





Welcome to the 2015 edition of our yearling bull sale. Thank you for your time and interest in reading through our sale book. We are as excited as ever to be in the cattle business, and 2015 has done nothing but amp up our excitement.

A lot of work has gone into preparing the 2015 yearling bull sale. Countless hours of measuring and evaluating cattle, the tireless effort to calve, breed and wean a strong group of sale animals. The time and dedication to prepare the facilities and sale hospitality, and finally the miles and hours spent visiting and discussing stock, programs and philosophies with new and old customers alike. The long and short of it is – it's hard work. The joy we get is not from the prices we receive or the recognition that is given, but the enjoyment of seeing each and every person that attends the sale and those who are as excited as we are about the cattle business. For those of you that fit this description; this sale is dedicated to you.

The bulls are as uniform as any you will find in the nation. We have listened to our customer base and have worked diligently to lower birth weights, moderate frame scores on the cowherd, and develop these bulls with longevity in mind. The bull pen is fed to last and the cowherd is pushed to be efficient. They bale, swath and corn graze, calve unsupervised and rebreed quickly to our walking sires. This offering is designed to be rugged, hardworking and efficient. It's in their DNA.

Please accept this as your invitation to the sale. We would love to host you and show you our brand of hospitality. Come for a light lunch prior to the sale and stay for our famous steak fry after.

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A large thank you goes out to the hundreds of cattlemen and women that we have supplied bulls to in our 40 year history. It has been an honour to call so many of you friends and to have your loyal support. Many have been with us for over 25 years while spanning three different generations of bull buyers.

We are certainly blessed to have supporters like you.

CONDITIONS & GUARANTEES: All entries sell with a responsible breeder's guarantee of satisfaction. In the unlikely event of any dispute whatever, regular TERMS & CONDITIONS shall apply in accordance with the Canadian Angus Association Code of Ethics.

ALL CATTLE ARE SOLD subject to tests as required for export under Regulations of the Health of Animals Branch, Department of Agriculture for Canada. Export health chart and brokerage charges are the responsibility of the purchaser.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Cash or cheque payable to the Clerk of Sale on Sale Day. U.S. Funds will be accepted at the current Rate of Exchange on sale day.

INSURANCE: Ownership risk to Purchaser commences when Auctioneer's hammer falls. Full Mortality Insurance is available sale day. Cattle returning to Moose Creek Red Angus after the sale must be insured.

HOLDING & SHIPPING: Approximately one week is required for export transfers and other documents to be processed. Export animals will be held at the Sale location at no charge and under excellent care. Joint export shipping arrangements to obtain minimal shipping cost will gladly be made if instructions to that effect are provided to Clerk of Sale at time of settlements.

TRUCKING: Free trucking will be available to the Prairie Provinces at the purchaser's convenience before May 1, 2015. Delivery after May 1, 2015 will be at a mutually agreed upon time for both parties. Most deliveries will be to your yard but some may be to central locations due to load size and time. If the truck is headed past your yard, expect your bull to be on the load. Anyone taking advantage of the free trucking must insure their bulls. No exceptions.

HAUL YOUR OWN: Bring your trailer sale day and receive a \$100 discount per bull.

OWNERS: Reserve the right to withhold from export shipment animals for whom Buyer or Buyer's agent have not made arrangements for payment in full, or other satisfactory arrangements, prior to time of export departure.

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 for any accidents that may occur.

MOOSE CREEK RED ANGUS

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BULL HEALTH

All bulls vet inspected, scrotal measured and have passed a semen evaluation.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Additional photos and videos of the offering will be on the website at www.moosecreekredangus.com



FROM LEFT: DARREN, KYLIE, DONNA, GLENN, CANDACE

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1		RE	D MO	OSE	CRE	EK	PICI		44B			
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		LUO	44B	1788	174	FEB	RUAF	RY 27, 2	2014			
	size RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X											
sirs RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X RED SDL RINGSTEAD 124K dam RED MOOSE CREEK GRACE 65S mgs RED MOOSE CREEK RENEGADE 122F												
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM			
	82	746			-0.9	53	89	16	43			

The lead off bull by quality and heir. His mother gave us our last two high sellers going to Phil Birnie and the Durie boys, respectively. Another son is at Dane Guignon's.



