

Wedel Red Angus - Sale Report
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Leoti, KS

A capacity crowd filled the Wedel Red Angus sale barn on March 10th for the Wedel's 15th Annual Bull & Commercial Replacement Female Sale. Ranchers from six Western states including CO, WY, MT, NV and OR accounted for 43% of bull sales with the remaining 57% of the bulls going to the Wedel's fellow Kansas ranchers.

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 following the bull sale. This year, nearly 250 customer heifers went back into commercial cow herds.

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

While the high selling bull was a SimAngus, bidding was particularly aggressive for Red Angus, and solid red Char x Red Angus hybrids and produced the following sale averages:

- 108 Red Angus Yearling Bulls averaged: \$6,772
- 13 Charolais x Red Angus Hybrid Bulls averaged: \$6,365
- 4 SimAngus Hybrid Bulls averaged: \$8,063
- 125 total yearling bulls averaged: \$6,771

Otley Bros. Ranch of Diamond, OR purchased the high selling bull, Lot 47 – a Red SimAngus sired by WFL NEBULA 707 165Z, at \$15,000 for one half interest and full possession.

Jansen Red Angus of Geneseo, KS 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, OR purchased Lot 4, as the second high seller. This WFL Pawnee Canyon 8127 son combined best 5% Calving Ease with top 1% REA, top 4% Marbling and top 4% Gain.

Commercial heifers were sold in four similar weight/type lots of 70, 120, 20 and 36 head, with successful bidders being required to take a minimum of 10 heifers at the bid price, but having the option of "rolling" consecutive sets of 10 heifers with that Lot. Load lots were popular, as the entire heifer offering sold to 5 bidders who "rolled" consecutive sets of 10 for the following sale averages:

- 190 Commercial Red Angus open heifers averaged: \$2,137
- 20 Commercial Red Baldy open heifers averaged: \$1,925
- 36 - Commercial fall calving Red Angus bred heifers averaged: \$3,150