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Classic SALE

December 12, 2015
Approx. 2:00 PM
Kist Livestock | Mandan, ND

South Dakota
SIMMENTAL SOURCE SALE

December 19, 2015 | 12:00 PM
Mitchell Livestock Auction Co.
Mitchell, SD

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brekka Schultz Family

Please keep the Brekka Schultz Family in your thoughts and prayers as their daughter Mayzee Grace was born with birth defects in February and Brekka was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer in August. Brekka is the daughter of Kevin & Lynette Thompson, TNT Simmentals, of Almont, ND.

Dakota Dawn "Cody" Hansen Family

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dakota Dawn "Cody" Hansen of Ryder, ND. Cody passed away on October 19, 2015 from respiratory complications related to pneumonia in a Minot hospital. Cody leaves behind her husband Kevin of 25 years, son Wyatt and daughter Hadlie. Please keep all of Cody's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please let us know any prayer concerns and we will add them in the next issue.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Erika Kenner, Editor

The ASA Fall Focus was held in Gettysburg, PA this year in September. The educational symposium was a great success again and I have to say I learned a lot in a very short time. The Pennsylvania Simmental did a great job hosting and it was fun to meet new people and see their cattle and operations.

One thing evident from the symposium, our Association is committed to science! This is one reason I believe we are one of the leading breeds of the country. Our genetic evaluation system is the best in the business, which is why so many other breed associations have joined our system. We have the largest database in the world because of our partnerships with these associations. Being able to compare the different breeds on one base makes it easier for commercial cattlemen to sort and compare cattle and allows them to make better genetic decisions and improvements. The event made me feel even better about our breed and the direction we are going!

Each issue exemplifies how dedicated the cattle producers in the Dakotas are to science and genetics. They utilize the technology and information that the American Simmental Association provides to make better cattle for their customers. We are lucky to have so many great producers in one area.

It is with a heavy heart that I finish putting together this issue of the ND Scene/SD SimmenTeller. The news of Cody Hansen passing came when I was in the middle of this issue. It was so hard to work on it every day without thinking about her and her family. She was such a great example of leadership, generosity, work ethic, and fun. She will be missed by so many. It certainly was not expected and it makes one remember how precious life is. My thoughts and prayers have been with the Hansen family and I know the rest of the Simmental family feels the same.

Sincerely,

Erika



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TNT TANKER DAUGHTER WITH HER MR NLC POKER FACE
 BULL CALF.



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Deckert Simmental, Arena, ND, hosted the breakfast stop first thing. From there, they toured C-Diamond Ranch and Crosshair Simmentals, both of Dawson, and they ended the day with a prime rib supper at Bichler Simmentals, Linton. The other ranches on the

tour included one Gelbvieh/Red Angus ranch, two Black Angus ranches, one Limousin ranch and a Red Angus ranch. A great variety for the day!

The tour was free to attend and they awarded one tour attendee a \$500 gift certificate to be used towards the purchase of seedstock from any breeder on the tour.

VIEW MORE TOUR PHOTOS ON PAGE 27



Justin Deckert, Arena, visits with tour attendees at his ranch's breakfast stop. Justin's father was one of the founding members of the ND Simmental Association.



Doug Bichler of Linton welcomed the crowd before his ranch tour and the prime rib supper.



A pen of bulls on display at Bichler Simmentals.



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- December 07 The Source of Elite Simmental Genetics Sale - Lloydminster, SK
- December 12 Hartman Cattle Co Customer Appreciation Female Sale - Tecumseh, NE
- December 14 Shades of the Prairies Simmental Sale - Brandon, MB
- December 15 Bonchuk Farms Fall Female Production Sale - Virden, MB
- December 19 Checkers Simmental Sale - Ponoka, AB

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North Dakota Simmental Association Annual Meeting & Simmental Classic Schedule

December 10

All Day

Cattle Check-in – Kist Livestock, Mandan

December 11

View cattle all day.

8:00 am

Cattle Check-in resumes – Kist Livestock, Mandan

11:00 am

Lunch – Kist Livestock Arena, Mandan

Co-sponsored by the ND Scene/SD SimmenTeller and the ND Red Angus Association

12:00 pm

Annual Meeting – Kist Livestock Arena, Mandan

Guest Speaker: Russ Danielson, ASA Field Representative

6:00 pm

Social – Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

7:00 pm

Banquet – Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

December 12

View cattle all day.

11:00 am

Lunch – Kist Livestock, Mandan

12:00 pm

ND Red Angus Sale – Kist Livestock, Mandan

2:00 pm

ND Simmental Classic Sale – Kist Livestock, Mandan

Please note: North Dakota Simmental Association and North Dakota Red Angus Association are teaming up again to share the weekend! The sales are separate, but will share the facility. Jeff Thomas is managing both sales again as well.

North Dakota Simmental Association Scholarship

The North Dakota Simmental Association will award one \$500 scholarship to a high school graduate or college freshman in 2016. Applicants must be enrolling in a two or four year post high school educational program in the Fall of 2016. Furthermore, applicants must be pursuing a degree in an agricultural program. Preference will be given to applicants coming from a livestock based background that include the use of Simmental genetics.

Download applications from the NDSA website at www.northdakotasimmental.com and must be postmarked by March 15, 2016. Any problems with the download, please contact Kim Myers for a hard copy at gkmyers@outlook.com or 701-308-1018.

Return applications to:

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Please remember donations are accepted anytime for the NDSA Scholarship Fund.



