

Buyer's Choice

This year's Angus Foundation Heifer Package is a unique offering for 2020. Knoll Crest Farm is donating a pick from three full-sister flush heifer calves to be born this fall.

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The successful bidder will get to choose one heifer at weaning from an elite mating of Thomas Patricia 9705 to KCF Bennett Consent Y75. The genomic test and genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs) will be calculated before selection.

Full siblings to these heifers include KCF Bennett Summation (Katie Colin Farms and Quaker Hill Farms), KCF Bennett Assent (Alta Genetics) and KCF Bennett Citation (44 Farms). Maternal siblings to these heifers include KCF Bennett Fortress (Select Sires), KCF Bennett Immense (Semex) and KCF Bennett Optimizer (Connealy Angus).

"Our family is honored and humbled by the opportunity to participate as the donor of the 2020 Angus Foundation Female," says Paul Bennett, Knoll Crest Farm, Red House, Va.

The package will be offered for sale at the 2020 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) just prior to the Angus Bull Sale Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver, Colo. All proceeds from the sale of this package will generate unrestricted funds for education and scholarships.

"We are so excited to offer such a unique and premier Angus Foundation Heifer Package," says Rod Schoenbine, Angus Foundation director of development. "The selection of heifers will allow the buyer to choose the female that will



Knoll Crest Farm was established in 1929 by the Bennett family. Today Knoll Crest consists of an 800-female herd with a focus on producing bulls that work for seedstock and commercial herds.

have the most impact on their program while providing essential support to the Angus Foundation's educational programs and scholarships."

The package also includes: 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Batavia, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.



"The 2020 Angus Foundation Package add-on sponsors have been loyal supporters for a long time," Schoenbine says. "This year will be the 33rd year for Lathrop Livestock Transportation, and the 27th year for Trans Ova Genetics and American Live Stock Insurance Company. We are so thankful for their support of the Angus Foundation." ^A