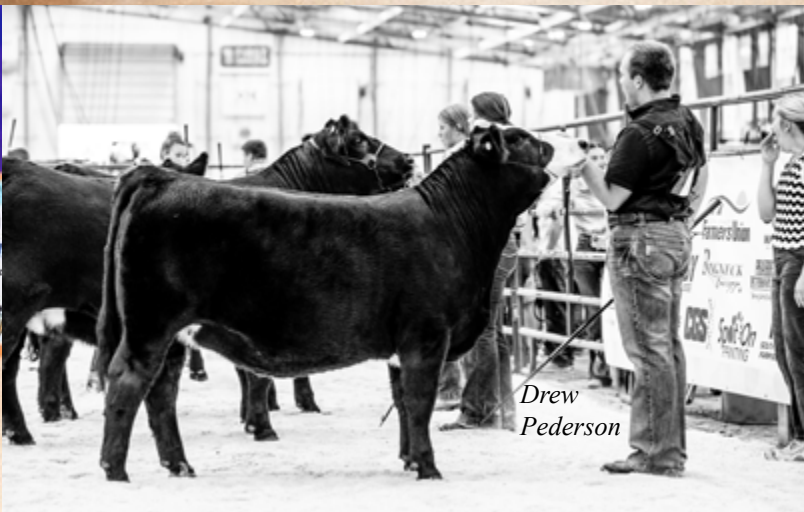
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ASA 4387153 PB SM Red - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
18	-1.5	75	120	23	0.87	1.22	202	100



WS JAM-PACKED 88J x KBHR J103 MS RED AUTUMN

KBHR MS JAM-PACKED M003

ASA 4387133 PB SM Red - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
14	0.6	93	146	21	0.22	1.26	159	93



LBRS GENESIS 669 x KBHR E197

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ASA 3943861 PB SM Homo Black - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
10	0.9	91	136	18	1.11	1.09	194	112



GIBBS 91146 ESSENTIAL x KBHR J029 MS SUGAR HIGH

KBHR MS ESSENTIAL M017

ASA 4387147 PB SM Homo Black - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
17	-2.8	90	141	18	0.77	0.87	192	108



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KBHR MS STOCKMARKET M026

ASA 4387156 1/2 SM 1/2 AR Red - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
14	-0.9	93	148	19	0.95	0.81	184	107



KBHR HANDYMAN H124 x KBHR J101 MS EMERGENCE

KBHR MS HANDYMAN M141

ASA 4387271 PB SM Homo Black - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
9	1.4	93	141	20	0.85	0.93	183	106



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KBHR MS STOCKMARKET M012

ASA 4387142 1/2 SM 1/2 AR Red - Homo Polled

CE	BW	WW	YW	STAY	MARB	REA	\$API	\$TI
18	-7.2	71	115	21	1.27	0.60	213	110



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ASA 3312190 PB SM Homo Black - Homo Polled

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FOUR SIMMENTAL SEEDSTOCK PRODUCERS WERE FEATURED ON THE NORTH DAKOTA ALL-BREEDS CATTLE TOUR.

Premier seedstock producers from the Steele-area were featured on Monday, Oct. 6 and Tuesday, Oct. 7, during the North Dakota Stockmen's Association All Breeds Cattle Tour. The 38th annual tour featured twelve elite ranches showcasing Angus, Red Angus, Simmental and SimAngus genetics.

Monday, Oct. 6

The tour kicked off at Koester Red Angus of Steele. Koester Red Angus is owned and operated by Steve and Tracey Koester. Their daughters, Kacey (Jake) Jacobson and Shaye (Phillip) Wanner are involved in the agriculture industry, and Shaye continues to help on the operation when she can. Their operation blends more than 20 years of genomic testing with practical cattle management to produce efficient, durable, and high-performing cattle. The all-registered, fall-calving herd emphasizes structural soundness, maternal strength, and carcass merit. Each mating is carefully planned using the RightMate program to optimize genetics. Koester

Red Angus markets their age-advantaged, 18-month-old bulls in their annual production sale hosted in conjunction with Leland Red Angus near Sidney, MT on the second Friday of March each year.