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Kist Livestock, Mandan – Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Napoleon Livestock, Napoleon – Thursday, January 7, 2016

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December 12, 2015

@ 2:00 PM - Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

Immediately following the ND Red Angus State Sale - 12:00 Noon

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Sired by SVS Captain Morgan 11Z



136B

Polled Purebred Bred Heifer
Sired by Traxs Rushmore
AI Bred to CDI Ace 223B



B859

Polled Purebred Bred Heifer
Sired by BAS Heavy Duty
Bred to Ellingson Durango 2156 (Angus)



C560

Open Polled 1/2 Heifer
Sired by S McCoy 124



430B

Polled Purebred Bred Heifer
Sired by LFE Red Ridge 809W
AI Bred to WS All Around



B478

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Sired by TNT Tanker U263
AI Bred to Santa FE

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December 11, 2015

Annual Meeting - 12:00 noon
Kist Livestock Auction, Mandan, ND
Social & Banquet - 6:00 & 7:00 pm
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND

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ND STATE FAIR FUTURITY SHOW RESULTS

Grand Champion - \$1,000

Trey Klain, Ruso, ND

Reserve Champion - \$800

Morgan Reiser, Turtle Lake, ND

3rd Place - \$600

Natalie Bergquist, Turtle Lake, ND

4th Place - \$500

Kylee Reiser, Turtle Lake, ND

5th Place - \$400

Danae Vachal, Ross, ND

6th Place - \$300

Jacob Scheresky, Des Lacs, ND

7th Place - \$200

Abbi Bergquist, Turtle Lake, ND

ND STATE FAIR JR SIMMENTAL SHOW

Champion Purebred heifer was Fletcher Hennessy, Berthold, ND. Champion SimInfluenced heifer was Eli Hennessy, Berthold, ND. They both received a 5-speed Andis clipper.

Kendra Myers, Kathryn, ND, won the drawing for the showbox from the NDSA.



One of the classes during the ND State Fair Junior Simmental Show.



The North Dakota Simmental Junior Association pose with the Showbox that was given in a drawing from the North Dakota Simmental Association.

Photos courtesy of Kausha Magill.

NDJSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Patrick Schumacher
NDJSA President

Hello families and North Dakota Junior Simmental members. It has been a busy fall, but an exciting one. Fall has always been a favorite season for me. Fall is the time of year we get to bring the cattle home and really start to analyze them. Although we anticipate spring and being able to haul the cattle out, once fall comes I always have looked forward to having the calves close to home. I enjoy looking through the heifers and deciding which could be potential show heifers for the coming summer.

This past summer was another fun summer for our ND Junior Simmental Association. The Simmental show at the North Dakota State Fair was represented by another great set of show heifers. The cattle looked awesome and our breed had one of the largest shows at the fair. This coming year we will again offer up to \$2,000 in cash prizes for the futurity show. In addition, we will offer prizes for the class winners. These funds are provided to us by the North Dakota Simmental Association and the ND Junior Simmental Association. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to both the NDSA board of directors as well as the ND Junior Simmental Association for their continued support of the junior members.

Heifers bought at the ND State Simmental Sale qualify to be entered in the futurity show. This is a great opportunity to add exceptional genetics and quality to your herd while also being able to compete in the futurity show for a chance at some of our cash prizes. This year's lineup is a very high quality group and I encourage all of you to come and find a heifer that will work in your program.

The sale will take place on Saturday December 12th. We will have our annual Simmental banquet on Friday December 11th. During the banquet there will be an auction where items donated by families are auctioned off and the proceeds go towards our junior association. If you are able to donate an item to be auctioned off it would be greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance.

Lastly, I would just like to thank everyone who has donated time, effort, and financial assistance for our association. We would not be where we are today without the help of many. I look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you luck in the coming months. God Bless!

Sincerely,
Patrick Schumacher
NDJSA President

North Dakota Simmental Association

Classic Sale

Saturday, December 12, 2015 :: Mandan, ND

SimAngus



RUST MISS 544C
S: LFE COMMISSIONER 811Z
D: GCC DIXIE ERICA 106Y

SimAngus



RUST MISS 5222C
S: SVS CAPTAIN MORGAN 11Z
D: WERNER BLACK ANGEL 1299

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KS Bella B859 ASA# 2850748

BAS Heavy Duty x Olie

EPDs: 13 1.8 73 112 9.4 22 58 API: 127 TI: 69

Homozygous Black and Homozygous Polled

Carrying a heifer calf by Ellingson Durango 2156 (Angus)
and due middle of March. Purchased dam in 2010 ND Classic
Sale from Double J Farms.



1/2

KS Camryn C4012 ASA# 2977700

Benfield Substance x KS Black Diamond

EPDs: 12 -.3 65 107 3.8 28 61 API: 111 TI: 69

Homozygous Black and Homozygous Polled

February 1/2 SimAngus™ out of one of our donors.



3/4

KS Callie C661 ASA# 2977496

CCR Wide Range x Brooks Above Par

EPDs: 7 3.0 77 122 8.8 23 61 API: 113 TI: 71

Homozygous Black and Homozygous Polled

February 1/4 SimAngus™ - Her dam is now a donor. Dam has
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ND Simmental Classic Sale

December 12, 2015

Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

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EAS Miss C560



BD 1/23/15 BW 79 lbs. 1/2SM 1/2AN
Adj WW 668 lbs. Reg. 3000299
S McCoy x All In x Crockett
CE 8.8 BW .9 WW 74 YW 111.8 MM 21.9

EAS Miss C544



BD 1/28/15 BW 74 lbs. 1/2SM 1/2AN
Adj WW 643 lbs. Reg. 3000298
S McCoy x 680S x Black Joker
CE 6.9 BW .8 WW 62.1 YW 100 MM 20



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WS BEEF MAKER R13 x MISS LH3S 2T



Miss A/H 16B | ASA# 3018562
MR A/H 8Y x MISS A/H 13Y
Bred to CDI Ace 223B (ASA# 2852783)



Miss A/H 136B | ASA# 3018563
TRAXS RUSHMORE X103 x MISS A/H 158U
Bred to CDI Ace 223B (ASA# 2852783)



Miss A/H 142B | ASA# 3018517
TRAXS RUSHMORE X103 x MISS LH3S 124T
Bred to Hooks Bounty 6B (ASA #2854458)

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WS Beefmaker R13 X Kappes Real Deal P366

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*Find upcoming sale details &
videos on our website!*

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DEC. 12, 2015 - MANDAN, ND



KNH THRIVE 2C

DOB: 2/1/15 | 5/8 SM 1/4 AN 1/8 MX | ASA# 3019921
ES RIDGERIDER YW3 x KNH O-ME-O-MY 2Y

Solid black, powerful, thick, easy keeping and out of a beautiful cow family! Dam & Grandam are picture perfect and will be in the flush pen next Spring!



