

We're Doing it Different
Part III - March 2, 2015
Arrowsmith Red Angus, Bassett, NE
and Choat Cattle Company, St. Edward, NE

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27 Red Angus Yearling Bulls - \$6,163.00

60 Red Angus 2-year-old Bulls - \$5,250.00

"We're Doing it Different Part III" Arrowsmith Red Angus - Choat Cattle Co. joint production sale was held March 2, 2015 in Burwell, NE. Seedstock and commercial cattlemen merged to make for the largest crowd to date to grace the Burwell Livestock Market seats as well as an active internet bidding crowd.

The 300 commercial replacement heifers that began the sale sold from \$1750 to \$2000 for guest consigners Neil and Mary Ammon of Newport, NE and Scott Boettcher of Atkinson, NE. The front end of the registered offering was the Pick of the Arrowsmith Red Angus 2014 heifer calves. After much activity both on the seats and over the internet, the lot sold at \$17,000 to SSS Red Angus, Dave, Mary Beth and Dylan Sibbald, West Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

When the out gate opened on Lot 17, ARO Uno 44S - Shaggy Meadows Red Angus, Marion, SD made the final bid of \$18,000. He is a JSG Uno son that came to town weaning off at 722 pounds and with a 72 WW EPD and 110 YW EPD. His dam is by the Arrowsmith herd sire SL Express 11S2-97SS.

Tom Kasson, St. Paul, NE paid \$10,250 to own 1/2 interest in ARO Paydirt 424. The two star heifer bull is sired by SSS Pay Dirt 3S7Z and his dam goes back to Basin EXT 74SS. He combines style with balance and performance. Two more Pay Dirt sons left the ring at \$9500. Lot 11 - ARO Paydirt 429 to Broken Heart Red Angus, Firesteel, SD and Lot 12 - ARO Paydirt 431 to Neil and Mary Ammon, Newport, NE. Both bulls posted actual weaning weights over 700 pounds and are backed by very solid cow families with both dams posting MPPA's of over 100.

High Caliber Genetics - Matt, Dawn, Kaydee and Emmet Caldwell, Edgar, NE paid \$9000 to take home Lot 27 - ARO Uno 473. Another JSG Uno son that is cherry red, square hipped and also goes back to the signature maternal ARO herd sire Express. Two more Pay Dirt sons left the ring at \$8000. Commercial cattleman John Mundorf, Mullen, NE selected ARO Paydirt 432, another very complete, cherry red calf with a birth to yearling spread of over 9S pounds. ARO Paydirt 436 was knocked off to Bassett, NE cattleman Glen May. This 3 star heifer bull posted a 7S pound birth weight and came off his Express sired dam at 68S pounds.

Rounding out the yearling offering was ARO Paydirt 427. He commanded the top bid of \$7500 going to Cross Diamond Cattle Co., Bertrand, NE. Another Pay Dirt x Express mating, this calf combined performance with being a 2 star heifer bull.

Leading off the Choat Cattle Company offering was Lot S3 at \$10,500. Bruns Red Angus Ranch, Bloomfield, NE was the winning bidder. Choat Nytol A231, sired by the new Choat herd sire HXC Nytol 1003Y, his dam is a Beckton Epic daughter that posts a 16 Stayability EPD and a 106.2 MPPA.

Keith and Kevin Beierman, Albion, NE began their volume selection with Lot S2 - Choat Jed A222, at \$9250. Sired by the Choat signature calving ease sire Messmer Jed VS10, this bull combines a complete profile with great calving ease genetics going back to SL Norseman King on the bottom side of his pedigree.

Lance Creek, WY cattleman Bud Reed selected Lot S1 at \$9000. Choat Grand Legend A2S2 is a son of ARO Leg-end 916 and his dam is a first calf heifer sired by SL Tradesman and posting an MPPA of 107.7. This bull also posted an impressive WW Ratio of 124.

The final drop of the hammer on Lot S4 - Choat Grand Express A248 landed at \$8500. Vern Griess, Grafton, NE selected this calving ease bull that posted a -7.7 BW EPD with an actual birth weight of 60 pounds. A high volume son of Milk Crk Express 9127, this bull is very loose made and

easy moving. Also selected at \$8500 was Choat Express A288 by Ray Burdick, Johnstown, NE. This ARO Express 022 son is an impressive built individual out of a Normandy Canyon sired dam with an MPPA of 103.7 after 4 calves.

Another Nytol son left the ring at \$8000 going to Robert Schropfre, Ohio, NE. Choat Nytol A161 weaned off his 2-year-old dam at 659 pounds and posted a Stayability EPD of 18 ranking him in the top 2% of the breed.

Volume buyers on the day were Circle Dot Ranch, Hyannis, NE with five bulls; Rhett Shrewsbury, Alliance, NE with five bulls; Keith and Kevin Beierman, Albion, NE with four bulls; and Ben and Craig Pfeifer, Lindsay, NE with three bulls.