Complete and easy to look at. Moderate BW. Brother is at Ross Creek Ranching.

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$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LL	JO 110E	3 1	80407	5 1	MARC	H 16, 2	2014				
	siz ≤ RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X												
	RED LINES DOC HOLIDAY 11S dam RED TROPHY LASSIE 99U mgs RED MOOSE CREEK ROCKWELL 17P												
ERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	ТМ				
	98	790			1.3	59	102	20	49				

This bruiser carries some clout. Brother to Chavez and bulls that have gone to Ron & Carol Barbour and Lazy KC Ranch.



PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM
	80	672			-0.6	53	88	18	44

Titan and Sabre's mother. An ideal cow. Sons to Moffatt Creek, Robert Bowron family (thanks for the amazing hospitality this summer, not to mention the lobster!) and Lyle & Tanya Thorgilsson.

There's no reason to look back when you have so much to look forward to.





5		RED	MOOS	SE C	REE	K RA		ER 1	04B				
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		LU	10 104E	8 1	80077	2 1	MARC	H 16, 2	2014				
	sir≤ RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X												
RED MEX-KARGO 120M dam RED AL DI SENORITA JEWEL 104S mgs RED BUF CRK JULESBURG L048													
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM				
	98	740			2.4	64	104	17	49				

Stout and proud. Brothers to Leroy & Logan Abrahamson and Tim & Glen Jackson.

6 ⋧		RED I	MOOS	E C	REE	(W	ILLM	IAR	80B	
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		L	UO 80B	1	800770	ן נ	MARC	H 08, 3	2014	
sir≤ RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X										
RED SDL SQUALL 230S dam RED GRAHAM DUCHESS 708U mgs RED TED GOLD ROBBER 76K										
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM	
	80	740			-0.4	59	90	15	44	
Built like a cow bull, bred to be a heifer bull. Firman Land &										

Built like a cow bull, bred to be a heifer bull. Firman Land & Livestock and Tim & Colleen Daku have brothers.



Check out the EPDs on this chunk. Belle Plaine's front pasture

bull is out of 23S.

8	RED MOOSE CREEK BODOG 40B
Ŷ	LUO 40B 1788164 FEBRUARY 26, 2014
	sirs RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X
	RED MOOSE CREEK ADMIRAL 9M dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 25X mgs RED BAR-E-L APPROVAL 4L



Really like this guy. Sister is due to calve any day and she is a keeper. Have a look here.

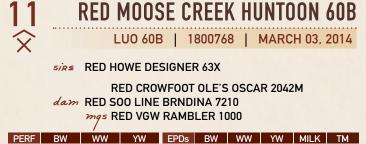




9		REC	MO)SE	CRE	EK E	BRU	CE 1	15B		
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$	CDI 115B 1800835 MARCH 18, 2014										
	sir≤ RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X										
RED THAT'LL DO UNBELIEVABLE 6U "UB" dam RED MOOSE CREEK BELLE 21X mgs RED BAR-E-L APPROVAL 4L											
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM		
	92	666			1.7	64	107	12	44		

Little younger calf but what a number spread. Slade Mutton runs a brother.





		mgs R	ED VGW	RAMB	LER 10	000			
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM
	88	660			-2.0	55	92	20	47

Built to calve and his pedigree backs it up. Aaron & Aider run a sib in their grass based program.

12	F	RED	400S	E CI	REE		IGLI	EY 1	26B
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LL	JO 126E	3 1	80408	1	MARC	H 21,	2014
	SIRS	RED H	OWE DE	SIGNE	R 63X				
	dam	RED M	ED MOO OOSE CH ED T-K D	REEK L	ANA 1		N 64P		
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM

96 703 56 1.3 91 14 42 Only the second son she has had. Other one went to Evergreen Cattle Co. Four daughters retained for the herd.



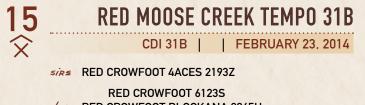
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13	R	ED M	OOSI	ECR	EEK	BUI	LOC	CK 1	37B			
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		LL	JO 137E	3 1	80408	5	MARC	H 24, 2	2014			
	sir≤ RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X											
RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 15W mgs RED MOOSE CREEK PAPARAZZI 100P												
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM			
	96	718			1.3	56	94	16	44			

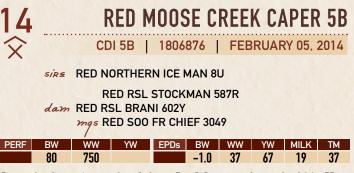
Out of Stillwater's full sister. Ol' eagle eye John Jackson bought her son last year.



