

2nd Yon Fall Sale Successful

Yon Family Farms hosted its second Fall Bull and Female Sale on November 5, 2005 at the farm in Ridge Spring, SC. Coming 2-year-old bulls were the first group to sell, with 66 forage-developed bulls averaging \$2927. The top selling bull at \$5000 was Lot 2, a son of Bon View New Design 208 to Spanish Oakes Farm in Blackstock, SC. He offered excellent EPD's in all areas and was a powerful bull. Yon Expectation P315, who sold as Lot 5, commanded the 2nd top selling price at \$4700 for Darrell & Karen Quarles, Johnston, SC. Rounding out the top three was Lot 8 at \$4400. He was a stout growth bull by Yon Southern Rock L26 and was the favorite of Ed and Grace Satcher from Ridge Spring, SC. The fourth high selling bull was selected by Jeff Flowe from York, SC, who chose Lot 7, a Future Direction son at \$4200. Lot 1, a New Design 208 son and Lot 4, an Expectation son, completed the top five at \$4100 each to Robert Duvall, Westminster, SC, and Mike Chandler, Sardis, GA respectively. Bidding was active though out the sale with calving ease bulls that offered powerful growth being the most popular bulls of the day. Goldsboro Hog Farm located in NC, as well as Mike Chandler from Sardis, GA were volume buyers at the sale. United Producers, housed in Ohio, was also a volume buyer, purchasing 7 bulls for their Southeastern bull leasing customers. All the bulls stayed relatively close to home with most of the bulls going to progressive commercial cattlemen in SC, NC, and GA. Following the Bull Sale, registered Angus females were next in the sale order. Top selling female was Lot 84, Yon Burgess K63, a PAPA Durabull daughter with an October 2005 heifer calf at side by SAV 8180 Traveler 004. She sold for \$5000 to Harry Tobin whose Angus operation is in Lodge, SC. Also selling at \$5000 was Lot 89/89A with the bred cow by Coneally Freightliner going to Jeff Pitts in Little Mountain, SC for \$2400 and the fancy January 2005 show prospect by Future Direction finding a new home in Loudon, TN with Ken and Beth Gentry at \$2600. The third high Angus lot sold for \$4700 and was Lot 90/90A, with the cow going to Byron Dasher from Augusta, GA at \$2700 with her January 2005 heifer selling for \$2000 to the Gentry's in TN. The top bred heifers sold for \$3500 each with Gray Davis, Saluda, SC, selecting Lot 97, a Burgess daughter by Twin Valley Precision E161. The other high seller was a Lot 110,

a BCC Bushwacker daughter who was the choice of Robert Wagener, Loudon, TN. The top bred cow was a daughter of Papa Durabull, Yon Hazel K152, who sold as Lot 111 and brought a price of \$3600, selling to Dickie Smith from Black Rock, AR. The 43 Angus female lots sold for an average of \$3074. Many Angus buyers took home 3-4 lots to add to their Angus programs in SC, NC, GA, TN, and AR. Finishing up the sale was a strong group of twelve registered Charolais female lots which averaged \$2037. The obvious Charolais favorite of the day was Lot 129, a bred heifer by Cigar, due to Wyoming Wind. She sold for \$3000 to K&P Cattle in Hartwell, GA, who was the volume Charolais buyer of the day, along with Jeff Flowe from York, SC. Open House specials were held on cattle handling equipment, fencing, seed, cattle feeders, hay rings, and mineral feeders. The auction was lively, and there was a standing room only crowd, Mike Jones served as auctioneer for the event. Darren Carter worked the telephones and David Gazda, Floyd Wampler, Steve McGill, and Luke Mobley were ringmen.

Younguns's Corner

Fall has been busy for all the children, showing cattle and pigs, playing football and volleyball, in addition to school. Sally had a good show season with her Precision E161 heifer and won several championships, with the highlight being the Champion of the Junior Show at the SC State Fair. Corbin's Wyoming Wind won Reserve in the Open Charolais show at the State Fair. Drake's fall show highlight came at the State Fair, where he was selected the Overall Champion Pig Showman. All the children really enjoyed the pigs and are looking forward to exhibiting them again next year. The whole family made the trip to the National Angus Meeting in Louisville in November. Drake shot a 6 point buck a few weeks ago and both boys have been coon hunting, dove hunting, and are looking forward to duck & goose hunting. We are all enjoying Audrey, Ben and Leslie's little girl, growing and doing "baby stuff". She is cute as a button. Hard to believe, Sally, can get her permit in less than a month, turning 15, the day after Christmas! Seems like just yesterday she was Audrey's age!

Missing>>>> *Following the Fall Sale, we believe Sally's favorite light gray cat hitched a ride—if you found an extra cat on your return trip, contact us.*



Observations on Handling Cattle...

1. Cattle often take on the personalities of their owners.
2. Cattle move AWAY from noise.
3. Never walk, stand, or visit, in FRONT of the chute, especially when work is being performed at the BACK of the chute. (AI, etc.)
4. Cattle MUST have an opening or "daylight" to go toward if you are trying to move them forward.
5. Cattle have excellent memories.
6. Twisting the tail with too much force results in unsightly broken tails.
7. If you need to sort out a particular cow from a group, don't let her see you make eye contact, UNLESS she turns to escape.
8. The calmer you work, the calmer the cattle will remain.
9. Facilities can make working cattle a pleasure or can be part of a recipe for disaster.
10. Some people will always be in the wrong place at the wrong time.
11. If your spouse says they are "going to the house" in the heat of battle, don't believe them—they would hate to miss the fun.
12. If you have a good dog, use it. If you have one of the "other kind", tie them up or leave them on the truck!
13. Think Like a Cow.

160 Bulls Complete On Farm Test

The bulls to be offered in the February 2006 sale just finished up their 112-day performance test and their performance report is enclosed. Check our website or give us a call to request the updated EPD's which will be available late in December following the new Sire Evaluation release. The bulls are doing great and you are welcome to give us a call and come take a look anytime.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the year 2006!