

Briarwood Buys Foundation Pair

Briarwood Angus Farms of Butler, Mo., purchases the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer Package for \$65,000.

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Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., bid \$65,000 Jan. 11 to purchase the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer Package during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics of Mexico, Mo., donated SydGen Buena 9511 and her heifer calf, SydGen Foundation Buena, to headline the package. Omega Farms of Williamston, Mich., was the contending bidder.

This is the second year in a row that Briarwood Angus Farms has purchased the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. Last year, it purchased the package for \$50,000.

Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research endeavors. More than \$1.5 million has been raised from this Angus Foundation fundraising activity since its inception in 1980.

The heifer package was auctioned immediately preceding the National Western Angus Bull Sale.

"One can only be humbled by the generosity of our Angus Foundation Heifer Package donors, Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, and buyers, Curtis and Ann Long," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "Their charitable

support — as with that of all of our generous supporters during the year through the wide array of fundraising activities we offer — is genuinely appreciated as every dollar our organization invests in education, youth and research for the benefit of the Angus breed can be traced back to a contribution to the Angus Foundation."

As an added bonus to this year's Angus Foundation Heifer Package, the heifer calf carried a special incentive for purchase. At the 2011 Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville, Ky., Association registration No. 17 million was purchased for \$10,000 by David and Mary

Ann McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark. McMahon, an enthusiastic supporter of the Angus Foundation, generously donated the elite registration number to the heifer calf.

SydGen Buena 9511 sold bred to SydGen Googol, the \$25,000 top-selling bull of the 2011 SydGen production sale. The maternal brother to the popular docility leader SydGen CC&7 is sired by one of the breed's top \$B sires, DAAR Infinity 313.

In addition to the cow-calf pair, Briarwood Angus Farms will receive 30 days



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►**Above:** Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., bid \$65,000 Jan. 11 to purchase the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer. Pictured after the purchase are (from left), Kelli Retallick and JanLee Rowlett, NJAA directors; Clifford and Jennifer Simmons, Omega Farms, contending bidders; David Warfield of Briarwood Angus Farms; Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO; Ben Eggers, Lee Ann Sydenstricker-Fusz and Blake Briscoe, Sydenstricker Genetics; Lindsey Grimes, NJAA Foundation director; Curtis Long, Briarwood Angus Farms, buyer; Connie and Eddie Sydenstricker, donors; Cathy Watkins, Angus Foundation Board chairman; Clay Williams, Megan Ahearn and Sally Yon, NJAA directors; Kim Sydenstricker-Monte, Sydenstricker Genetics; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

►**Left:** Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins visits with Ben Eggers of Sydenstricker Genetics at a booth displaying information on the Angus Foundation Heifer Package.



►NJAA directors JanLee Rowlett, Megan Ahearn, Kelli Retallick, Sally Yon, Lindsey Grimes and Clay Williams present a photo of SydGen Buena 9511 and her calf, SydGen Foundation Buena, who carries Association registration No. 17 million. David and Mary Ann McMahon, of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., purchased the milestone registration at the 2011 Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville, Ky., and donated it to the heifer calf.



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► Curtis Long (left) and his wife, Ann, purchased the 2011 and 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer packages. Long is pictured with NJAA Foundation Chairman Lindsey Grimes (center) and NJAA Director Sally Yon.

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.

"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," Jenkins says.

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.

The Angus Foundation was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to support Angus education, youth and research. To learn more about the Angus Foundation and the programs it supports, call the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or go to www.angusfoundation.org.



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► Regional managers Andy Rest and Rod Wesselman take bids during the sale.