

Wedel Red Angus
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 • Leoti, Kansas

108 Red Angus Yearling bulls: \$5,420
16 Charolais x Red Angus Hybrid bulls: \$5,313
8 SimAngus™ Hybrid bulls: \$7,469
132 total yearling bulls: \$5,531

148 Commercial Red Angus open heifers averaged: \$1,363
100 Commercial fall calving Red Angus bred heifers averaged: \$2,106

A capacity crowd filled the Wedel Red Angus sale barn on March 8 for Kansas' first offering of Red Angus bulls tested for Dry Matter Intake (DMI) and Feed Conversion. Frank & Susan Wedel's 16th Annual Bull & Commercial Replacement sale served ranchers from Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and Oregon who made quick work of appraising the 132 Red Angus and Red Angus-hybrid bulls.

The Wedel program is heavily invested in their customers' success, annually purchasing multiple loads of feeder cattle from long-term customers. Heifers purchased in this manner are sorted on type and performance, pelvic measured, and reproductive tract scored. Those that pass all the tests are offered as replacement quality females immediately following the bull sale. This year, nearly 250 customer heifers went back into commercial cow herds.

Steers and heifers that do not make the replacement sort are fed with harvest data returned to bull customers. It is this cooperation with customers and cattle feeders that has led to several of the Wedel customers being recognized with Red Angus GridMaster and/or Commercial Producer of the Year Awards.

High Selling Bulls:

Dan Wassen of Selden, Kansas purchased the high-selling bull, Lot 37, a red SimAngus™ sired by Schuler Rebel 0029X, at \$15,500 for one-half interest and full possession.

Bieber Red Angus of Leola, South Dakota purchased the second high-seller, Lot 9, a son of 5L Advantage 3267-221Y that combined best 1% GridMaster and 6% HerdBuilder indices.

Leland Red Angus of Sidney, Montana purchased the second high-selling Red Angus bull, Lot 2, a son of Brown Commitment S7206 that combined best 1% GridMaster Index that was 16% more efficient at feed conversion.

Jansen Red Angus of Geneseo, Kansas purchased the third high-selling Red Angus bull, Lot 6, a son of LSF RAB Easy Calver 2758Z that combined best 12% Calving Ease with top 2% Growth.

Don & Cindy Sitz of Drewsey, Oregon purchased Lot 1, an 5L Advantage 3267-221Y son with 23% more efficient feed conversion for \$11,500.

Otley Bros. Ranch of Diamond, Oregon purchased lot 38, a Red SimAngus™ sired by WFL NEBULA 707 165Z, at \$11,000.

Females:

Successful bidders were required to take a minimum of 10 heifers at the bid price, but were given the option of "rolling" consecutive sets of 10 heifers with each Lot. Most took advantage of this as 9 bidders purchased almost 30 heifers a piece.