

26TH ANNUAL SYDENSTRICKER INFLUENCE COMMERCIAL HEIFER SALE

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at Callaway Livestock Auction, Kingdom City, MO
6 p.m., December 7, 2023 • Selling 123 Heifers

Located four miles east of the junction of U.S. 54 and Interstate 70. Turn on the SE outer road (at the first stoplight south of the I-70 overpass), and follow it back north, then east, about four miles.

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50 BLACK AND BWF BRED HEIFERS

All were AI bred to SydGen Enhance (Reference Sire T) on May 26, 2023. From June 9 to August 17, they were exposed to sons of SydGen Blueprint, SydGen Enhance, SydGen Merit 6553, De-Su Volunteer B122, SydGen Black Diamond 2768, Bakers Northside 6007, Mogck Sniper 16, HPCA Early Bird 65 and SydGen Aim 0001. All sires have CED of +7 or better, with genomically enhanced EPDs, the same requirements of Show Me Select service sires.

Heifers were ultrasounded and fetal sexed on August 18. They will be sorted by expected calving date and sex of the calf. Steermates were fed at Cattle Ridge, Wisner, NE, and processed at Cargill in Schuyler, NE. They dressed at 66%, and earned average carcass premium of \$5.30/cwt.

25 BLACK AND BWF TWO YEAR OLD PAIRS

Calves are born from October 1 through November 15. These are all naturally sired by SydGen bred bulls that are sons of SydGen Blueprint,

SydGen Black Diamond 2768, Bakers Northside 6007, Mogck Sniper 16, HPCA Early Bird 65.

Mershon Cattle is a commercial cattle operation run by the Mershon family in western Missouri. This is the eleventh consecutive year that Mershon Cattle has sold bred heifers in the Sydgen Influence Commercial Heifer Sale. For six years, they have also sold pairs in the Spring SydGen Influence Sale. They have been using SydGen bulls and semen since 2004. Their herd consists of Angus based, cross-bred cows that have been AI bred using Angus, Hereford and Simmental semen. Steers are retained and sold on the grid. All heifers offered are from Mershon Cattle's home-raised cows. Mershon Cattle LLC was awarded the 2013 Missouri Angus Association Commercial Producer of the Year Award. In 2019, they received the BIF Commercial Producer of the Year Award, the most prestigious in the industry. Bruce is Past President of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association and Tracey is a Region 1 Board Member for the Missouri Beef Industry Council.

Bob Vandiver Cattle Co., Richmond, MO
Gary Vandiver 816-260-3888

40 BRED HEIFERS, mostly Angus with a few BWF, all locally sourced from some of the top commercial herds in Ray County, MO. They have had all the standard vaccines, plus pinkeye vaccine, and were pelvic measured and tract scored. They were AI bred to SydGen Black Pearl 2006 (Reference Sire K) and SydGen Enhance (Reference Sire T) on May 10, and exposed to sons of SydGen Enhance from May 24 to July 9, 2023.

Bob Vandiver Cattle Company is a backgrounder and finisher in Richmond, MO. Prior to purchase, cattle are evaluated for genetic attributes that have predictable performance and will produce positive economic returns for the operation. The majority of the Vandiver's retained cattle are NHTC, Natural and GAP approved and are sourced throughout the Midwest. In 2014, a purebred cow herd was started by primarily utilizing Sydenstricker genetics. The cow herd is focused on producing a positive economic return through the beef feeding chain that ends with high quality beef for the consumer. If you have quality Verified program Cattle to sell, give Dale or Gary a call.

Bellis Family Farms / Kirk and Amy Bellis
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8 BRED HEIFERS, sourced in eastern Kansas, and sired by Gardiner Angus Ranch bulls. They were AI bred to SydGen Black Pearl 2006 on May 8, 2023. All were exposed to SydGen Slash 1130 20088451. Preg check indicates 6 are safe to Black Pearl (Reference Sire K), and 2 are safe to the Slash son.

Kirk and Amy Iman Bellis have always been involved in Missouri agriculture. Kirk grew up on a diversified farm in Ray County near Richmond, MO, and they now reside on one of the farms previously owned by Kirk's grandparents. Kirk is retired from Bayer Animal Health and they enjoy raising Angus cattle on the home farm. Amy is the daughter of Nick Iman, Iman Angus near Slater, MO, and a well-known Angus auctioneer for many years. He was very involved in the early days of the Missouri BCIA tested bull sales, and was instrumental in the early years of Sydenstricker Angus sales. Their daughter Holly was Missouri Angus Queen in 2006.

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Project 31

Four years ago, we were approached by Top Dollar Angus to supply semen for a project to validate EPDs and \$Indexes. 53 Hereford x Angus heifers at John Ranch, Huntsville, MO were bred to SAF Focus of ER and SydGen Enhance, both high-accuracy sires but born 19 years apart. The 31 progeny were handled together through weaning, were backgrounded together at John Ranch, were fed at Triangle H Feedlot, and processed at National Beef. The two sires had a difference in their \$B index of \$97 at the conclusion of the study. The actual difference in the value of their progeny, adjusted for feed consumption, was \$171.41, substantiating that the Angus EPDs and \$Indexes are a conservative estimate of the genetic differences in animals. Igenity Beef Scores also verified the differences in the sire groups.

We feel this study substantiates the genetic progress the breed has made in 20 years, and the reliability of our indexes to predict outcomes. To see the full white paper, visit www.topdollarangus.com and click to see the results of Project 31.

Bring Your Semen Tank Sale Day

If you place your semen order with Ben or Darla at the SydGen office by November 4, 2023, we can have semen on ANY ORigen sire available to pick up at the farm on sale day with no shipping charges. Of course, most SydGen sires are always available. For sire information, check the front 12 pages of this sale book, or visit www.ORigenbeef.org

Marketing Opportunities

Sydenstricker Genetics recognizes that being a Full Service Genetic Provider only begins when you buy a bull. There are programs that could help you market your feeder cattle, so feel free to contact us to discuss those programs, including AngusLink, Top Dollar Angus, MFA Health Track Alliance and U.S. Premium Beef.