KNH SIPPIN ON FIRE 169C

DOB: 3/19/15 | 3/4 SM 1/4 AN | ASA# 3019938
KNH CHISEL 144A x RFS MISS U169

Complete outcross red genetics! Her sister raised our #1 indexing heifer this year as a 1st calf heifer! Three 2015 heifers stemming from 169's dam are in the show barn this year!



KNH BABE 407B

DOB: 1/29/14 | PB SM | ASA # 2896121
TNT AXIS X307 x KNH MISS 585

ET daughter of our donor, Miss 585. Sib to numerous past high sellers. Ultrasound safe to CCR Santa Fe. Member of the 2014 Supreme Champion Pen of 3 at the North Star Classic along with her 2 full sisters!



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HEADING TO THE

ND SIMMENTAL CLASSIC SALE

DECEMBER 12, 2015 - MANDAN, ND



RFS MISS BEYOND B129

ASA# 292996 | NLC Upgrade X RFS Miss T131

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	MIK	MWW	API	TI
5.2	2.7	73.5	114.0	6.8	19.1	55.9	124.4	72.2

RFS MISS BEYOND B129 is a solid black, wonderful Upgrade female. Her cow family has stood the test of time at Rydeen Farms. Her granddam, H83, weaned 14 natural calves in a 366 day calving interval including some Vision Sale standouts. This gal has eye appeal. She's due in March with an AI halfblood SimAngus heifer calf.



RFS MISS BLUSH B25

ASA# 2930083 | Leachman Bright Light (Hoosier) X RFS Miss Z149

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	MIK	MWW	API	TI
11.6	1.8	67.9	106.3	7.2	27.5	61.5	122.3	74.5

RFS MISS BLUSH B25 is a dark red, deep-sided lady with a brood cow look. She's due in March with a WS High Stakes heifer calf. She's a bit of an outcross in most red programs so should be easy to make sire choices.

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KSR BREA 568B (#2927438)

1/2 SM, 1/2 AN • Polled • 3/9/14

Sire: Coleman Regis 904 • Dam: KSR Molly 368Z

AI Sire: WS United 956Y (#) AI Date: 5/23/15

Ultrasounded safe with a bull calf due approx. Feb. 29, 2016

(pasture exposed to KSR New Design 143B (#2927454))

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	MM	MW	CW	YG	MB
14.6	-1.2	68.9	107.5	11.4	25.5	59.9	32.2	-0.14	0.35



KSR OAKLEY 695C (#3021058)

Purebred SM • Polled • 3/4/15

Sire: CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z

Dam: KSR Linda 195X (Dream On daughter)

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	MM	MW	CW	YG	MB
9.8	1.4	70.8	95.9	6.5	16.1	51.5	28.3	-0.22	0.51



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The keynote speaker for the banquet was US Representative Frank Lucas, Oklahoma (second from left). Pictured with him are (l-r) ASA Executive Vice President, Wade Shafer (ND/MN native), Dr. Bert Moore, and Pennsylvania Association event coordinator Tom Vossler. Moore met Lucas at a cattle sale and became good friends.

PENNSYLVANIA SIMMENTAL HOSTS 2015 FALL SYMPOSIUM

Get the inside look at issues affecting the beef industry.

Bozeman, MT —The American Simmental Association (ASA) and the Pennsylvania Simmental Association (PSA) co-hosted the Fall Focus 2015 in Gettysburg, September 14-17. More than 170 Simmental breeders and their customers along with industry leaders attended this annual event, which combines an educational symposium with the fall ASA Board of Trustees' meeting. Attendees represented 27 states and one Canadian province.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding kicked off the educational program on Monday with an update on agriculture and livestock in Pennsylvania. The Monday sessions ended with a PSA-hosted dinner followed by guest speaker US Congressman Frank Lucas, addressing "Crafting the 2014 Farm Bill through the Legislative Process."

This event is designed to allow Simmental breeders an inside look at

issues affecting the beef industry, and the work being done to address these issues on behalf of ASA membership. ASA members, historically, have supported educational programs through attendance and financial pledges.

"Not only do participants get to enjoy the education, the committee and board meetings, they get the chance to see Northeast-based farms." Says Tom Vossler, PSA Coordinator, "In the end everyone benefits, and you can never underestimate the power of individual relationships."

The American Simmental Association is headquartered in Bozeman, and maintains the breed registries for the Simmental and Simbrah breeds of cattle. ASA has an active adult and junior membership of nearly 5,000 and is a not-for-profit organization.

For a recap of the Board meetings including videos and power point presentations of the speakers, log on to www.fallfocus.org.



Former NDSU Animal Science Instructor, Dr. Bert Moore is currently an ASA Field Rep and State Association Liason and gave an update on the State Association activities.



North Dakota native, Jackie Atkins, ASA Director of Science & Education, explained how EPDs are calculated and how DNA is used.



A good crowd was in attendance. ASA Board member and ND member Erika Kenner (left) listens along with Jeanie White and her nephew and herdsman, Phil Paradis, Simme Valley Simmental, New York.

LET'S GET READY TO... ENROLLLLLLLLLLLLLL!!!

by American Simmental Association
Reformatted from the DNA blog at simmental.org

It's that time of year again, Total Herd Enrollment (THE) season is upon us and that means it's time to enroll your Spring calving females. As of October 15, Spring 2016 THE enrollment is now OPEN. Any females that will be calving January 1 to June 30, will have until December 15, 2015, to be enrolled on inventory and take advantage of the lowest enrollment fees possible. If you submit an enrollment today, you are able to adjust your inventory online up until December 15 as many times as you wish. There's really no reason not to go ahead,

fill out an inventory today and submit it before the deadline. Our THE motto is, don't delay, enroll today! To download step-by-step enrollment go to the THE tab under ASA Membership at www.simmental.org. For a refresher on the three enrollment Options offered, watch a short 15-minute webinar session titled THE, it's as Easy as 1-2-3, under the eSeminars tab. If you have specific enrollment questions or need assistance cleaning up errors in your job, please email the@simmgene.com or call our office at 406.587.4531.