Also featured at Koester Red Angus was Thompson Angus of Kintyre. Thompson Angus was established in 1972 by Harold Thompson. Now, the operation has three generations involved with Harold's son, Pete and Pete's son, Carson. Thompson Angus has built its reputation on balanced trait selection and problem-free, productive cattle. Their operation focuses on efficiency, gain-ability, and extra pay-weight for commercial producers. Using artificial insemination for more than 45 years, they continually incorporate elite herd bulls to complement their breeding program. Thompson Angus markets only the top 30% of their calf crop during their annual production sale, held the fourth Saturday in January, to ensure high quality bulls all the way through the sale.

C Diamond Inc. located south of Dawson was the second stop of the day.

C Diamond Simmentals, operated by the Nicholson family, represents more than two decades of commitment to high-performance Simmental cattle. Four generations now contribute to their family operation, which emphasizes pounds, carcass quality, and long-lasting females. Their extensive AI and embryo transfer program ensures consistency and quality, producing powerful red and black Simmental bulls that combine phenotype and performance. C Diamond markets about 100 bulls annually during their production sale on the last Wednesday of February, celebrating their 20th sale in 2026.

The next stop of the day featured Weigel Angus of Kintyre. Weigel Angus Ranch was started in the 1960s when Bob's father bought his first registered Angus cattle. Today, the operation is run by Bob and Jodi Weigel, along with their sons, Drew, who works closely with the cattle herd and Devin and his wife Katie, who are taking over the crop side of the operation. The ranch focuses on breeding practical,



predictable, and profitable Angus cattle known for structure, fertility, and longevity. Their cows are easy-fleshing, efficient, and capable of thriving with minimal inputs. Weigel Angus Ranch hosts their annual production sale on the fourth Tuesday of January, offering around 70 yearling bulls and 40 purebred commercial Angus heifers.

The fourth stop of the day took the tour to Lazy C Diamond Ranch near Kintyre. Chris and Julia Nicholson, along with their family and Chris's brother Brock, operate Lazy C Diamond Ranch. Their operation focuses on producing elite Simmental genetics. Their breeding philosophy centers on structural soundness, fertility, and performance, with a special emphasis on the SimAngus™ cross. Additionally, they pay close attention to carcass quality, maternal calving ease, milk and performance. Lazy C Diamond Ranch utilizes embryo transfer extensively to promote consistency across their herd. They calve in May and market 18-month-old bulls and bred females in their annual production sale hosted the third Saturday in November.

TLC Vetsch Angus Ranch located north of Hazelton was the next stop of the day. Tom and Charlet Vetsch operate TLC Vetsch Angus Ranch, home to 250 Angus and 15 Hereford dams. With a focus on quality over quantity, TLC Vetsch Angus Ranch has enhanced their genetics through embryo transfer and flushing, now selling 40–50 bulls privately each year along with embryo lots and donor dams marketed in the North Dakota Angus Select Sale. Their goal is to breed functional, powerful, and gentle cattle backed by strong cow families. The operation continues to emphasize cow quality, structure, and temperament, producing cattle that perform for both seedstock and commercial herds.

The next stop of the day featured Kalberer Ranch near Hazelton. Operated by Jesse and Susan Kalberer and their family, Kalberer Ranch raises efficient, maternal Red Angus cattle designed for low-input operations. Their breeding program emphasizes moderate-framed, sound-footed cows that calve on grass and thrive on rotational grazing systems. Focused on sustainability and profitability, Kalberer Ranch culls strictly for performance and expect cows to maintain condition with minimal feed inputs.

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RED HOMO POLLED PB SM
MADER WALK THE LINE X CDI MISS ABUND 42E



LCDR 10M || ASA= 4485245 || API: 168.3 || TI: 100
HOMO BLK HOMO POLLED PB SM
LCDR ANTHEM X LCDR MS JANE 4J



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API: 186.2 || TI: 106.3 || BRED TO KBHR KEYNOTE
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API: 143.6 || TI: 93.5 || BRED TO CLRS MOJAVE
ROCKIN H CAPTIVATE X LCDR MS JEST 119J



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API: 179.7 || TI: 101.8 || BRED TO KBHR KEYNOTE
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API: 157.5 || TI: 90.5 || BRED TO CLRS MOJAVE
ROCKIN H CAPTIVATE X LCDR MS JERSEY 86J



LCDR MS MARGARITA 186M || ASA=4485277
API: 166.6 || TI: 102.9 || BRED TO CLRS MONTANA
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API: 169.7 || TI: 98.3 || BRED TO BB RESOURCE OR MONTANA
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LCDR MS MADDY 153M || ASA=4485224
API: 167.8 || TI: 101.8 || BRED TO KBHR KEYNOTE
LCDR DILIGENCE X HHS MISS 802D



LCDR MS MADONNA 152M || ASA=4485222
API: 127.9 || TI: 95.5 || BRED TO CLRS MOJAVE
ROCKIN H CAPTIVATE X LCDR MS HOMECOMING 102H



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Their bulls are marketed as two-year-olds in their annual production sale hosted each April, bred to produce efficient, profitable offspring.

