



NWSS Angus Bull Sale Draws Crowd

American Angus Association annual bull sale averages \$7,086 per head.

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Angus enthusiasts consigned 40 bulls to the 2018 National Western Angus Bull Sale Jan. 10 in Denver, Colo. Joe Goggins served as auctioneer for the annual sale, which is the only sale managed by the American Angus Association. It grossed \$283,450 and averaged \$7,086. A panel of three judges, including Art Butler, Bliss, Idaho; Sam Carter, Arthur, Neb.; and Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., evaluated the bulls and selected division and overall champions.

Bub Ranch, Koshkonong, Mo., consigned the grand champion bull, Bub's Southern Joe 6740, that

first won senior calf division 2 champion. The October 2016 son of BUB's Southern Charm AA31 was purchased by IMS Cattle, Gibson City, Ill., for \$16,500.

Silveira Bros., Firebaugh, Calif., consigned the reserve grand champion bull. Silveira's Insight 6305 is a February 2016 son of PVF Insight 0129 and first won junior champion. Stone Creek Angus, Freeport, Ill., purchased the bull for \$18,000.

Other high-selling bulls included Welytok Excelerate 6D80 consigned by L&M Angus, Clark Mills, N.Y. The August 2016 son of WR Journey-1X74 was purchased by John Sletter, Faith,

S.D.; Gary Wall, Billings, Mont.; and Bovagene, Rocklin, Calif., for \$37,500.

Curtin Rampage 6423 was consigned by Curtin Land & Cattle, Blue Mound, Ill. Southard Land & Cattle LLC, Colorado Springs, Colo., bought the August 2016 son of Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 for \$18,500.

Spring Creeks Cattle Co., Wauzeka, Wis., consigned Spring Creeks Acclaim 7049. TC Ranch, Franklin, Neb., purchased the March 2017 son of Jindra Acclaim for \$12,500.

A complete list of sale results is posted online at www.angus.org.

A complete list of winners follows.





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GRAND CHAMPION



Grand champion and senior bull calf champion—division 2
BUB's Southern Joe 6740
 by Bub Ranch, Koshkonong, Mo.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



Reserve grand champion and junior champion bull
Silveira's Insight 6305
 by Silveira Bros., Firebaugh, Calif.

DIVISION WINNERS | BULLS



Spring bull calf champion
North Camp Doc Holiday 7305
 by Guy Laflin, Saint Ignatius, Mont.



Reserve spring bull calf champion
CAR Don Rampage 921
 by Zayda Hofing, Coatesville, Ind.



Late winter bull calf champion
PF Generation 7128
 by Pollard Farms LLC, Waukomis, Okla.



Reserve late winter bull calf champion
Henning Enforce 7029
 by Henning Farms, Janesville, Wis.



Early winter bull calf champion
OSU Denver 7132
 by Oklahoma State University,
 Stillwater, Okla.



Reserve early winter bull calf champion
CAR Don Payweight 911
 by Donald Bloom, Westville, Ind.

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Consistent genetics for consistent beef

When Dan Glenn came back to his family's Fitzgerald, Ga., farm nine years ago, the now 44-year-old planned to start a farm-to-table destination restaurant. However, after looking at the economics of the cattle and row-crop operation, he found he needed to focus on improving the cattle program. He also made another discovery when he grass-finished his first set of steers from the herd, which he described as good-quality but mongrelized.

"The steaks were extremely inconsistent," he says. "I've looked

at enough marbling charts that I can say with comfort that plenty of the animals did grade Choice plus to Prime. I've also seen animals of different genetics that would go Standard. You not only need high-quality forages, but high-quality genetics."

As a result, the herd has evolved. Now, in addition to the commercial herd, he has small herds of purebred Red Angus and Herefords. However, his main purebred herd is Angus.

"I believe there are genetic lines of Angus that are superior at turning forages into high-quality grass-finished beef," he states.



Senior bull calf champion—division 1
Jensen Champion Now 6970 FAF
by Cale Jensen and Callie Jensen, both
of Plainfield, Iowa; and Fair Acres Stock
Farms, Waldorf, Minn.



Reserve senior bull calf champion—division 1
Marda Quiet Riot 764
by Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis.



Reserve senior bull calf champion—division 2
Schroeder Ace 106
by Doug & Glenda Schroeder,
Clarence, Iowa



Intermediate champion bull
Schroeder Final Design 1271
by Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa



Reserve intermediate champion bull
Curtin Rampage 6423
by Curtin Land & Cattle, Blue Mound, Ill.



Reserve junior champion bull
Marda Swagger 6103
by Bailey Quam, Lodi, Wis.



Senior champion bull
Welytok Knight Watchman 5C27
by Mark Welytok, Canastota, N.Y.