

# 2009

# Canyon Creek Angus Purchases Heifer Package

The Cody, Wyo., operation purchased the Angus Foundation Heifer Package for \$92,500 during the National Western.

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**R**onald and Myki Simek, owners of Canyon Creek Angus LLC, Cody, Wyo., bid \$92,500 Jan. 15 to purchase the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer, donated by Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla. More than \$1.3 million has been raised from this Angus Foundation fundraising activity since its inception in 1980.

The heifer package was auctioned during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., with all proceeds benefiting

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. David and Mary Ann McMahan of Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark., were the contending bidders.

Limestone Rita T754 was chosen to represent the Limestone LLC program and is a daughter of the featured Limestone LLC

and Express Ranches sire BC 7022 Raven 7965, one the breed's top-ranking young sires for ribeye area (REA).

In addition to the heifer, Canyon Creek Angus will receive 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.

"We are honored by the generosity shown by both Limestone LLC and Canyon Creek in the donation and purchase of this outstanding female," said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "This purchase marks the second time that the Simeks have purchased the heifer package in the past four years. We are humbled by their continued charitable and unselfish endorsement of the importance of raising funds for education, youth and research for the benefit of the Angus breed. One can only be inspired by the generosity of these Angus breeders."

He added, "I'd also like to extend a special thank you to American Live Stock Insurance, Lathrop Livestock Transportation and Trans Ova Genetics for the generous contributions they made to the successful sale of this year's heifer package."

Funds generated by the sale of the heifer package will help advance the Angus Foundation's first capital campaign, Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, which aims to raise \$11 million by Dec. 31, 2011, to further support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. To date, more than \$5.3 million has been committed to the campaign through outright cash gifts, pledges and planned giving commitments.

For more information about the Angus Foundation, the sale of the heifer package or the campaign, contact Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or [mjenkins@angusfoundation.org](mailto:mjenkins@angusfoundation.org).



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► Chris McCutchen, owner of Limestone LLC, Perkins, Okla., donated Limestone Rita T754 to headline the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

► Ronald Simek (right), owner of Canyon Creek Angus LLC, Cody, Wyo., bid \$92,500 to purchase the 2009 Angus Foundation Heifer.



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