

Ring Creek Farm

Welcome

Dear Friends

Welcome to **RING CREEK FARMS BLACK ANGUS BULL SALE.**

The livestock industry and our grass roots producers have been under siege and a lot of farms and ranches can relate to little rain, sparse grass and hay crops during the past year. It was a challenge moving cattle to compete with grasshopper infestations and procure an adequate winter feed supply. The independent nature of ranchers and farmers shines through as we twist and turn to find solutions and make it work.

Cow numbers are way down and we believe this industry is on the very edge of marked improvement in the near term and for those who continue there will be opportunity and reward.

Our calves were weaned off dry pasture and started on feed October 10, 2009. They are a very uniform group and have responded and come ahead and we are impressed with their consistency. The Tiger calves are outstanding with their thickness, depth and overall dimension. They are efficient and easy feeding and do more with less. The quality shines through and note TIGER'S calving ease EPD of -0.4.

We have confidence in these bulls and believe they are the right kind and can contribute an economic benefit to your program and we invite you to take advantage of the services we offer. If you are a commercial cowman looking for quality Black Angus Bulls at affordable prices this is the sale for you. We take very seriously the responsibility of raising bulls for the commercial cattlemen and know that we appreciate your attendance at this sale.

Come early, study the bulls and be our guests for lunch. We guarantee you will enjoy the experience.



Sincerely, The Ring Creek Crew

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Raising Pedigreed Livestock since 1944

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RING CREEK FARM

2nd ANNUAL BLACK ANGUS BULL SALE

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 1:00 pm

Location: Livestock Pavilion, Fairview College
Fairview, Alberta

On Offer: 40 Black Angus Yearling Bulls

Visitors are welcome to view the bulls at the farm, located 2 miles North of Fairview on #732 and ½ mile East on Township Road #822. Bulls will be at the sale location on March 29, 2010.

Please Join us For A Complimentary Lunch at the sale Pavilion on Sale Day at 11:30 am

Sale Day Phones:

Pat Friedel - 780-835-0486 Art Patterson - 250-784-4307 Jack Patterson - 780-518-4646

Auctioneers: Patterson Auction Service

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Special Representatives:

Kirk Wildman	Canadian Angus Association President Elect
Brian Good	Canadian Angus Association Field Rep
Colton Hamilton	Alberta Angus Association Vice-President

Photographer:

Ben Bak

Accommodations: Dunvegan Inn & Suites 780- 835-5100

General Sale Information:

Cattle Inspection: All carry permanent identity tags and all shall be available prior to sale.

Breeding Guarantee: All cattle are sound and right and all with a responsible breeder guarantee of satisfaction. In the event of any unlikely dispute, the regular terms and conditions standard with the Canadian Angus Association shall apply. All bulls are measured, tested, evaluated and fully guaranteed.

Terms of Sale: Are cheque or cash at par payable to the clerk of the sale at the sale location; no invoicing on buyers in attendance unless previous arrangements have been made with the owners. The right of property shall not pass until after settlement has been made. Every animal sells to the highest bidder and in cases of dispute the auctioneers decision will be final.

Insurance: Ownership risk to purchaser commences when the Auctioneers hammer falls. Bulls returning to **RING CREEK FARM** must be insured. Livestock coverage will be available sale day.

All Persons: who attend the sale do so at their own risk, and the owners and sale staff assume no liability, legal or otherwise, for property loss or any accidents that may occur.

Announcements: Error discovered in the catalogue will be corrected by the announcements from the auction stand at sale time and such corrections will take precedence over the printed matter in the catalogue.

Sale Order: will be available in advance of the sale and current weights and testicular measurements will also be available

Sight Unseen Purchase Plan: We would like you to attend the sale but if you cannot, we can personally handle your purchase. Call Pat with your specification and discuss the offering, preferably a few days before the sale. Pat will gladly assist you and represent you sale day. We Guarantee full satisfaction or you don't own them. Pat 780 835-4338.

Delivery: All bulls will have complete fertility exam done by the NORTH PEACE ANIMAL HOSPITAL and will have satisfactorily passed a semen test prior to delivery. Delivery is free within 500 km of Fairview on purchases totalling \$2,500.00 or more and will commence in April. Purchases of less than \$2,500.00 will be delivered at cost. Give accurate directions to your farm location and make sure your purchases are insured. Purchasers who wish to take immediate possession and haul their own bulls will receive a \$50.00 per bull discount. These must be hauled within 3 days of the sale. No bulls will be released until completion of the sale.

Uniformity: Starting with a predictable cow herd our bulls are bred similarly and there are ½ and ¾ brothers.

Volume Discounts:

3 Bulls Discount 3%
4 Bulls Discount 4%
5 Bulls or more Discount 5%
10 Bulls or more Discount 10%

RING CREEK FARMS reserves the right to collect semen on any bull sold through this sale. The semen collection will be at **RING CREEK FARMS** expense and the buyers convenience. Any semen collected will be for **RING CREEK FARMS** in herd use only.

Expected Progeny Differences: Statistics Generated For Individual Cattle Through National Genetic Evaluations.

EPD'S

- Allow breeders to estimate a young animals breeding value, that animals value as a parent
- Allow a fair comparison of breeding value by removing environmental bias such as climate, feed and special management
- Are the best tool available to compare animals between herds, countries and year of birth
- Help breeders make informed decisions regarding breeding stock selection by evaluating numerous traits such as growth-related traits, carcass traits and reproductivity
- Estimate the group performance of one parent compared to the group performance of another parent assuming similar mates

**EPD'S EVALUATE GROUP AVERAGES AND OFFSPRING'S PERFORMANCE.
THEY CANNOT PREDICT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AND WEIGHTS.**

To evaluate seed stock, use EPD'S, pedigree and visual assessment. With EPD'S the concept of "intermediate optimums" works best. Selection for one trait or for extremes generally results in unexpected consequences due to genetic corrections – for example, intense selection for high yearling weights will also increase birth weight. Successful cattle breeding requires a thoughtful and balanced approach to optimize fertility, growth and carcass merit while improving profitability and efficiency.

**When things go wrong, as they sometimes will
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile but have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit –
Rest if you must but don't you quit.**

**Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a person turns about
When they might have won had they stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow –
You may succeed with another blow.**

**Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late
When the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown**

**Success is failure turned inside out –
So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit, -
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.**

Author Unknown





Moving Home