

Leachman Cattle of Colorado held their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spring bull sale on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Wellington, Colorado. The weather was beautiful and a strong crowd of commercial ranchers gathered to select bulls and heifers.

A record number of volume bull buyers came from across the western states including Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Nevada, and Montana. Large, profit oriented commercial ranches invested in genetics to make their operations more profitable. Active bidding came from the stands, the internet, sight unseen, and via the bidder's conference call. Large commercial ranches made up the majority of the bull buyers. In fact, 32 volume buyers purchased a total of 327 bulls.

The high selling bull was Leachman Ramses G054T, Lot 277, for \$14,000: 50% Semen share purchased by the syndicate of breeders: Summitcrest Farms, OH; 7L Farms, MS; Jorgenson Angus, SD; Green Garden Angus, KS; and ABS Global. Additional 10% semen share purchased by Tehama Angus, CA and Colorado State University, CO. He was a high feed efficiency bull as determined by individual feeding records and our Feed Efficiency EPDs. He is a son of CSU Ram Time out of a Retail Product daughter. He recorded 88 BW, 788 AWW, 1295 AYW, 5.8% IMF, 13.2 " REA, -3.2 Residual Feed Intake, 5.8 F/G index, and a -.49 Feed Efficiency EPD.

The top selling Stabilizer bull was LCoC Talisman X137T for \$9,000. A 50% semen interest went to a syndicate of breeders including Rissington Breedline of New Zealand, A&J Cattle Co of MN, Oneil Cattle Co Partnership of NE, and Moore Ranches Inc. of Ontario, OR. An additional 10% share was purchased by the RA Brown Ranch of TX. This son of Lucky Charm out of a New Design 1407 dam had a 70 lb BW, and posted a +49 WEPD and a +100 YEPD along with a 15.6" REA. He posted a 4.32 Feed to Gain ratio and a -5.87 RFI while gaining 3.98 per day. This earned him a -0.44 Feed Efficiency EPD within the Leachman system.

Bull sale averages:

284 Black & Red Stabilizers @ \$3,490

107 Black Angus @ \$3,472

44 Red Angus @ \$2,845

36 Charolais @ \$2,833

471 Bulls overall @ \$3,375

Female sale averages:

118 Angus at \$1,463

82 Red Angus at \$1,326

30 Charolais at \$1,410

47 Stabilizers at \$964

277 Total Females at \$1,331

Thank you to Dallas & Mary Horton, our cooperator breeders, all the staff at LCoC and the Horton Test Center, our industry supporters, and our valuable customers for making this one of our best bull sales ever!

Sincerely,

Lee, Lisa, and Graham Leachman