

Limestone LLC Donates Foundation Heifer

by Kelli Armbruster

Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., will donate the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell January 2009 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Angus breeders to add outstanding Limestone genetics to their herds while simultaneously supporting the future of the Angus breed," Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins says. "We are extremely grateful to the McCutchen family for their generous donation and commend their dedication to supporting education, research and the next generation of Angus breeders through the Angus Foundation."

Limestone Rita T754 will represent the Limestone LLC program and is a daughter of the featured Limestone LLC and Express Ranches sire Raven, the breed's No. 8 young sire for ribeye area (REA).

The dam of Rita T754 is a direct daughter of the \$450,000-valued and former breed leader for intramuscular fat (IMF), Prime Time 2409, sired by the \$75,000 Rito 112.



Rita R379, the dam of this special donor prospect, was the \$220,000 one-time, world-record-selling open heifer selected by Monarch Farms and Collins Angus through the 2006 Limestone LLC sale, where maternal sister Rita R391 was the \$440,000 top-selling female.

"It's an incredible honor to be able to give back to such a worthwhile organization," McCutchen states. "Here at Limestone, we believe in providing our customers with elite and solid genetics, and the special heifer we donate will carry on that same tradition."

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer

Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives:

- ▶ 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, 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.

For more information about the heifer package or ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, visit www.angusfoundation.org; contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100; or visit with any regional manager.

