

# Highest Bull, Overall And Simmental Average At 14th IPT Bull Sale

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The Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale was the leadoff event of the 2012 Illinois Beef Expo held on Thursday, February 23rd at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The sale had the highest overall average in the 44 year history at \$3,445 on 77 lots. This exceeded the 2010 sale by \$907 and the record 2011 average by \$465. The University of Illinois Extension, University of Illinois Department of Animal Sciences, and consigning breeders sponsor the sale. Also, Vita Ferm, Illinois Angus Association, and Illinois Simmental Association provide industry support.

This sale has developed into one of the largest performance tested bull sales in the Midwest. During the past 44 years, the sale has sold 4,458 bulls valued at over 7.5 million dollars according to Dave Seibert, Bull Sale Manager. There were four breeds – Angus, Simmental, Polled Herefords, and Red Angus – represented in the 2012 sale.

Highlighting the sale was a yearling Angus from Kramer Angus, Farina that set a new IPT Bull Sale record going at \$8,800 to Alta Genetics located in Watertown, Wisconsin. The January 2011 bull called Kramers Mandate 112 will be moved to a ranch in California for the spring breeding season and then to one of the Alta Genetics Beef AI Studs located in United States or Canada. Alta Genetics has recently moved back into the Beef AI Business and will be offering the Kramer bull along with others to seedstock and commercial producers. The Kramer bull will also be used in international beef cattle herds in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Following close behind in interest generated at the sale was a Rincker Simmental of Shelbyville senior division bull called RS Sturdi Built 759X that sold for \$8,000. This was the third highest price of the 4,458 bulls ever sold at the IPT Bull Sale and purchased by Patyk Farms and Livestock of LaSalle, Illinois. The solid black polled composite bull weighed in at 1707 lbs with a 3.4 WDA for the sale. He was a very balanced EPD bull for the six birth, growth, and carcass traits. He also had a very successful show career being shown eight times and was never beaten in class including the Illinois State Fair. Patyk Farms and Livestock is a large scale seedstock and cow calf operation with cows in Illinois and Nebraska.

The Simmental breed had their most successful IPT Bull Sales ever with nineteen bulls averaging \$3,684. This exceeds their previous high for Simmentals of \$2,565 or \$1,119 more set back in 2008. Both sales had similar number of bulls, 22 in 2008 and 19 in 2012, thus, interest in the Simmental breed was especially strong at the 2012 sale. Following behind the record setting Rincker senior bull were two bulls that brought \$5,000 each. The only red bull in the Simmental offering was a May 2010 senior division sold by Sunny View Farms in Alexander. This long bodied, heavy muscled bull weighing in at 1,940 pounds and was purchased by Turkey Foot Farms from Elizabeth. A second bull commanding the \$5,000 price was from Rincker Simmentals. He is a black polled composite bull out of a popular sire of many of the Angus offering SAV Bismarck 5682. The thick, heavy muscled well-balanced bull was purchased by AF Cattle of Ipava. Rincker Simmentals had a very successful day with five bulls averaging \$4,960.

The next high selling bull at \$4,600 was from Fox Creek Cattle Company of Newton. This black polled February 2011 yearling purebred with excellent growth and carcass EPDs that fell in the top 30 percent along with excellent phenotype was purchased by Schuyler Boyden and Justin Schroeder of Milford. The University of Illinois sold the heaviest bull in the sale of 2,192 pounds. This senior division black polled composite had very desirable birth weight EPDs and growth traits that were in the top one-third of the breed. He had one of the higher \$Value Indexes in the Simmental senior division. He was purchased by Joseph Winter of Elizabeth. Rounding out the Simmental division were two Simmental yearlings from Rincker Simmentals that sold for \$4,000 going to Dean Young of Cambridge and AF Cattle of Ipava.

The largest group of Simmental bulls were those that sold in the \$3,000 to \$3,950 with seven represented. In the Simmental division there were 12 purebred bulls that sold for an average of \$3,092 and seven composite bulls that averaged \$4,700, thus a \$1,608 advantage to the composite bulls.

The Angus breed had the largest numbers of bulls in the sale with 53 head. The Angus breeders offered a very elite set of bulls that had excellent calving ability as measured by Calving Ease Direct with 51 percent of the offering qualifying for the Illinois Heifer Development Program. Many of these same bulls had exceptional growth with adjusted weaning weights over 800 pounds with a couple over 900 pounds. The Angus bulls offering also had several weighing over 1400, and a few in the 1500 range for adjusted yearling weight. The Angus breed is also known for excellent carcass quality and the set of bulls offered at the IPT Bull Sale excelled in

the traits of marbling and ribeye with 21 of the 53 bulls falling into the top one-third of the breed for both traits.