The last stop of the day was Bichler Simmentals located west of Linton. Bichler Simmentals is owned and operated by Doug and Maria Bichler and includes 250 registered and commercial cows. Since starting their production sale in 2005, Bichler Simmentals has grown significantly, emphasizing cow quality, consistency, and performance. They cull heavily for not only performance and genetics but for relevant traits important to their customers such as disposition, udder quality and structural soundness. A major shift in their operation to May–June calving has improved herd health and sustainability of their operation. Bichler Simmentals utilizes embryo transfer extensively to propagate elite genetics and maintain a moderate, easy-fleshing cow base. Their annual production sale is held the third Monday of November and features bulls and bred heifers built for both seedstock and commercial producers.

After viewing cattle at Bichler Simmentals, the tour headed inside its sale facility for a prime rib dinner and fellowship. NDSA President Randy Schmitt of Rugby provided an updated on association activities and current industry issues before NDSA Special Projects Director Jade Koski capped off the evening with a thank you to the breeders, sponsors and attendees.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

The first stop on the second day of the tour was H7 Angus Ranch located near Driscoll. H7 Angus Ranch was started in 1952. Today, Shawn and Lindy Harpole own and operate the ranch. In 2014, Shawn started focusing on elite Angus genetics built through artificial insemination and embryo transfer. Their foundation female, “Peach,” has been instrumental in their success, producing competitive bulls tested at the Midland Bull Test. The operation’s goal is to consistently improve and produce high-quality bulls backed by strong maternal lines. H7 Angus Ranch continues to market their bulls in the Midland Bull Test each year.

Vollmer Angus Ranch located north of Wing was second stop of the day. A family enterprise since 1952, Vollmer Angus Ranch, is managed by multiple generations of the Vollmer family. Their philosophy prioritizes efficiency, maternal ability, and structural soundness. Cows must thrive on grass, withstand harsh winters, and raise calves with superior performance and disposition. Their cattle undergo rigorous culling based on disposition, mothering skills, performance and reproductive excellence. Vollmer Angus Ranch hosts their annual production sale, held the first Tuesday of April, offering two-year-old and yearling bulls, as well as registered and commercial females. Their mission is to enhance the profitability and reliability of every herd that uses their genetics.

The next stop of the day took the tour to Koski Land & Cattle, located southeast of Wing. The operation was established

in 1983 by Richard and Arliss Koski. Today, the operation is multi-generational with Richard’s and Arliss’s daughter, Jade and son, Trey both actively involved. They run both registered and commercial Angus herds built on a strong foundation of artificial insemination and embryo transfer. Their program emphasizes functionality, performance, and longevity. Koski Land & Cattle sells 25–30 bulls annually via private treaty and continue to focus on cattle that perform for both their operation and their customers.

Lastly, the tour visited Deckert Simmental Ranch of Arena. Deckert Simmental Ranch was homesteaded in 1910 and has evolved through four generations dedicated to improving beef genetics. The Deckerts began incorporating Simmental cattle through artificial insemination in 1969, drawn to their performance and versatility. Today, the ranch operates a rotational grazing system and calving begins in late March. Deckert Simmental Ranch hosts their annual production sale at their ranch on the fourth Tuesday of February each year.

A special thanks to ABCT Chairman Jaxon Deckert and Emcee Dustin Carter.

Stay tuned for details about next year’s All-Breeds Cattle Tour hosted in the Bismarck-Mandan area. For question, contact Jade Koski, NDSA special projects director at (701) 223-2522 or jkoski@ndstockmen.org.

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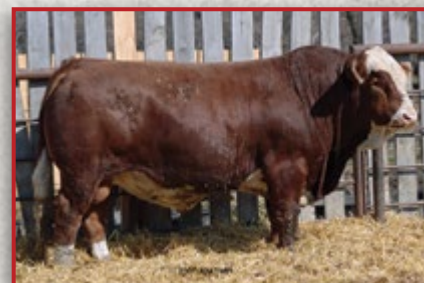


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