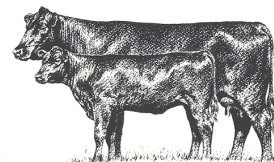




## Farm News January 2012



### Yon Family Farms

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## 22nd Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale February 18, 2012 \* Noon at the Farm \* Come Join Us!

We hope you can join us for the 22nd Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale at the farm on February 18th. The bulls were tested on a 112-day gain test, with more fall grazing incorporated than ever before, due to the mild winter we have had thus far. There will be over 125 Registered Angus bulls offered and 8 SimAngus, along with a Balancer and a Charolais. All the bulls offered will have passed a breeding soundness exam performed by the team of Dr. Jeff Nordin and Dr. Joel Riley in January of 2012. The bulls were ultrasound in December by Dr. Andy Meadows.

If you cannot attend the sale in person, it will be broadcast live on the internet through DV Auctions and there will also be a telephone number to call in for phone bidders. We will also be happy to bid for you or put you in touch with an absentee bidder. Check our website for photos of several of the bulls and video updates as they become available, in late January/early February.

This newsletter contains the summary of bulls that will sell in the February sale, by lot number, which is the order in which they will sell on sale day. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a visit prior to sale weekend, feel free to contact us at 803-622-8597 or email, [kyon@pbtcomm.net](mailto:kyon@pbtcomm.net)



### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SALE CATALOGS

Unfortunately, we received numerous calls from many of you notifying us that you received your catalog for the Fall Sale approximately one to three weeks following the sale date. The books were mailed by standard mail one month prior to the sale from the printer and should have arrived to most addresses within a couple of weeks at the latest. After a bit of research, it appears that a large number of books took a lengthy vacation stop at the Charlotte, NC distribution center. Despite our best efforts, many of you did not get the book in a timely manner and we apologize for that. (By the way in case you are wondering, the postal service said they were very sorry, and as long as it was delivered at all there is no refund due the sender for postage—interesting) Anyway..... We are sorry it happened!

The sale catalog is always available for viewing/printing from our website at [www.yonfamilyfarms.com](http://www.yonfamilyfarms.com) as soon as it is put together in mid January, as well as at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) (go to API/Angus Journal, then Sale Books). A complete listing of bulls in the sale is included in this newsletter by Lot number. If you received this newsletter, you are on our mailing list until you request to be removed. Please help us by giving us any address changes.....



## Yon Family News

We have enjoyed a very mild winter thus far, and spent a great deal of our spare time this Fall at Corbin's final year of high school football. The Clemson Tigers also had a good football season and the Yon Youngun's spent several Saturdays cheering on their team. We took heifers to the SC State Fair in October, and Sally finished up her final Angus show season as an Angus junior member. All of us but Drake made it to Louisville for the American Angus Annual meeting. Kevin went to a Certified Angus Beef Board meeting in December, and Sally followed a week later to attend the CAB Building Blocks conference in Wooster, OH. Drake and Sally are busy looking into summer internship possibilities and Corbin is waiting to hear where he has been accepted to college, after applying to Auburn, Clemson, and UGA. All the kids got a few weeks at home for Christmas break, which worked out well as Chris traveled to New Jersey, and Matt to Florida to spend some time with their families. Drake and Rusty are scheduled to attend AI school in January. We ended up 2011 with 580 fall calves born by year end. The crew is busy breeding cows and calving the "Spring Calvers" from now until the end of March.

### Recent Notes of Interest:

**Phil Perry** (Saluda Co. Extension Agent) is running for the SC House of Representatives! He would serve House District 39 which encompasses parts of Saluda and Lexington counties. Phil will represent us with integrity and will always take a common sense approach. An added bonus, there could not be a better advocate for Agriculture, and Phil will represent our industry for the entire state, not just District 39. Consider giving him your support!

Along those same lines, congratulations to our friend **Melanie Sojourner**, for being elected to the Mississippi Senate. Melanie's family has been in the cattle business for years, and she is a former employee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. We are so pleased to see good people, with "ag roots" enter the arena of politics.

**Earl Forrest** was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame in Kansas City, MO in October of 2011. Mr. Earl bought his first Hereford cow in 1941 from Clemson University and has been going strong ever since. We commend the entire Forrest family on the fantastic job they do with their cattle operation.

The SC Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Achievement Award winners for 2011 are **Ryan and Dohnia Galloway**, from Darlington, SC. They will compete in Hawaii for the American Farm Bureau Award. The Galloways are long time friends and customers and they also have a beautiful new baby girl, Dohnia Elizabeth.

**Henry Black** was named the Saluda County Cattlemen of the year. Henry's father was also the recipient of this honor several years ago. Henry has commercial and registered Angus cattle and takes an active role in Farm Bureau as well. Congratulations to Henry (and his brother Wayne and nephew, Will) who Henry shared the honor with.

Our "down the road" neighbor, **Cody Webb**, just received a mechanical engineering degree from Clemson in December. Many of you have met Cody and his parents (who have cameras in hand at every Yon sale). We wish him much success as he heads to Nashville to try his hand at a career in music. He is very talented and best of all is just a good old boy.

We have a special prayer request for a special family friend who also happens to be Drake's roommate, **Cory Watt**. Cory is a fine young man that loves Angus cattle and has participated in numerous NJAA activities his entire life. He is battling his third malignant brain tumor with surgery on January 3rd and treatment to follow. Please keep Cory and his parents, Jody & Rebecca, and little sister, Carly, in your prayers. (Cory's Uncle is Mark Duffell of Whitestone Farms in VA, a large Angus operation. Mark is a former SC Junior Angus member himself from the early 1980's)

### Pointers for helping your new bull transition from our place to yours.....

1. Remember he is away from "home" for the first time. Everything is new and strange to him. Treat him as quietly and calmly as you possibly can. He will probably be a little excited, so you need to be extra calm.
  2. It is not necessary to "shut him in a pen or stall". He has never lived in a pen or a stall here, and would prefer a lot or a pasture to give him room to exercise, move about, and check out his surroundings.
  3. A "friend" is a good thing. Preferably an older cow or two who knows the ropes would be ideal to have in the location he is going to. Animals are much more comfortable if they are not alone. This does not mean it is a good idea to put him in a bull lot with other bulls you may already own. This could result in an all out war.
  4. There is no real reason that the bull cannot go straight in with the girls you want him to breed. Keep in mind he has never lived with females and he may find them strange at first. He will come around to the idea.
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