

Tehama Angus Offers 2022 Angus Foundation Heifer Pick

A California ranch demonstrates their dedication to the next generation of Angus breeders with a generous donation.

by Thomas Marten, Angus Foundation executive director

Among the walnut and almond groves along the meandering Sacramento River in northern California, you will find real-life legends. The Angus producers in this part of the Golden State are well-respected and veritable black gold.

On a dry, smoky September morning at Tehama Angus Ranch, Bill and Bryce Borrer shared their experiences, successes and challenges as they prepare to offer an exclusive opportunity for Angus breeders.

“We focus on maternal traits to make cows that last, with a moderate frame,” Bryce says. “Udders are a priority alongside longevity, structure and traits to keep the Angus cow functional.”

Bryce’s grandfather, Bill, served as a past president of the American Angus Association and has seen their ranch grow from his 4-H project with a few registered Angus in 1943 to the operation it is today.

In 1948, Bill’s family moved to Tehama County and from there built up their herd, breeding program and strong reputation among the commercial cattlemen they serve.

The first Angus bull sale in California was the 1975 Tehama Angus Ranch bull sale.

“This was mostly Hereford territory,” Bill says. “We raise Angus bulls for commercial cattlemen.”

He says the state’s beef herd

has now largely adopted Angus genetics.

The family has long been focused on beef and breed improvement and served as leaders in data collection. With almost eight decades in the breed, the ranch has seen transformation and hardships.

“Evaluating carcass worth and the founding of *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) have been instrumental in the success of Angus,” Bill says.

Not everything is easy in the northern reaches of the Central Valley. It was the beginning of September, and Bryce noted there hadn’t been any measurable rainfall at the ranch since April 10. The family is fortunate to have groundwater and proximity to the Sacramento River.

Diversified in their operation, the Borrer family has also been raising walnuts and almonds in the Sacramento Valley since 1983.

Bill, Bryce and the team at Tehama Angus Ranch agree they are excited to donate a pick of their heifers for the Angus Foundation to be sold at the National Angus Bull Sale in January.

In describing their heifer package offering, Bill says, “our heifers are the best there is,” and the females are, “the kind you want to raise.”

Bill says donating the pick of heifers helps demonstrate Tehama Angus Ranch’s commitment to the

TEHAMA BLACK LASS J264 <small>Birth Date: 8-9-2020 Reg: AAA *20054136</small>							
<small>Sire: Woodhill Blueprint Dam: Tehama Black Lass F316</small>							
CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK			
+13	+5	+72	+128	+37			
MARB	RE	FAT	SW	SM	SB	SC	
+87	+96	+068	+92	+84	+159	+290	

TEHAMA MARY BLACKBIRD J290 <small>Birth Date: 8-10-2020 Reg: AAA *20054137</small>							
<small>Sire: Woodhill Blueprint Dam: Tehama Mary Blackbird E725</small>							
CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK			
+6	+1.9	+66	+118	+28			
MARB	RE	FAT	SW	SM	SB	SC	
+73	+84	+024	+73	+79	+144	+266	

TEHAMA ELITE BLACKBIRD J246 <small>Birth Date: 8-6-2020 Reg: AAA *20053820</small>							
<small>Sire: Baldrige Command C036 Dam: Tehama Elite Blackbird E675</small>							
CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK			
+15	-2.9	+60	+109	+39			
MARB	RE	FAT	SW	SM	SB	SC	
+95	+81	+016	+84	+56	+145	+244	

TEHAMA MARY BLACKBIRD J341 <small>Birth Date: 8-14-2020 Reg: AAA *20053822</small>							
<small>Sire: Tehama Patriarch F028 Dam: Tehama Mary Blackbird B705</small>							
CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK			
+9	+0	+77	+134	+31			
MARB	RE	FAT	SW	SM	SB	SC	
+82	+67	+029	+93	+90	+164	+303	

TEHAMA ELITE BLACKBIRD J209 <small>Birth Date: 8-2-2020 Reg: AAA *20053819</small>							
<small>Sire: Tehama Bonanza E410 Dam: Tehama Elite Blackbird D152</small>							
CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK			
+11	-3	+60	+112	+19			
MARB	RE	FAT	SW	SM	SB	SC	
+49	+72	+011	+60	+75	+144	+262	

EPDs as of 09/10/2021

next generation of breeders.

Bryce shared his pick of five outstanding heifers that best represent their program’s maternal focus, females with the registration numbers 20054136, 20054137, 20053820, 20053822 and 20053819.

“This offering will take the buyer’s program to the next level,” he says.

Bryce, himself, is a beneficiary of the Angus Foundation, having attended the Beef Leaders Institute (BLI).

“The Angus Foundation keeps youth involved, promotes the breed, and it is important to offer our support,” he says. 