

# Bull Sale Draws Crowd

American Angus Association's annual bull sale averages \$6,805 per head.

Angus enthusiasts consigned 45 bulls to the 2017 National Western Angus Bull Sale Jan. 11 in Denver, Colo. The annual sale, which is the only sale managed by the American Angus Association, grossed \$306,250 and averaged \$6,805. A panel of three judges including Kyle Gillooly, Wadley, Ga.; Jim Vietheer, Wilton, Calif.; and Andy Musgrave, Pittsfield, Ill., evaluated the bulls and selected division and overall champions.

Jake Barnes, Broken Arrow, Okla., consigned the grand champion bull, DBR Take Notice, that first won senior champion. The March 2014 son of Dameron First

Impression was purchased by Quirk Land & Cattle Co., Hastings, Neb., for \$19,000. Calvin Levisay, Creston, Calif., consigned the reserve grand champion bull. LVS BC 1603 is a February 2016 son of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B and first won late winter calf champion division 2. Ray Kopecky, O'Neill, Neb., purchased the bull for \$5,500.

Other high-selling bulls included Marda Blacksmith 683, consigned by Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis. The January 2016 son of Connealy Black Granite was purchased by Split Diamond Ranch, White Hall, Mont.; Malek Angus Ranch, Highwood, Mont.; and

Southard Land & Cattle LLC, Colorado Springs, Colo., for \$24,000.

Welytok Campaign 5C23 was consigned by Mark Welytok, Canastota, N.Y. Southard Land & Cattle LLC bought the March 2015 son of WR Journey-1X74 for \$16,000.

Chris & Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., consigned Sankey's Calibration 607. Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark., purchased the February 2016 son of SAC Conversation for \$15,000.

A complete list of sale results is posted online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).



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# Western Stock Show



► Judges (from left) Andy Musgrave, Kyle Gillooly and Jim Vietheer placed all consigned bulls before the sale.



► Bulls are prepped months before exhibition, which creates trust between bull and showman.



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### NWSS Angus Bull Sale

Jan. 11 • Denver, Colo. • No. entries: 45 • Judges: Kyle Gillooly, Wadley, Ga.; Jim Vietheer, Wilton, Calif.; and Andy Musgrave, Pittsfield, Ill.

#### GRAND CHAMPION



► Grand champion, **DBR Take Notice**.

#### RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



► Reserve grand champion, **LVS BC 1603**.

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#### DIVISION WINNERS



► Spring calf champion, **K Bar D Native Joe 32D**, by K Bar D, Redmond, Ore.



► Reserve spring calf champion, **CAR don Traction 897**, by Car Don Angus, Westville, Ind.



► Late winter calf champion division 1, **LVS HR 1604**, by Calvin Levisay.



► Reserve late winter calf champion division 1, **CAR Don Duty Free 895**, by Car Don Angus.



► Reserve late winter calf champion division 2, **HCC Activate 607**, by Henricks Cattle Co., Anadarko, Okla.



► Early winter calf champion division 1, **Dal Porto Big Country T05**, by Dal Porto Livestock, Brentwood, Calif.



► Reserve early winter calf champion division 1, **Jensen Pay Check 624**, by Jensen Angus Farm, Plainfield, Iowa.



► Early winter calf champion division 2, **2K Innovation 26**, by 2K Cattle Ent., Glen Haven, Wis.



► Reserve early winter calf champion division 2, **OSU Cash 6109**, by Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.



► Senior calf champion division 1, **GR Rebel 5888**, by Leighton Green, Hardin, Mont.



► Reserve senior calf champion division 1, **Jensen Double Black 603 FAF**, by Jensen Angus Farm.



► Senior calf champion division 2, **DDA Highlight 1549**, by Double Diamond Angus, Chrisman, Ill.





► Reserve senior calf champion division 2, **HF Brilliance 5132**, by Henning Farms, Janesville, Wis.



► Intermediate champion, **Marda Lone Oak Plymouth**, by Lone Oak Angus, Brookfield, Wis.; and Marda Angus Farm.



► Reserve intermediate champion, **Welytok Mr. All American 5C31**, by Welytok Angus.



► Late junior champion, **BCC American Classic 104C**, by Barragree Cattle Co., Absarokee, Mont.



► Reserve late junior champion, **Silveira's S Sis First Take**, by Silveira Bros., Firebaugh, Calif.



► Early junior champion, **Cherry Knoll Product 1501**, by Cherry Knoll Farm Inc., West Grove, Pa.



► Reserve early junior champion, **Schroeder Final Design 3019**, by Schroeder Angus, Clarence, Iowa.



► Sale bulls were shown earlier that day at the Angus Bull Sale Show.



► American Angus Association regional managers David Gazda and Jeff Mafi go over show information.



► Morgan Hutchins exhibited the grand champion Angus bull, **DBR Take Notice**.