IRVINE TO BE NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

The North Central Region of the American Simmental Association has one director position open this year. Calvin Drake, Manhattan, KS is not eligible for re-election as he has fulfilled two three-year terms. No write-in candidates

received enough votes to be added to the ballot this year, so the Board nominee will serve as the new North Central Region Director. Congratulations to John Irvine, Manhattan, KS!

2015 FALL FOCUS INFO

Log on to
www.fallfocus.org
to view presentations
from the 2015 Fall Focus!



**John Irvine, Manhattan, KS
ASA Board Nominee**



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National Western Stock Show

NWSS 2016

January 9-24, 2016

Simmental Events
January 15-20, 2016

HEADQUARTER HOTEL

Once again, the DoubleTree Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec Street will serve as headquarters for the ASA Annual Meeting, Foundation Auction, and ASA Board Meetings. A special Stock Show rate of \$104 is available to ASA members; to reserve your rooms, please call 303.321.3333 and ask for the "Simmental" block.

A complimentary shuttle service is provided to the NWSS; schedules will be available in December.

2016 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW SIMMENTAL SCHEDULE

All times are MST

Friday, January 15

8:00 - 5:00 pm ASA Board Meeting - Double Tree Hotel

Saturday, January 16

8:00 - 11:00 am Board Meeting - Double Tree Hotel
Noon - 5:00 pm Meet & Greet at the NWSS Grounds
6:30 pm SimMagic on Ice Sale

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Simmental Pen of Bulls Show
4:00 pm Annual Meeting - Double Tree Hotel
6:30 pm ASA Chairman's Reception - Double Tree Hotel
7:45 pm Foundation Auction - Double Tree Hotel

Monday, January 18

8:00 am Simmental Pen of Heifers Show
2:00 pm Simmental "The One" Simmental Sale

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 am Simmental Junior Heifer Show and Simmental Bull Show
5:00 pm Wild, Wild West Sale, Brighton, CO

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 am Simmental Female Show



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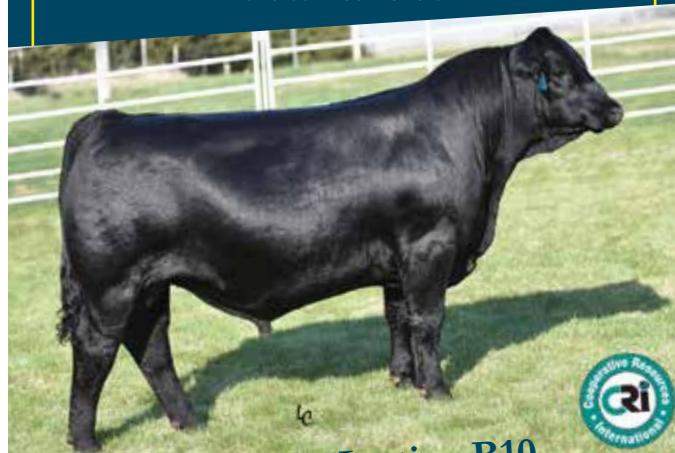
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Dakota Made 2015

Monday, December 7th

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Salem, South Dakota

Production Sale



ES B97

R&R Chamberlain X744 x
B C Lookout 7024
Bred to W/C Lock Down 206Z



ES B11

GLS New Direction X184 x NF Trump S582
Bred to J Bar J Night Ride 225Z



ES B62

Connealy Final Product x
SAS T101 Sweet Meat
Bred to Hook's Broadway 11B



ES B77

W/C United 956Y x Ellingson Legacy M229
Bred to Welshs Dew It Right 067T



ES B22

Welshs Dew It Right 067T x
ES Power Up XS37
Bred to Hook's Yellowstone 97Y



EIR B204

Brown JYJ Redemption x
Red 6 Mile Full Throttle
Bred to HXC Conquest 4405P



ES B38

Hook's Yukon 80Y x
LBR Crockett R81
Bred to Welshs Dew It
Right 067T



ES B43

Remington Lock N
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Purposes of the Grant Program

1. To provide quality Simmental heifers to youth interested in starting a herd.
2. To encourage youth to show & promote Simmental cattle.

Youth Eligible for These Grants Should Meet the Following Criteria

1. Be a current member of the SD Junior Simmental Association and a resident of South Dakota. (Annual membership fee of \$10 may be sent with Grant Application)
2. Age: Must be at least 8 years old on January 1, 2016 and not older than 21 years on January 1, 2016.
3. Must agree to attempt to show the heifer in the upcoming Futurity Heifer show at the SD Summer Spotlight; your local SD county fair; and the 2014 SD State Fair Junior Heifer Show with the co-signature of parent or guardian to aid in the exhibit of heifer in these shows. If a heifer calf is purchased, if you chose to purchase a bred heifer no exhibiting is required.
4. Must be able to provide an amount at least equal to or greater than the amount of the grant to purchase a heifer.
5. Must purchase a heifer from the 2015 SD Simmental Source Sale, 2016 Sioux Empire Farm Show Simmental Sale, 2016 Watertown Winter Farm Show Simmental Sale, 2016 Black Hills Stock Show Simmental Sale.
6. Recipient agrees to abide by rules of the Futurity Show and the 4-H Code of Ethics.
7. Recipient of grant must have the bidder number registered in their name at the sale. We will not transfer grants.
8. Non-compliance with the Grant Rules (by recipients) may affect future chances to receive a grant.

ALL GRANTS WILL BE \$500. Grants are not transferable and do NOT carry over to the next year.

Note: Grants are not limited to a one-time issuance. If you have won a grant before, you may apply again.

