



► **Left:** Sterling Hunter, Bath, Mich., and Mountain Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., purchased the Foundation Heifer Package for \$55,000. Pictured are (from left) Melissa Reichenbach, Bath, Mich., purchaser; Trever Kuipers, NJAA Foundation director; John Carrel, Beartooth Ranch, donor; Patrick Boyer, Walden, Colo., purchaser; Christopher Jeffrey, Williamston, Mich.; James Reichenbach, Bath, Mich., purchaser; Steve Harrison, Walden, Colo., purchaser; and Brian Barragree, Columbus, Mont., donor, at the halter.

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A standing-room-only crowd watched as bids from all sides of the auction block were placed on the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The winning bidders, Mountain Meadow Cattle Co., Walden, Colo., and Sterling Hunter, Bath, Mich., made the final bid of \$55,000 to purchase the package. BT Everelda Entense 51N, donated by Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., headlined the package, which included a variety of valuable items.

The package sold Jan. 15, preceding the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale in Denver, Colo. This marked the 25th year for selling the package to benefit the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research related to agriculture.

In addition to the heifer, the buyers received 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; a semen package from Genex; Ivomec provided by Merial; an Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) package from the American Angus Association, and a banner ad from Angus Productions Inc. (API).

"We are excited to involve some newer breeders in the growth of the Angus Foundation," says James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association. "Thanks to the crew at Beartooth Ranch, we had a great package to promote and sell. We couldn't have done it without help from all the donors who believe so strongly in the work of the Angus Foundation."

The Angus Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1980. To learn more about the work of the Angus Foundation or how you can donate, go to www.angusfoundation.org or contact the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5100.

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Foundation Heifer Sells for the 25th Year

Angus breeders bid \$55,000 to purchase the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

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► A packed house watched as the Foundation Heifer Package, headlined by Beartooth Ranch's BT Everelda Entense 51N, sold Jan. 15 in Denver, Colo., prior to the National Western Angus Bull Sale. The Angus Foundation supports youth, education and research related to agriculture.