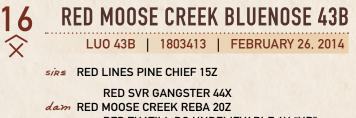
dam RED CROWFOOT BLOCKANA 8045U mgs RED VGW RAMBLER 1000

PERF BW WW YW EPDs BW WW YW MILK TM
94 724

Another in dam purchase. Mother came highly recommended from Crowfoot. One of the best 4 Aces sons to sell in the land.



Came in dam. A couple of these Ice Man sons brought \$20+K out of Get-A-Long cows last year. Neat pedigree.



mgs RED THAT'LL DO UNDELIEVABLE 6U "UB"

	/								
BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM	
78	782			-0.3	55	82	14	41	

Choctaw Chief x Zama Pine x Gangster x UB = A ripper of a calf. Pine Chief saw light duty last year. Saw a shit load of cows this year.

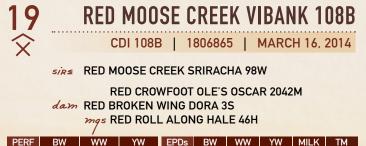
Your goal should be to create a life that you don't need a vacation from..





17	RE	D MO	OSE	CRE	EK V	VHIF	PLAS	SH 1	42B				
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		LL	JO 142B	8 1	80408	7	MARC	H 26, 1	2014				
	SIRS	RED M	00SE CF	REEK S	RIRAC	HA 98	w						
	RED BAR-E-L APPROVAL 4L dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 29W mgs RED T-K DUSTER 10K												
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM				
	108	776			5.5	60	90	14	44				

Well, well... thought about keeping this guy. I could care less about his BW. He's a stud. Might keep an interest. 29W's first son sold to Mike & Leslie Camphaug.



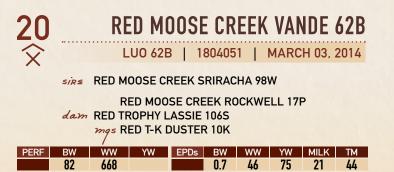
96	754		3.0	56	87	17	45
This cow just	nover fails	Sho woon	0000	fthat	top col		onin

This cow just never fails. She weans one of the top calves year in and year out. Chucky, Lori-Lynn, Jethro and Danielle have a son, so does Kenny McPherson.

8		RED MC	DOSE CR	EEK PIST	ON 38E	3
\widehat{X}		LUO 38B	1788172	FEBRUAR	Y 26, 2014	
	SIRS	RED MOOSE C	REEK SRIRAC	CHA 98W		
			SE CREEK OI			
	dam	RED MOOSE C mgs RED LPC				

PERF	BW	ww	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM
	88	683			0.6	48	70	13	37

Out of a good old cow. Lazy KC have a son.

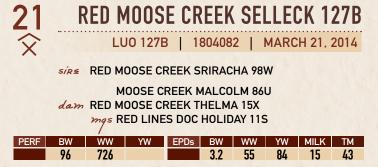


Uncle Ritchie bred the cow, her only son "Ritchie" sold to... Ritchie Schneider. Seriously, not making this up.

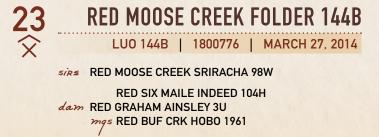
There's never really a "right time". So whenever you get the chance, take the risk.





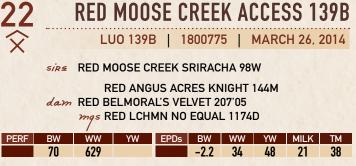


Big, performance calf. Mother is Malcolm 101X's sister. That's where the growth comes from.

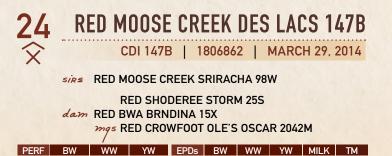


PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM
	90	703			0.7	48	71	18	42

Maternally with Indeed up that close in the pedigree, keep every daughter.



