

All Breed Bull Sale March 28 Is All Angus

MT. VERNON, MO.

It has finally happened: the 77th Southwest Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association's All-Breed Bull Sale has only Angus bulls consigned to the March 28 sale.

Not only is the breed selection limited, there are only 26 bulls entered according to Eldon Cole, a livestock specialist with University of Missouri Extension. "However, the quality of the limited consignment is likely the best seen in the sales for a long time," said Cole.

For instance, 11 of the 26 have Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) that qualify as Show-Me-Select sires for calving ease direct in 2011. That's an EPD of 7 or higher in the Angus breed.

Over one-half of the bulls rank in the top 10 percentile of the breed for growth and milk EPDs.

"Most commercial feeder calf producers rate those three traits, calving ease, growth and milk production of daughters as their greatest needs in their breeding program," said Cole.

In addition to having above average EPDs for many of the traits, these bulls range in frame size from a 5.4 to a 7.4 and averaged 1383

pounds at 365 days of age.

The consignors are all cooperators with the University of Missouri Extension livestock specialists in data gathering, which is run through their breed association. Potential carriers for known genetic defects have been tested and declared free of the defect.

Consignors for this sale are all past consignors and include: Blue Mound Angus, Halfway; Clearwater Farm, Springfield; Gillig Angus Farm, Aurora; Brett Naylor, Buffalo; Pitts Angus Farms, Hermitage; Jerry & Patricia Pyle, Seneca and TEKO Angus Farm, Sparta.

The sale location is Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, Springfield. The sale begins at 7:00 p.m. on March 28. A 30-minute program on using EPDs in bull selection will be given at 5:30 p.m. by MU Extension livestock specialists Eldon Cole and Dona Goede.

The bulls will be available for viewing after 10 a.m. sale day.

Request catalogs from sale manager Pam Naylor, Buffalo (417) 345-8330 or your local extension center. The catalog along with some pictures may also be viewed at www.swmobcia.com. △



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