Examples:

\$1500 Cost of Heifer
- \$500 Grant
\$1000 Cost to Recipient

\$2000 Cost of Heifer
- \$500 Grant
\$1500 Cost to Recipient

How Recipients Will Be Chosen

1. Selection Committee comprised of at least two non-biased individuals.
2. No names will appear on the application portion submitted to the selection committee.
3. Criteria for judging of grants:
 - Need for financial help through this grant
 - Dedication to the Simmental Breed
 - Ability to care for animal(s)
 - Sense of responsibility
 - Integrity
 - Good candidate for continuing with Simmentals
 - How much effort was put into the application (applicant must fill out their own form)
 - Has applicant received a grant in the last several years? If so, did the recipient adhere to the rules such as showing the heifer at:
1. County Fair
2. SDJSA Futurity Heifer Show at the Summer Spotlight
3. SDSF Junior Heifer Show
4. Grant recipients will be announced prior by December 15, 2015.

Applications are due December 1, 2015.

Download entire application at www.southdakotasimmental.com or contact Jeremy Lehrman.

SDSA, Jeremy Lehrman,
25064 432nd Ave
Spencer, SD 57374
Cell: 605-530-5909
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SDSA ANNUAL MEETING/SALE

December 18, 2015

NEW LOCATION

5:30 pm Social
6:30 pm Meal and Banquet
SD Jr. Simmental Association Fundraising Auction to follow dinner.

Ramada Hotel, Mitchell, SD
Room Block under the SD Simmental Association, 605-996-6501

***RSVP for meal reservations to Jeremy Lehrman by December 14 at 605-530-5909.**

**South Dakota Simmental Source Sale
December 19, 2015 | Noon
Mitchell Livestock, Mitchell, SD**

Go to www.southdakotasimmental.com to download the catalog or contact the sale management. See our ad in this issue!

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Sioux Empire Farm Show

January 27, 2016
Sioux Falls, SD

Black Hills Stock Show

February 6, 2016
Rapid City, SD

Watertown Winter Farm Show

February 12, 2016
Watertown, SD

SDSA SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Dakota Simmental Association Board of Directors will award two \$500 scholarships in 2015 to a 2016 graduating high school senior or post secondary student. Applicants must have been raised on a ranch, registered or commercial, and have an interest in Simmental cattle. Applications are due December 1, 2015. Download an application at www.southdakotasimmental.com or contact Jeremy Lehrman (windycreek@triotel.net or 605-530-5909) for more information.

Scholarships will be awarded at the South Dakota Annual Banquet on December 18, 2015, in Sioux Falls, SD.



BLAG Belle 214C

GLS New Direction X184 x Mr
NLC Upgrade U8676
PB SM - Show Heifer Prospect



STAV Beefmaker 515C

WS Beefmaker R13 x LFE Red
Ridge 322A
PB SM - Show Heifer Prospect



MOR Miss Maverick 501C

HILB Maverick A43 x KGH
Beyond Reality 0141X
5/8 SM - Show Heifer Prospect



Miss Werning RJ 5086C

Yardley Utah x Miss Werning KP 8543U
PB SM - Show Heifer Prospect



KRJ B420

SS Golmine L42 x CAR
Efficient 534
3/4 SM - Bred to
KNH Added Value



Miss Dux Bristol 403B

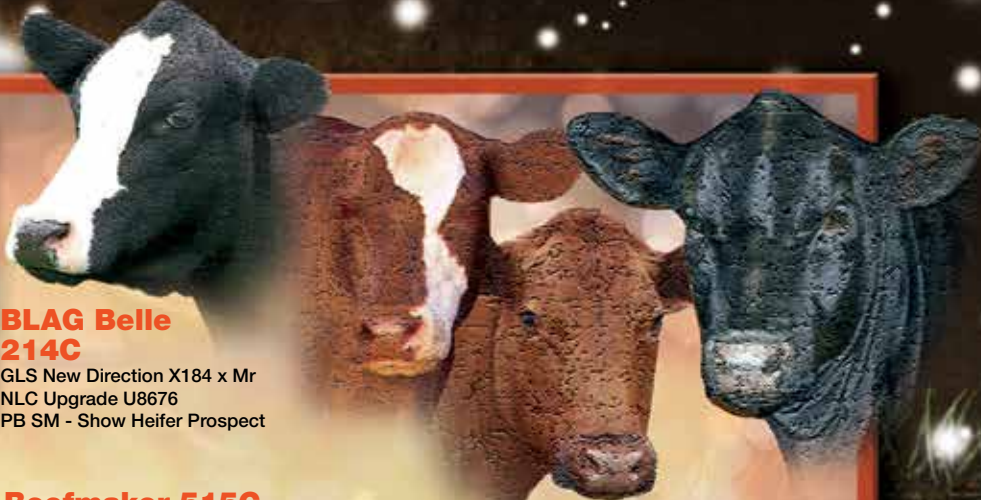
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Built Right N48
1/2 SM - Hooks Broadway 6B



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SS Undreamabull
PB SM - Bred to W/C No Remorse



NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CLASSIC

June 16-20, 2015 - Austin, MN
 Junior Champion Overall - Sawyer Naasz, SD
 Senior 7th Overall - Riley Zoss

South Dakota Participants

back row: Adam Eichacker, Sterling Kappes, Austin Dockter, Shannon Duxbury, Nicolette Schmidt, Riley Zoss, Sawyer Naasz
 front row: Kylie Harriman, Cassandra Twedt, Jade Twedt, Taten Twedt, Ryan Blagg, Abby Blagg, Mitchell Schmidt

SD SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

July 23-26, 2015 – Huron, SD

FUTURITY SHOW

Champion % Heifer

Rachel Derksen

Purchased from Neil Duxbury Family

Reserve % Heifer

Cassandra Twedt

Purchased from Chestnut Angus/Raatz Farm

Champion PB Heifer

Drew Pederson

Purchased from Miller Simmentals

Champion Steer

Lance Amundson

Purchased from Steve Ulmer

Reserve Steer

Ivan Blume

Purchased from Krick Cattle Co.

