



*Private Treaty
Bull Sale*

Opening Day

**Friday,
February 3, 2012**

Cattle Viewing at 11 a.m.

Bidding at 1 p.m.

At the Ranch • McHenry, ND

Directions: 9 miles N. of McHenry,
2 miles E. and 1/2 mile N.

Lunch Served

Free Feed & Delivery for
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Offering

30 Yearling Red Angus Bulls





Welcome ...

Cattlemen,

With last winter being one of the worst, one we would all like to forget, we are all getting spoiled with the weather this year. Cattle prices are at all-time highs, and it is very exciting time to be in this business. This years set of bulls are the first set that I have done the breeding on after buying the herd from Dick Harding, Bar R Red Angus, in 2009. I am a firm believer in quality over quantity which is why every cow that can be Aled, is. These bulls are out of some of the best sires out there and I believe it shows. Utilizing top genetics through AI is also showing dividends on the maternal side which, as we all know, is the backbone of what we do.

With a rough spring for many of us, these bulls have come a long way on good grass and mama's milk as these bulls are not creep fed. The bulls were weaned on Sept. 24 and have been on a corn, dry distillers, silage and alfalfa ration ever since. These bulls are brought along slowly to help promote longevity in feet, legs and health. Conservative feeding also allows the bulls to show there genetic potential as the best bulls are putting on more pounds without excess feed.

This year I am doing things a little different and welcome feedback as to how you all like it. I am having a private treaty day sale. Prices will be set on each bull, as they have been in the past, however if more than one party is interested in a bull, bidding will take place between the two parties. The highest bidder gets the bull. This is the fairest way I know to allow everyone a fair chance at each bull. If no one else is interested in that bull you can buy the bull for the price that is set. Any bull not sold on Feb. 3 will be sold afterwards on a first-come, first-served basis. Any questions feel free to call. Please come that day so you don't miss out on any bull!

If you are unable to attend February 3 feel free to come out anytime and look at the bulls and I can get you on the phone sale day. We also are providing a complimentary lunch that day so please come and enjoy a meal with us. Everyone is welcome! I would like to say a special thank you to past and returning customers and look forward to seeing new faces. Red Angus is a growing breed and gaining more and more recognition! Please come and buy with confidence!

Thank you,

Samuel Twedt

Rancher's Guide to EPDs

Courtesy of the Red Angus Assn. of America

For more information on EPDs, visit redangus.org.

- CED..... Calving Ease Direct** – predicts the probability of calves being born unassisted out of 2-year-old heifers.
- BW..... Birth Weight** – predicts the difference, in pounds, for birth weight, and is also used in the calculation of Red Angus' Calving Ease Direct (CED) EPD.
- WW..... Weaning Weight** – predicts the difference, in pounds, for weaning weight (adjusted to age of dam and a standard 205 days of age).
- YW..... Yearling Weight** – predicts the expected difference, in pounds, for yearling weight (adjusted to a standard 365 days of age).
- Milk Milk** – predicts the difference in maternal production of an individual animal's daughters as expressed by the weaning weight of their calves.
- TM..... Total Maternal** – predicts the rancher's actual observation of weaning weights of calves raised by an animal's daughters. $TM\ EPD = Milk\ EPD + 1/2\ (WW\ EPD)$
- ME..... Maintenance Energy** – predicts a bull's daughters that will require less feed to maintain her body weight and condition; thus increasing profitability.
- HPG..... Heifer Pregnancy** – predicts the probability of heifers conceiving to calve at two years of age.
- CEM Calving Ease Maternal** – predicts the probability of a given animal's daughters calving unassisted at two years of age.
- STAY ... Stayability** – predicts the probability that a bull's daughters will remain in the herd until at least six years of age.
- MARB .. Marbling Score** – predicts differences for carcass marbling score as expressed in marbling score units. Higher marbling scores are positively correlated with higher carcass quality grades.
- YG Yield Grade** – predicts differences in USDA Yield Grade score, and is expressed in USDA Yield Grade units.
- CW..... Carcass Weight** – predicts differences in hot carcass weight and is expressed in pounds.
- REA..... Rib Eye Area** – predicts differences of carcass Rib Eye Area between the 12th and 13th rib, expressed in inches.
- FAT..... 12th Rib Fat Thickness** – predicts differences for carcass fat depth over the 12th rib, as expressed in inches.

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