Light BW but being sired by Sriracha, not a candidate for the heifer pen.



Another moderate BW calf out of 15X. CW Wiggins & Sons run a brother on their heifers.

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17 41

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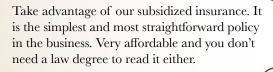


















This is a video sale. No bulls will physically enter the sale barn. A video of each bull will be playing at the time of sale. Viewing of the bulls can take place anytime prior to sale day. Give yourself time sale morning to evaluate the offering prior to the sale time. The experience of choosing your bull in the ring changes drastically at a video sale.









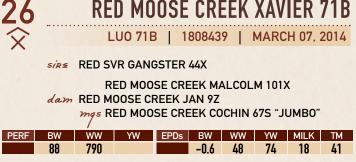






25		RED	MOO	ISE (CREE	EK W	IES1	ION (23B			
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LUO	23B	1788	166	FEB	RUAF	XY 20, 2	2014			
	SIRS	RED S	R GANC	STER	44X							
	RED MOOSE CREEK CHAVEZ 12X											
		mgs RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P										
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM			
	84	782			-0.3	47	72	16	40			

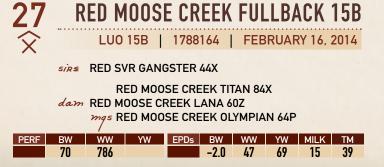
If you need a breeder bull to go on some heifers, you might not find a better all year.



RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B

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His picture tells the story. WOW.



My pick of the Gangsters all summer.

28		KEL	JMU	USE	LKE	EK I	EAU	JUE	ZZR				
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LUO	22B	1788	165	FEB	RUAF	RY 20, 2	2014				
~	SiRS	RED S\	R GAN	GSTER	44X								
	RED MOOSE CREEK STILLWATER 58X dam RED MOOSE CREEK REBA 5Z mgs RED MOOSE CREEK ADMIRAL 9M												
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM				
	78	739			-18	42	63	14	35				

These Gangsters are right for the times.

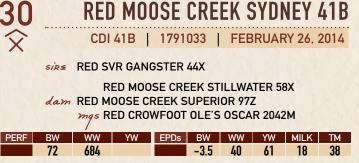
There are people who would love to have your bad days.



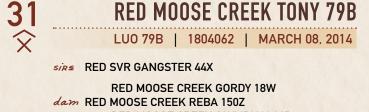


29		R	ED M	00S	E CR	EEK	DIX	(ON 4	45B
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LUO	45B	1788	175	FEB	RUAF	RY 27, 2	2014
	siRs	RED SV	R GAN	GSTER	44X				
	dam	RED MO mgs RE		REEK P	ATTI 1	67Z			
PERF	BW	WW 676	YW	EPDs	BW -05	WW	YW	MILK	TM 39
	00	0/0			-0.5	4/	12	10	37

Bred very close to the same as the lead off calf in the Gangster sire group.



Lowest BW EPD calf in the sale.



mgs RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P

84 718 0.6 43 67 20 41

What a sire group this is! Terrific calf to anchor the pen.



Youngest calf. Came in dam this past fall.

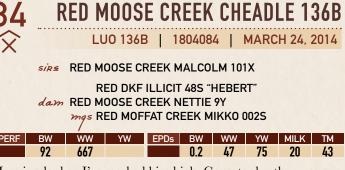




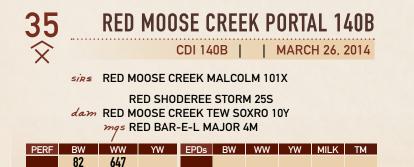


33		RED	MOO	SE C	REE	K PA	NT	IER	36B		
$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$		LUO	36B	1788	170	FEB	RUAF	RY 25, 2	2014		
	SIRS	RED M	OOSE CI		IALCO	LM 101	X				
RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 39Y mgs RED LINES DOC HOLIDAY 11S											
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM		
	84	824			1.9	54	85	17	44		

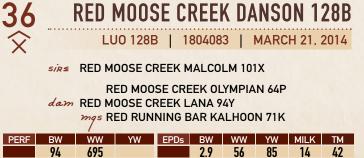
Heaviest WW calf in the group. He is a meat wagon.



