

Pens & Carloads Showcased

Angus genetics showcased at 2013 National Western Angus Carload & Pen Show.

Angus producers competed for top honors during the 2013 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Carload & Pen Show Jan. 19 in Denver, Colo. Four carloads and 40 pens of three were showcased in the Yards during the 107th NWSS.

Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.; Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; and John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, evaluated the bulls and selected champions.

Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., claimed grand champion carload, with 10 January 2012 bulls sired by EXAR Upshot 0562B and Connealy Consensus 7229. The group weighed an average of 1,535 pounds (lb.) and posted an average scrotal circumference (SC) of 42 centimeters (cm).

Vin-Mar Cattle Co., Gordon, Neb., exhibited the reserve grand champion carload with January and February 2012 bulls sired by Sitz Upward 307R; Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor; Vin-Mar Right Now; and Connealy Consensus 7229. The 10 bulls posted an average weight of 1,297 lb. and an average SC of 39.8 cm.

Express Angus Ranches showcased the grand champion pen of three with January 2012 sons of EXAR Upshot 0526B and Connealy Consensus 7229. The trio posted an average weight of 1,388 lb. and an average SC of 41 cm. The bulls first won early calf champion pen of three.

Express Angus Ranches captured the reserve grand champion pen-of-three title after first winning late calf champion pen of three. The March 2012 sons of Dameron First Impression; Dameron First Class; and PVF Insight 0129 posted an average weight of 1,220 lb. and an average SC of 37.7 cm.



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► **Above:** From left, Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.; and John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, evaluated the NWSS Angus Carload & Pen Show.



► **Left:** Judges and spectators inspect a carload of bulls Saturday in the Yards during the Carload & Pen Show.

► **Below:** The judges compare notes as Miss American Angus Esther McCabe prepares to bestow champion and grand champion honors.



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NWSS Angus Carload & Pen Show

Jan. 19 • No. entries: 44 • Judges: Rob Thomas, Baker City, Ore.;
Rick Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; and John Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio

GRAND CHAMPIONS



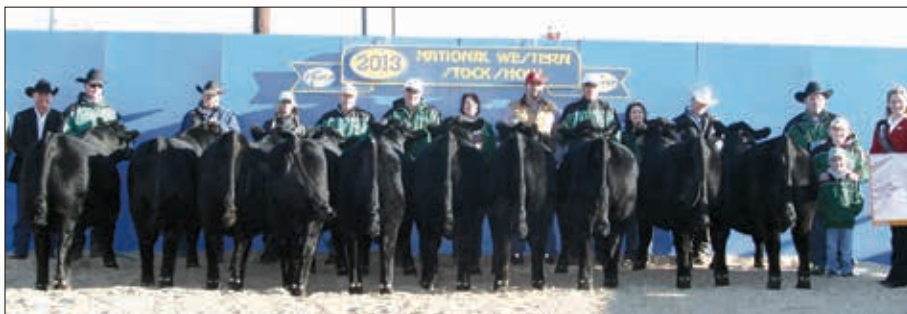
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► Grand champion carload, by **Express Angus Ranches**, Yukon, Okla.

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

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS



► Reserve grand champion carload, by **Vin-Mar Cattle Co.**, Gordon, Neb.



► Reserve grand champion pen of three, by **Express Angus Ranches**, Yukon, Okla.

DIVISION WINNERS, PEN SHOW



► **Left:** Reserve late calf champion pen of three, **Bush Angus**, Britton, S.D. The Feb. and March 2012 bulls averaged 1,342 lb. and were sired by Bush's Unbelievable 423 and Connealy Consensus 7229.

► **Right:** Reserve early calf champion pen of three, **Sauk Valley Angus**, Rock Falls, Ill. The Jan. and Feb. 2012 bulls averaged 1,278 lb. and are sired by Sitz Upward 307R and Whitestone Black Arrow Z101.



► **Left:** Champion yearling pen of three, by **JAC's Ranch**, Bentonville, Ark. The Sept. and Oct. 2011 bulls averaged 1,630 lb. and were sired by Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor; Sitz Dash 10277; and SAV Pioneer 7301.

► **Right:** Reserve champion yearling pen of three, by **Pollard Farms LLC**, Enid, Okla. The Sept. and Oct. 2011 bulls averaged 1,690 lb. and were sired by GAR Predestined; SAV Iron Mountain 8066; and Connealy Consensus 7229.

