

## KiamichiLink Ranch Purchases the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer Package

This year's package included the pick of the 2010 Sinclair Cattle Co. natural-born heifer crop.

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**L** Tucker and Vickie Link, owners of KiamichiLink Ranch of Antlers, Okla., bid \$75,000 Jan. 14 to purchase the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer Package featuring the heifer donated by Jeff Ward and Duncan Smith, owners of Sinclair Cattle Co., of Warfordsburg, Pa.

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 McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark., were the contending bidders.

Sinclair K Bty 8R102 E118 was chosen to represent the Sinclair program. She's a daughter of the famed RR Rito 707. Added to this year's package was the pick of the 2010 Sinclair Cattle Co. natural-born heifer crop.

In addition to the heifers, KiamichiLink Ranch 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 Sinclair Cattle Company and KiamichiLink Ranch in the donation and purchase of this outstanding female package," Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, said. "We are humbled by their 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."

"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."

More than \$1.4 million has been raised through sales of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package since its inception in 1980. 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 \$6 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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► Lewis Hagen of Sinclair Cattle Co. addressed the crowd before the auction began.



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► The Beef Palace Auction Arena was standing room only in anticipation of the Foundation Heifer Package.



► With proceeds benefiting education, youth and research, the 2010 Angus Foundation Heifer Package donated by Sinclair Cattle Co. was purchased by KiamichiLink Ranch Jan. 14 for \$75,000. Pictured are (from left) Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO; Robert Myers, NJAA Foundation director; Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; Linda Russell and Rondel Gillenwater, KiamichiLink Ranch; Lewis Hagan, Sinclair Cattle Co.; L. Tucker Link, KiamichiLink Ranch; Patti Nissen, Nissen Angus; and Kirbe Schnoor, NJAA chairperson.