Here is a looker. I've marked him high. Gangster brother was one of the high sellers last year to Evergreen Cattle Co.



Moderate and hairy.



Little extra stretch in this guy.



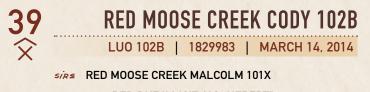
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$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		С	DI 124E	3 1	80083	6	MARC	H 20, 2	2014		
	sirs	RED M	OOSE CF	REEKM	IALCO	LM 10'	IX				
	RED SHODEREE STORM 25S dam RED MOOSE CREEK GALENA 89Y mgs RED BWA ZEUS 2N										
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	ТМ		
	88	701			1.4	53	84	19	46		

700 lbs WW. With a handy birth weight. Doug & Gloria bought his brother last year for Richard Schneider.

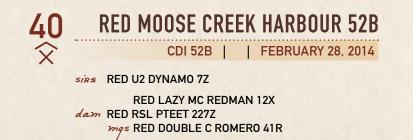


RED DKF ILLICIT 48S "HEBERT" dam RED MOOSE CREEK HARRIET 31Y mgs RED MOFFAT CREEK MIKKO 002S

YW EPDs BW WW YW MILK TM BW WW PERF 90 770

Big time performance on this March calf. Different twist to most of our pedigrees with Hebert and 002S in there.

38		RED	MOC	DSE	CRE	EK	HEN	RY 1	41B			
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		LU	0 141B	8 1	80408	6	MARC	CH 26, 2	2014			
	SIRS	RED MO	DOSE CF	REEK N	ALCO	LM 10	1X					
	dam	RED NBAR HAMLEY S913 dam RED MOOSE CREEK ICELADY 1Y mgs RED LLLL CH CANYON T100										
PERF	BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	ΤM			
	76	631			-1.7	44	70	22	44			
Real lig	ht BW	Malcol	lm son t	that is	rich in	Soo	Line g	enetics.				



EPDs BW WW YW MILK TM

Next three calves were more in dam purchases. Dynamo bull calved easy enough to look at these for some heifers.



BW

82

PERF

WW

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41	R	RED MOOSE CREEK VISION 7B										
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$		С	DI 7B		FEB	RUAF	RY 07, 3	2014				
SIRS	RED U2	2 DYNAN	10 7Z									
dam	RED LAZY MC REDMAN 12X dam RED RSL FAIRY DUST 213Z mgs RED RSL STOCKMAN 587R											
PERF BW	WW	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM				
74	793											

Near 800 lbs WW on this calf. He is a stylish rascal.

42	R	RED MOOSE CREEK KASPERSKY 3B								
$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$			С	DI 3B		FEB	RUAF	RY 04, 1	2014	
sirs RED U2 DYNAMO 7Z RED RSL STOCKMAN 587R dam RED RSL FAIRY ODESSA 222Z mgs RED SIX MILE LANA'S BOY 629L										
PERF	BW	ww	YW	EPDs	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM	
	60	806								
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Always like to leave an elite bull till the end. 60 lbs BW and over 800 lbs WW. I think he qualifies as elite.

Always learn to appreciate what you have, before time makes you appreciate what you had.



BULLDEVELOPMENT

We pride ourselves in providing a sound, well managed and durable sale offering. This group is the result of more than 40 years of Red Angus breeding and development decisions. Our role as a seedstock producer is not taken lightly; we spend countless hours researching, evaluating and measuring growth, gain and fertility in our herd. These decisions ultimately affect your bottom line. It's important that we get it right, for your operation and ours.

As the old saying goes – feeding cattle is half science, half art and half luck. We continue to work directly with our livestock nutritionist to develop our bulls on less grain and more forage. The benefits of a "cooler" ration have been documented hundreds of times but rarely acted on. We are not afraid to tell you what our bulls eat. A maximum of 8.3 lbs/day rolled corn, 2.15 lbs/day custom bull supplement, chopped alfalfa hay and the balance corn silage. This ration targets a 3.2 lbs/day gain; very similar to what the bulls were gaining prior to weaning. With all of the forage in their ration and the large paddock to run in, the bulls are athletic and ready for spring turn out.

