

# New Leading Lady

SydGen Buena 9511 is named 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer.

by *Katie Allen*

**T**he Angus Foundation has announced that SydGen Buena 9511 will replace SydGen Forever Lady 9525 as the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer. SydGen Buena 9511 will be donated to the Angus Foundation by Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics of Mexico, Mo. She will sell Jan. 11, 2012, at the National Western Angus Bull Sale in Denver, Colo.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the original heifer selected, SydGen Forever Lady 9525, had a stillborn calf in late August. Members of the Sydenstricker family and farm staff looked to their elite herd to replace her with another outstanding female in SydGen Buena 9511, which already has a heifer calf at side.

“Losing a calf is a part of farm life we are all familiar with as agricultural producers and Angus breeders,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “We’re just as excited and looking forward to now offering SydGen Buena 9511 and her heifer calf as a powerful cow-calf pair next January in Denver.”

## 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, who was co-owned with Spring Cove Ranch of Bliss, Idaho, and surfaced as perhaps the most popular son of 928. His untimely death made his semen some of the most sought-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 on 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.



► 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.

Her great-great-grandam was the foundation Buena, VDAR Buena 422, which was purchased by Sydenstricker Genetics at private treaty from Van Dyke Angus Ranch, Manhattan, Mont., in 1993. She topped Sydenstrickers’ 1997 sale at \$16,000, selling to Circle A Ranch of Iberia, Mo., where she also served as a donor.

“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.”

On Sept. 6, 2011, SydGen Buena 9511 had a heifer calf sired by SydGen Dealer 9883, a son of SydGen Sure BET and maternal brother to SydGen Trust 6228. He was the \$14,000, second high-selling fall bull in Sydenstrickers’ 2010 production sale, selling to Big Dry Angus Ranch, Jordan, Mont.; Eggers Stock Farm, Jackson, Mo.; and the Mike Kasten Beef Alliance, Millersville, Mo.

SydGen Buena 9511 and her heifer calf will be the first cow-calf pair ever auctioned together as the Angus Foundation heifer package in Denver.

## Dedication to the breed

Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker have been avid supporters of the Angus Foundation, and Jenkins says their offering of a replacement female to serve as the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer truly shows their dedication to the Angus breed and its youth, education and research efforts.

“Eddie and Connie’s sole objective in donating the Angus Foundation Heifer was to bring to the table the “cream of the crop” from

their nationally recognized Angus seedstock program, and Buena 9511 fits the bill,” Jenkins says. “The Sydenstrickers’ unwavering philanthropic devotion to taking care of our Angus youth and your Angus Foundation is something to be admired.”

Eddie Sydenstricker was the first president of the first state junior Angus association ever formed, and he’s never forgotten his start — a start that’s encouraged him to give back to the breed.

“The Angus breed has been very good to Connie and me, and our daughters, Kim and Lee Ann, and giving back through the Angus Foundation ensures that strong tradition of outstanding youth and education programs,” Sydenstricker says. “2012 will mark our 60th year breeding Angus cattle, so this donation is a fitting way to kick off our diamond anniversary.”

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.

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



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