OPEN SHOW

Champion % Heifer - Chesney Effling

Reserve % Heifer - Cagney Effling

Champion PB Heifer - Rafe Witenjtes

Reserve PB Heifer - Jenna Dockter

Champion Steer - Talli Heim

Reserve Steer - Kylie Beare

SHOWMANSHIP

Champion Senior Showman

Cagney Effling

Champion Junior Showman

Chesney Effling

Champion Jr. Jr. Showman

Sydney Johnson

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR

September 3-7, 2015 – Huron, SD

SIMMENTAL SPECIAL

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Reserve % Heifer - Dani Jo Stoltz

Champion PB Heifer - Kenidey Effling

Champion PB Heifer - Jenna Dockter

Champion Steer - Levi Vanderlaan

Reserve Steer - Payton Geppert

Champion Senior Showmanship

Austin Dockter

Champion Junior Showmanship

Ivan Blume

Champion Jr. Jr. Showmanship

Sydney Johnson

4- H SHOW

Champion % Heifer - Chesney Effling

1st Overall Champion

Reserve % Heifer - Adam Eichacker

Champion PB Heifer - Kenidey Effling

3rd Overall Champion

Reserve PB Heifer - Kaitlyn Micheel

Champion Steer - Talli Heim

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South Dakota SIMMENTAL SOURCE SALE

December 19, 2015
Mitchell, SD
Mitchell Livestock Auction



1/2 SimAngus

TSN Miss Prem Beef B053 | ASA# 2876057

GW Premium Beef X TSN Miss Aberdeen X153
Calved: 3/19/14 BW: 89 WW: 636 YW: 938
CE: 16.2 BW: -0.8 WW: 70.8 YW: 122.2 MCE: 10.5 MM: 24.1
MWW: 59.5 YG: -0.21 MB: 0.41 REA: 0.98 API: 152 TI: 80
Bred: 5/15/15 to CCR Frontier

Here's a female right off the top of the replacement heifers. Ratioed 122 at weaning to rank 1st of 25 and 118 at yearling to rank 1st of 24.



Purebred

TSN Miss Tanker B064 | ASA# 2876047

TNT Tanker X TSN Miss Stetson X458
Calved: 3/14/14 BW: 91 WW: 606 YW: 917
CE: 6.7 BW: 3.0 WW: 81.1 YW: 123.9 MCE: 6.9 MM: 22.0
YG: -0.35 MB: 0.12 REA: 1.11 API: 115 TI: 77
Bred: 5/14/15 to G A R Prophet

A stout Tanker daughter ranking second at weaning and yearling only to our other consignment.

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BEEF PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY - PART 1

Gordon F. Jones, Professor of Animal Science, Western Kentucky University (Retired)

Efficiency has been one of the major buzz words in the beef industry for the last few years being discussed at every level of the beef production chain. Many outstanding beef cattle researchers have delved into research relating in some way to measuring and defining efficiency of beef production, and most breed associations have made some attempt to include measures of efficiency in their suite of Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's) or Index values. Also, many seedstock producers promote bulls as being selected to improve some parameter of production efficiency.

In addressing beef production efficiency, discussion should begin with cow efficiency. Dr. Roy Burris did an excellent job of laying the basic groundwork relating to cow efficiency in his March Cow Country News article. Dr. Burris suggested that the long used ratio of calf weaning weight to cow weight was a good starting point to consider. He suggested a goal of 50% or greater with a calf of "high value". It is important to emphasize producing a "high value" feeder calf or a replacement heifer, and one of the main ways to get uniform calves of higher value is to get a large percentage of the calves born during the first 30 days of the calving season. Heifers born early in the calving season usually reach puberty and begin to cycle earlier than heifers born later in the calving season. Furthermore, heifers that become pregnant early in the breeding season and calve in the first one third of the calving season usually have much greater lifetime production compared to heifers that calve later in the season. So, the most important efficiency to emphasize for cow/calf producers is reproductive efficiency.

Producers should set reproductive goals for their farms and work toward achieving those goals. A realistic goal is a 60 to 75 day calving season with 70% of the calves being born during the first 30 days of the season. It is also realistic to expect greater than a 95% calf crop (calves weaned/cows exposed to the bull). Another goal should relate to longevity of production, and a realistic goal is for cows to calve regularly for 10 to 12 years. Most economic research shows longevity of production or cow stayability to be the greatest profit driver for cow/calf herds. Achieving these ambitious goals involves both genetics and the environmental factors of nutrition, herd health, and outstanding husbandry.

Now what do we know about the science of brood cow efficiency? We know clearly that as cow size increases the nutritional requirements for body maintenance increase. Maintenance requirements increase at the 0.7 power of body weight which means that an 1100 pound cow has a 7% greater requirement than a 1000 pound cow and a 1400



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pound cow would have a 28% greater requirement for maintenance than a 1000 pound cow. Dr. Gene Rouse, Professor Emeritus of Animal Science at Iowa State University shared that 70% of the feed or nutrient use in the US beef industry is for body maintenance and only 30% is actually used for production. Consequently, any time the maintenance requirement for cattle is reduced, there will likely be an improvement in efficiency. This concept applies to brood cows as well as for cattle in the stockering and finishing phases of production.

It should be clear that cows with more milk production potential have greater nutrient requirements during lactation, but researchers at the University of Nebraska and at the US Meat Animal Research Center have shown that cows with higher milk production potential also have higher maintenance requirements during the dry period as well. This is related to the fact that cows with greater milk production potential have greater visceral organ mass relative to empty body weight compared to cows with lower milk production potential. The rumen, small and large intestines, liver, heart, and kidneys tend to be larger in cows with more milk production potential. The gastro intestinal tract and liver make up only 10% of the cow's body mass, but combine to use 40 to 50% of total energy expenditure in a beef cow.

There is no argument about the need for an adequate level of high quality colostrum to provide antibody protection to the newborn calf. Also, an adequate supply of milk is necessary to provide nutrition to the calf until the calf becomes capable of grazing or consuming enough stored roughages for optimal



growth. Since genetic evaluation systems have included milk EPD's, many breeders have continually selected to increase milk production potential. The result is that many commercial cows today have very high milk production potential. So, how efficiently do calves convert milk to weight gain? Lewis and co-workers at the University of Nebraska compared the pounds of milk required per pound of calf gain for low, medium and high milk production cows and found the conversion ratio of milk to calf weight gain to be 11.6, 15.2 and 52.6 for the low, medium and high milk producing cows, respectively. These data indicate that calves are much less efficient in converting large volumes of milk to weight gain. Consequently, meeting the nutrient requirements of cows with high milk production potential may be a wasteful use of feedstuffs.

