

Pens of Excellence

Angus genetics showcased at 2012 National Western Angus Carload & Pen Show.

Angus producers competed for top honors during the 2012 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Carload & Pen Show Jan. 14 in Denver, Colo. Three carloads and 34 pens of three were showcased in the Yards during the 106th NWSS.

Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo., evaluated the bulls and selected champions.

Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., claimed grand champion carload, with 10 January and February 2011 bulls sired by Connealy Consensus 7229, Sitz Upward 307R, EXAR Worldwide 9600B, Rito 6EM3 of 4L1 Emblazon and B/R New Day 454. The group weighed an average of 1,420 pounds (lb.) and posted an average scrotal circumference (SC) of 40.5 centimeters (cm).

Flesch Farms Inc., Shelby, Mont., exhibited the reserve grand champion carload with January and February 2011 bulls sired by Connealy Revenue 7289, Soo Line Kodiak 9143, Sitz Upward 307R, Connealy Stimulus 8419 and SAV Iron Mountain 8066. The 10 bulls posted an average weight of 1,310 lb., and an average SC of 37.9 cm.

Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., showcased the grand champion pen of three with January, February and March 2011 sons of Dameron First Class and SAV Bismarck 5682. The trio posted an average weight of 1,282 lb. and an average SC of 35.7 cm. The bulls first won late calf champion pen of three.

Bush Angus, Britton, S.D., captured the reserve grand champion pen of three title after first winning reserve late calf champion pen of three. The March 2011 sons of Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor and Soo Line Kodiak 8073 posted an average weight of 1,258 lb. and an average SC of 37.3 cm.

Photos of the champions and reserve champions follow. To see a complete list of winners, including class placings, visit www.angus.org/showresults/denver/2012/index.html.



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► Vin-Mar Cattle Co., Gordon, Neb., put the final touches on their carload.

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► Above: Exhibitors present a bull as part of a pen of three to the panel of judges.

► Left: Vin-Mar Cattle Company prepare their bulls under the iconic NWSS Yard signage.



► A full house was on hand to see the Angus pen and carload show.

NWSS Angus Carload & Pen Show

Jan. 14 • No. entries: 37 • Judges: Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo.

GRAND CHAMPIONS



► Grand champion carload, by **Express Angus Ranches**, Yukon, Okla.



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RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS



► Reserve grand champion carload, by **Flesch Farms Inc.**, Shelby, Mont.



► Reserve grand champion pen of three, by **Bush Angus**, Britton, S.D.

DIVISION WINNERS, PEN SHOW



► Reserve early calf champion pen of three, by **Hamilton Farms**, Cochrane, Alta., Canada. The Jan. 2011 sons of HF Tiger 5T and HF Kodiak 5R averaged 1,323 lb.



► Champion yearling pen of three, by **Pollard Farms LLC**, Enid, Okla. The Sept. 2010 sons of Sitz Upward 307R and SAV Bismarck 5682 averaged 1,797 lb.



► **Left:** Reserve champion yearling pen of three, by **Pasture View Farm**, Dunlap, Ill. The Sept.-Oct. 2010 sons of SAV Brilliance 8077; Mytty In Focus; and Pastureview's King of 112 averaged 1,538 lb.

WINNERS NOT PICTURED, PEN SHOW

► Early calf champion pen of three, by **Oklahoma State University**, Stillwater, Okla. These Jan.-Feb. 2011 sons of SAV Brilliance 8077 and Dameron First Class averaged 1,315 lb.



► Gage Long paid close attention to the pens of three classes.

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