Besides the record setting Kramer Angus bull, other high selling Angus bulls included from Hobbs Angus of Good Hope a \$5,750 bull that excelled in EPDs for growth, carcass and the Economic Value trait of \$ Beef. This January yearling bull had an 806 pound weaning weight and 3.5 WDA. The bull was purchased by Bruns Farm of Carthage. Third high selling bull in the sale was purchased by Glover Angus of Mount Erie. This January yearling was from the Kramer Farms of Farina consignment for \$5,200 that had a yearling weight of 1482 pounds and a WDA of 3.8 pounds. This thick, big volume bull with excellent phenotypic will be used in the Glover seedstock herd.

A January yearling bull by the name of McEwen Impressive 56W-25Y was making his second trip to the Illinois State Fairgrounds for the IPT Bull Sale. His first trip was in August when he was shown by owner John McEwen of Bushnell as part of the Grand Champion Performance Cow-Calf Pair at the 2011 Illinois State Fair. For winning this show the very expensive and prestigious Silver Punch Bowl is awarded that is based on the animal performance and phenotype. John's bull was a very balanced EPD trait bull that excelled in growth and carcass. Buyer of the unique offering was James Smart of LaHarpe, Kansas.

Two yearling Angus bulls tied for the fourth highest price of \$5,000. Murphy's Angus of Illiopolis, who is a long time consigner of performance orientated Angus bulls, offered a January bull that weighed 1543 at check-in with a 3.8 WDA. This heifer eligible bull has an exceptional set of EPDs with all seven traits in the top 30 percent of the breed. C&D of Eldorado purchased the bull. Murphy's Angus was named Illinois Seedstock Breeder of the year this past summer. The other firm receiving \$5000 for their bull was Callan Farms of Stonington. The moderate framed January bull was purchased by Darrell Johnson of Oconee.

The top Power Score bull of the sale with the average percentile ranking of the six EPDs traits of 8.33 was offered by Neubauer Farms of Shirley. This IHDP Calving Ease bull with not a single EPD trait falling below 18 has a phenomenal adjusted weaning weight of 833 and yearling weight of 1590 with a WDA of 4.0 pounds. The high bidder at \$4,600 was Frankfort Farms of Carlinville. Close behind at \$4,450 was a consignment of Aaron & Sue Schafer of Owaneco with a bull out of the most popular sire of the day SAV Bismarck. This October fall senior division bull was heifer eligible and will go to Crown Farms in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

Three bulls commanded the \$4,400 prices with the seller and buyer being: Murphy's Angus to Kyle Corrigan, 9 Oaks at Athens; 4E Angus Farm of Tuscola to Keller Beef Farm, Palmyra, Missouri; and Can Am Cattle Co. of Shelbyville to South Fork Stock Farm of Edinburg.

The Polled Hereford breed had three bulls in the sale and their demand was demonstrated by having the second highest breed average in the sale at \$3,467. On similar number of bulls their average price was \$750 higher than the 2011 sale. The top selling bull at \$4,000 was consigned by Arlyn Rabideau of Clifton. This senior division balanced trait EPD bull was in demand for producers wanting black baldy calves. Following close behind at \$3,400 was a stall mate and twin brother to the top bull. Both of these bulls weighed in at 1,800 pounds. Biggs Polled Herefords of Dixon was the other consigner with a September 2010 bull that led off the division. All three bulls were purchased by Travis Hagen of Hamburg.

Two Red Angus bulls from Steiger Cattle Company completed the offering. Both were heavy muscled, big volume, high growth bulls that should increase the performance and quality of weaning calves and into the feedlot. Both brought \$3,200 with the senior division bull going to George Dorris of West Frankfort and the yearling bull purchased by Dallas Dinka of Casey, Iowa.

Producers interested in viewing a breakdown of all the prices can visit the Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale web site at [www.IPTBullSale.com](http://www.IPTBullSale.com). Also, included on this site are the individual bull prices from the 2012 sale and the numbers and averages from the previous 43 sales. The IPT Bull Sale Advisory committee will be meeting this spring to formulate rules and regulations for the 2013 sale that will be held as the leadoff event of the Illinois Beef Expo.

A complete copy of the Rules and Regulations along with the Nomination Form will be available by September 1st on the sale web site at [www.IPTBullSale.com](http://www.IPTBullSale.com). Nominations will need to be made by December 15, 2012, for the 2013 sale. Seedstock breeders interested in consigning to the 2013 sale should call Dave Seibert at 309-339-3694, send a request to [seibertd@comcast.net](mailto:seibertd@comcast.net), or write to 300 North Street, Washington, IL 61571 to request a hard copy of the Rules and Regulation and Nomination Form. Δ



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