

The first ever joint Leachman Cattle and Colorado State University bull sale was held on Friday and Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins, CO. The sale was held at CSU's Taylor Conference Center at the ARDEC Experiment Station. The station is also home to CSU's Feed Intake Unit where animals are individually evaluated for feed intake, gain, and conversion.

The pre-sale seminar, titled "20/20 Vision" featured Lee Leachman, Dr. Jason Ahola, Dr. Gary Smith, Dr. Steve Miller, Dr. Mark Enns, Darrell Wilkes, Dr. Denny Crews, and Dr. Kent Andersen. The panel made predictions for changes in the cattle industry between now and 2020. Panelists agreed that growing world demand and limited beef supply spells a favorable future for U.S. cow/calf producers.

145 buyers from 25 states, Mexico, Canada, Australia, and Paraguay purchased at the joint Leachman Cattle and Colorado State University sale. Eight volume buyers of 10 or more head purchased 131 bulls. The ranchers were especially keen on feed efficiency and profit indexes on the bulls. The female sale offered good value as top end heifers mostly traded between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The high selling bull was Lot 3, a black Stabilizer composite sired by Hook's Shear Force for \$9,500 to Gruble Ranch, Sturgis, SD. The 66 BW, 684 AWW, 1213 AYW, 15.5" REA bull posted \$Weaning and \$Profit indexes in the top 1% of the Leachman database.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> high selling bull was Lot 543, a purebred Red Angus son of LCoC High Noon for \$7,750 to Pete Mathews, Viola, WI. The 68 BW, 631 AYW, 1105 AYW, 115% RER, 103 IMFR bull posted a \$10,134 \$Profit index – the highest Red Angus in the sale.

Tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> high selling bull was Lot 437, a purebred Angus son of SAV Final Answer for \$6,500 to Eagle Pass Ranch, Highmore, SD. The 69 BW, 713 AWW, 1235 AYW, 14.7" REA bull posted a -0.31 Feed:Gain EPD, a \$58.27 \$Weaning, and an \$11,019 \$Profit.

Also tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> high selling bull was Lot 318, a red Stabilizer composite sired by Leachman Instigator for \$6,500 to Agropecuaria Faro Norte S.A., Paraguay and Rempe Farms, Superior, NE. The 78 BW, 720 AWW, 1177 AYW, 14.5" REA, and 3.8 %IMF bull posted a -0.33 Feed:Gain along with a \$10,612 \$Profit index.

Three top CSU bulls sold at \$3,500 and included Hereford Lot 365, a UPS Domino 327 son to the Grizzly Ranch, Walden, CO; Hereford Lot 369 sired by Feltons Legend 242 to Dan Kniffen, Spring Mills, PA; and Angus Lot 417 sired by CSU Ram Time 0115 to Leroy Lambertson, Grover, CO.

The Leachman crew put on a tremendous event including first class meals, a Michael Martin Murphey concert, and a cutting edge educational program. Buyers were impressed with the CSU facility and the sale headquarters Embassy Suites Hotel.

## LCoC Bulls

Category	Average	High	# Head
Black Stabilizers	\$3,037	\$9,500	229
Red Stabilizers	\$3,335	\$6,500	44
Angus	\$2,553	\$6,500	57
Red Angus	\$2,693	\$7,750	38
Charolais	\$3,333	\$4,750	26
<b>Bull Totals:</b>	\$2,987		394

## **LCoC Heifers**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u># Head</u>
Red Angus Heifers	\$1,197	\$2,000	29
Angus Heifers	\$1,099	\$2,600	51
Stabilizers Heifers	\$824	\$1,150	26
<b>Heifer Totals:</b>	\$1,058		106

## **CSU Sale**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u># Head</u>
Angus Bulls	\$2,430	\$3,500	10
Hereford Bulls	\$2,288	\$3,500	13
Commercial Heifers	\$879	\$1,200	13