

# Sale Offers Record Number Of Simmentals

**URBANA, ILL.**

**T**he largest number of Simmental bulls – 43 – in the recent history of the sale are listed for the Feb. 21, 2008, Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale to be held on the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

“This is the largest number of Simmental bulls offered in recent years and includes two long-aged senior division bulls calved during January 2006, six junior division bulls calved between July and December 2006, and 35 yearling division bulls calved from January through March 2007,” said Dave Seibert, University of Illinois Extension animal systems educator who oversees the sale.

“Simmental bulls typically add more growth and muscle than British breed bulls, and EPDs allow for a breeder to match genetic selection to his individual cow herd needs for calving ease, growth, milk, and carcass traits.”

Also on the sale program are a combination of 28 purebreds, five three-quarter blood composites, and 10 half-blood composites. Most of the composite bulls are Angus-based. All of the bulls are black except for one red bull, and all of the bulls are polled except for two that are polled/scurred.

“In addition, five of the bulls are eligible to be used on heifers in the Illinois Heifer Development Program because of exceeding the plus-11.2 EPD Calving Ease Direct for purebreds or minus-2.1 EPD Birth Weight for composites,” he noted.

Interested bull buyers can obtain a copy of the sale catalog by contacting Seibert at (309) 694-7501, extension 224, or by e-mail at: [dseibert@uiuc.edu](mailto:dseibert@uiuc.edu), or by mail at 727 Sabrina Drive, East Peoria, 61611. A copy of the sale catalog is also available on the web at: <http://www.IPTBullSale.com> .    Δ