Another concern about cows with high milk production potential relates to what may happen if feed/forage supplies are limited such as in a drought year. Dr. Dave Lalman's work at Oklahoma State University shows that cows with high milk production potential may actually produce less milk than cows with lower milk production potential in situations where feed resources are restricted. The other net result for the cows with high milk production potential is that those cows are likely to be in a state of negative energy balance when feed resources are limited; thus, the likelihood of those cows becoming pregnant in a 60 to 75-day breeding season is reduced.

In summary, to realize optimal efficiency in the cow herd, it is of extreme importance to have cows that are adapted to the farm environment and that thrive and reproduce on the available forage resources of the farm. Identifying and producing or purchasing cows of optimal size and milk production potential for a particular farm is the ideal way to have an efficient cow/calf operation. There are many advantages to having a relatively short calving season with a high percentage of calves born during the first 30 days of the season. Efficiency in the growing and

finishing phases of production will be discussed next month.

Editors Note: Dr. Gordon Jones was a presenter at the 2015 ASA Fall Focus. This is part one of a series of articles that will appear in the ND Scene/SD SimmenTeller that were originally written for Cow Country News. Dr. Jones retired in 2010 as professor of animal science after 40 years on faculty at Western Kentucky University. Jones also served six years on the beef improvement committee of the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) and is currently a member of the technical committee of RAAA. Dr. Jones and his family have been in the

swine seedstock business for over 50 years and is currently involved with his family's operation – Red Hill Farms Red Angus & Simmental. He works with commercial producers in planning selection programs and crossbreeding systems.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

December 2015

- 3 Maple Lake Stock Farms Female & Prospect Sale --- Grand Clairere, MB
- 7 Dakota Made Production Sale --- Salem, SD
- 11 North Dakota Simmental Association Annual Meeting & Banquet --- Mandan/Bismarck, ND
- 12 North Dakota Simmental Classic Sale --- Mandan, ND
- 14 Shades of the Prairie Sale --- Brandon, MB
- 18 South Dakota Simmental Association Annual Meeting & Banquet --- Mitchell, SD
- 19 South Dakota Simmental Source Sale --- Mitchell, SD
- 19 Checkers & Fullblood Perfection Simmental Sale --- Ponoka, AB
- 19 Money Makin' Mama's 2nd Annual Sale --- Ames, IA

January 2016

- 15-17 American Simmental Association Annual Meeting --- Denver, CO
- 18 National Western "The One" Simmental Sale --- Denver, CO
- 27 Sioux Falls Farm Show and Sale --- Sioux Falls, SD
- 30 A/H Cattle Company Annual Bull Sale --- Aberdeen, SD
- 30 Double J Farms Annual Private Treaty Bull Sale --- Garretson, SD

February 2016

- 2 James Creek Simmental Bull & Female Sale --- Heaton, ND
- 3 Begger's Diamond V Ranch Bull Sale --- Wibaux, MT
- 4 Stavick Simmentals "King of the Range" Sale --- Aberdeen, SD
- 5 Kunkel Simmentals Annual Production Sale --- New Salem, ND
- 6 Black Hills Stock Show and Sale --- Rapid City, SD
- 6 Klain Simmental Ranch Annual Production Sale --- Turtle Lake, ND
- 7 Hartman Cattle Company Simmental Bull Sale --- Tecumseh, NE
- 8 Benda Ranch Annual Bull Sale --- Kimball, SD
- 8 Dakota Power Bull Sale --- Valley City, ND
- 8 Edge of the West Bull & Female Sale --- Mandan, ND
- 9 Bichler Simmentals Bull & Female Sale --- Linton, ND
- 9 Werning Cattle Company's 35th Annual Production Sale --- Mitchell, SD
- 10 Traxinger Simmental Annual Bull Sale --- Claremont, SD
- 10 Wilkinson Farms "Breeding for the Future" Bull Sale --- Napoleon, ND
- 11 Hart Simmentals Beef Builder Bull Sale --- Frederick, SD
- 11 Lassle Ranch Simmentals Sale --- Glendive, MT
- 12 Bata/Olafson 19th Annual Production Sale --- Rugby, ND
- 12 TNT Simmentals Bull Sale --- Almont, ND
- 12 Watertown Winter Farm Show & Sale --- Watertown, SD
- 13 Ekstrum Simmentals Annual Bull Sale --- Kimball, SD
- 13 Kenner Simmental Ranch 20th Annual Production Sale --- Leeds, ND
- 14 Kline Simmental Annual Bull Sale --- Hurdsfield, ND
- 14 Rydeen Farms Annual Production Sale --- Clearbrook, MN
- 14 Wicks Cattle Annual Bull Sale --- Richardton, ND
- 16 Quandt Brothers/VJT Ranch "Power By Design" Private Treaty Sale --- Oakes, ND

February 2016 , cont.

- 18 M & J Farms Simmental & Angus Bull & Female Sale --- Russell, MB
- 19 Dakota Xpress Annual Bull and Female Sale --- Mandan, ND
- 19 R & R Cattle Company's Annual Production Sale --- Chamberlain, SD
- 20 Ellingson Simmentals Annual Production Sale --- Rugby, ND
- 20 Kappes Simmental Production Sale --- Aberdeen, SD
- 23 Larson's XL Simmentals 38th Annual Bull Sale --- Mandan, ND
- 24 C Diamond Ranch Annual Bull Sale --- Dawson, ND
- 25 Brink Simmentals Annual Bull Sale --- Elkader, IA
- 27 Double T Simmentals Annual Private Treaty Bull Sale --- Turtle Lake, ND
- 27 Lewis Farms 31st Annual Bull Sale --- Spruce Grove, AB

