

Countdown to Sale Time

Proceeds from the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package will benefit education, youth and research endeavors.

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The 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer Package featuring SydGen Buena 9511 will be sold prior to the National Western Angus Bull Sale Jan. 11 at 3:30 p.m. SydGen Buena 9511 and her heifer calf, born Sept. 6, 2011, will be the first cow-calf pair auctioned side-by-side since the inception of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package in 1980. The cow-calf pair is donated to the Angus Foundation by Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.

As an added bonus to this year's package, SydGen Buena's heifer calf carries a special incentive for purchase. At the 2011 Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 12 in Louisville, Ky., American Angus Association registration No. 17 million (17000000) was purchased for \$10,000 by David McMahon Sr. of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark. McMahon, an enthusiastic supporter of the Angus Foundation, generously donated the elite registration number to the heifer calf.

The 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer Package also includes:

- ▶ 30 days insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Illinois;
- ▶ Transportation to the buyer's ranch from Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Illinois; and
- ▶ An advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics, Iowa.

About SydGen Buena 9511

SydGen Buena 9511 ranks in the top 5% for weaning weight expected progeny difference (EPD) and the top 10% for yearling weight EPD and \$B index in the breed.

She is a September 2009 daughter of SydGen Destination 5420, whose untimely death made his semen some of the most sought-



▶ Proceeds from the sale of SydGen Buena 9511 at the National Western Stock Show will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research endeavors.

after in the breed this past spring. SydGen Buena 9511's dam, SydGen Buena 5876, has mothered three calves with outstanding growth and carcass value. She just had her fourth natural calf Sept. 8, 2011, giving her an average calving interval of 364 days.

A strong maternal background continues in SydGen Buena 9511's grandam, great-grandam and great-great-grandam, which were all donors at Sydenstricker Genetics. Her great-great-grandam was the foundation Buena, VDAR Buena 422.

"Buena 9511 offers an exceptional phenotype; a solid, well-balanced EPD profile; and the heritage of a fertile, high-performance cow line that continues to rise to the top generation after generation," says Ben Eggers, Sydenstricker Genetics manager. "Her weaning and yearling ratios of 115 and 111, coupled with her near-perfect udder and great mothering ability make her the kind of Angus cow you can build a herd around."

SydGen Buena 9511's heifer calf is sired by SydGen Dealer 9883, a son of SydGen Sure BET and maternal brother to SydGen Trust 6228.

Donors Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker have been avid supporters of the Angus Foundation, and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, says their offering of the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer truly shows their dedication to the Angus breed and its youth, education and research efforts.

For more information on the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, contact Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or Sydenstricker Genetics at 573-581-1225.



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