March 2016

- 4 Eichacker Simmentals Annual Bull Sale --- Salem, SD
- 4 LaBatte Simmentals 36th Annual Bull & Female Sale --- Moose Jaw, SK
- 4 M&J Ranch/G&D Simmentals 2nd Annual Bull Sale --- Devils Lake, ND
- 5 22nd McMillen Ranching Production Sale --- Carievale, SK
- 7 Ashworth Farm & Ranch Annual Bull Sale --- Oungre, SK
- 13 Rebels of the West Bull Sale --- Virden, MB
- 14 Keller's Broken Heart Ranch Production Sale --- Mandan, ND
- 15 TSN Simmentals Annual Bull Sale --- Platte, SD
- 18 3C Christensen Ranch Annual Production Sale --- Wessington, SD
- 24 Wheatland Cattle Company Bull Sale --- Bienfait, SK
- 25 Rust Mountain View Ranch's Annual "Ace in the Hole" Production Sale --- Turtle Lake, ND

April 2016

- 2 Elliott Livestock/Tri-E Simmentals Bull Sale --- Clifford, ND
- 9 Hansen Stock Farm Annual Bull Sale --- Carrington, ND
- 12 Thomas Ranch Annual Bull Sale --- Harrold, SD
- 23 Christensen Simmentals Production Sale --- Wessington Springs, SD

June 2016

- 23-25 Western Regional Junior Classic --- Bozeman, MT

July 2016

- 9-15 AJSA National Classic --- Des Moines, IA

Private Treaty Sales

- CK Cattle, Highmore, SD
- Dakota Simmental, Colome, SD
- Junck's Simmental, Sioux City, IA
- Rolling Prairie Simmentals, Glenfield, ND
- S/M Fleckvieh, Garretson, SD
- Spirit Ranch, Zap, ND
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NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JUSTIN HANSON



Justin Hanson

The 2015 recipient of the North Dakota Simmental Association Scholarship is Justin Hanson, Hannaford, ND. He is the son of Kelly & Michelle Hanson of Triple H Simmentals.

Justin is a freshman at NDSU in Fargo and is majoring in Ag Business. His future goals include working for an elevator and becoming the general manager, but he also would like to end up back at the family ranch.

Growing up, he assisted his family with every part of the operation – feeding, breeding, calving, haying, fencing, and preparing for their annual bull sale. He also spent many years showing cattle in the junior program around the state and through the American Junior Simmental program.

The North Dakota Simmental Association Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship granted to a high school graduate or college freshman each year. Applicants must be enrolling in a two or four-year post high school educational program and must pursue a degree in an agricultural program. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the North Dakota Simmental Association website and is due March 15 each year.



Chris Nicholson of C Diamond Ranch, Dawson, welcomed the tour participants to their ranch.



A young calf at C Diamond Ranch.



Several pens of cattle were on display at Crosshair Simmentals.



Ben Kleppe introduces his family and explains the operation of Crosshair Simmentals, Dawson.

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December 12, 2015

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STAV KING OF CLUBS 106Y x TJ MISS BANDO U16
CE 5.6 BW 4.0 WW 80.6 YW 130.8 MCE 7.4
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4.21.15 GW Comfort Zone 2605948. PE to 2503199
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ASA# (2957359) • Black • Polled • PB SM
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Milk 25.9 MWW 63.0 API 105.7 TI 71.2



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ASA# 2841979 • Red • Polled • PB SM
LFE RED RIDGE 809W x CMS UNICE 818U
CE 3.9 BW 4.3 WW 66.0 YW 94.2 MCE -0.2
Milk 21.6 MWW 54.6 API 85.7 TI 60.0
5.28.15 ALL Around 2675740. PE to 2503199 6.05.15-
6.25.15. Safe to AI.



STAV/KOD 535C

ASA# 2957154 • Het Black • Polled • PB SM
CDI KING OF DIAMONDS x STAV MS RED IRON 207Z
CE 7.9 BW 4.6 WW 87.1 YW 126.0 MCE 12.8
Milk 14.7 MWW 58.3 API 122.3 TI 78.9

SD Simmental Source Sale

December 19, 2015

Mitchell, SD

1 Bred Heifer & 2 Open Heifers



STAV/MS GAMECHANGER 432B

ASA# 2841988 • Black • Polled • PB SM
GW GAME CHANGER 823Y x REMINGTON LEGACY 8U
CE 7.1 BW 3.2 WW 67.7 YW 96.6 MCE 9.4
Milk 29.0 MWW 62.9 API 112.6 TI 69.8
4.21.15 Grandmaster with a hf calf ASA #: 2281133.
PE to 2503199 6.05.15-6.25.15. Safe to AI.



STAV/BEEFMAKER 515C

ASA# 2957206 • Red • Polled • PB SM
WS BEEF MAKER R13 x STAV MS REDRIDGE 322A
CE 5.5 BW 6.4 WW 87.2 YW 122.4 MCE 9.2
Milk 20.9 MWW 64.5 API 116.8 TI 81.2

STAV/MS IRONMAN 553C

ASA# 2957103 • Black • Polled • 3/4 SM 1/4 AN
STAV MR IRONMAN 915W x STAV MS SHARPER IMAGE 26
CE 9.7 BW 0.8 WW 78.1 YW 114.9 MCE 13.1
Milk 20.9 MWW 59.9 API 143.0 TI 80.9

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AI bred To LRS Elevate on 4/27/15



Purebred - Feb. Open

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WCS MS Tailored 40B | ASA# 2874286

KS Tailored x TC Aberdeen
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AI bred To SDS Graduate on 4/28/15



3/4 SimAngus - Bred

WCS Ms Combustible 417B | ASA# 2874244

FBF1 Combustible x WCS Mr Half 245M
EPDs: 9 1.7 53 74 8.4 20 47 API: 109 TI: 56
AI bred to ASR Augustus (Genex Bull) on 4/27/15



3/4 SimAngus - Bred

WCS Ms Tailored 4019B | ASA# 2874227

KS Tailored x LRS WCS Old School 35W
EPDs: 12 1.1 58 95 9.3 20 49 API: 123 TI: 65
AI bred to SDS Graduate on 4/28/15



Purebred - Bred

WCS Ms Power 4023B | ASA# 2874233

ES Power Up x LRS WCS Master Design 58
EPDs: 6 4.1 83 114 8.2 15 56 API: 111 TI: 72
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