A strong vaccination plan is very important to us as well. All of the calves born here receive SomnuStar pH at birth and then are vaccinated with SomnuStar pH, StarVac 4 and Blackleg at branding and again at weaning. The cowherd is vaccinated prior to breeding with a modified live strain to control IBR, BVD, PI3 and Iteme. To our knowledge, we are the first Red Angus herd to PI test our entire cowherd and keep that status current. We have been a PI BVD free herd since 2004, the year we started testing.

The cowherd is run just as our customers do – bale graze, corn graze, graze stockpile native range. We are currently in the WBDC cost of production study, ranking our operation against some of the top commercial cow/calf operations in the province. It is very important to us to be able to raise our herd in a low cost environment, the kind that our customers are moving towards. We certainly aren't the cheapest cost of production but I am proud to say we are holding our own, even with the added costs of maintaining a registered herd.

Finally, all of these bulls were bred, born and raised here. The guy opening the trailer door in your yard is the same guy that bred this bull to that cow, tagged the calf and ran the feedwagon to feed him. We are in the business of selling bulls – poundmakers, momma cow makers or non trouble makers – 365 days of the year. If you phone to ask about a certain bull, rest assured, we know all there is to know about him. Because it's important we get it right, for your operation and ours.





Designer really stamps his calves. Moderate, wide based, deep bodied and that beautiful cherry red colour. His first daughters are just starting to calve and they exhibit square udders with ideal teat size, not to mention they are lying down to calve with ease. We are really high on Designer. Check out his pedigree online, it is outcross and unique. BW -0.5 | WW 59 | YW 109 | M 16 | TM 46 | CE 1.7 | MCE 6.8

SRIRACHA 1709967

Sriracha's legacy will be his powerful growth numbers, definitely the poundmaker in our herd bull battery. He produces tanky females and high WDA sons consistently. If you need to add some real fall pay weight, mark these Sriracha calves. BW 4.2 WW 56 YW 84 M 15 TM 43 CE -9.9 MCE -0.6





MALCOLM 1585534

We have calved heifers, 2nd calvers and mature cows to Malcolm and he never fails to have calving ease and add growth. His first daughters weaned some of our biggest calves as 2-year-olds and looked great doing it. This is the final group of sons as he was lost to a broken foot post breeding season. His sons have been very easy to sell. Owned with Kevin Brigden BW 2.6 WW 57 YW 93 M 20 TM 48 CE - 3.6 MCE 1.2

GANGSTER 1579035

The longer we use Gangster, the more we think he is our most valuable herdsire. His first daughters exceeded our highest expectations with their beautiful udders and broody design. Their calves were standouts at weaning and haven't slowed down since. He is more than a sleep easy heifer bull, his breeding strength will be displayed with the 90+ calves we will have in 2015. BW -3.0 WW 37 YW 57 M 18 TM 37 CE 11.4 MCE 5.0

OR TRANSITION FEEDING, AS WE LIKE TO USE IT

It seems like every year there is a hot-button topic that people like to ask about. The past couple of years, the question "do you creep your calves?" has come up. The short answer is yes. After we answer yes, the next question is always, "So you do it for the weight gain, right?" Well, unfortunately no. That is where it gets complicated!

After not creeping or "transition" feeding for many years, I made a decision to start again. It was based on four main principles, and believe me, the weight gain isn't one of them.

To explain why we creep I must first explain our situation... In about early August, the herd bulls are pulled and all of the cows are assembled into one group. At this time, the males and their dams are separated from the females/steers and their dams. The groups then go to larger ungrazed pastures. Imagine 80 pair moving into 320-640 acres of banked native range. At this time the creep feeders go out. The bull calves have full access to the feeder which holds 3650lbs of pelleted feed. It normally takes one month for the calves to empty it. The next time it is filled it takes about 3 weeks. So if you are calculating, the 80 calves have consumed 7300lbs of pellets in about 50 days: about 1.8 lbs per head/day. Not very much. So you can see, weight gain is not our goal of creep feeding.

However, the calves are now started on a ration that contains mineral, Rumensin and protein. These are all ingredients that are needed in growing calves on banked native grass. So we have our calves trained to eat and started on a better plane of nutrition prior to weaning – points 1 and 2.

The 3rd point is when we start to wean these calves, stress is reduced. We vaccinate on pasture and put in those quiet wean nose "thingys". The calves are weaned after five days and placed directly in the paddock that they winter in. In the paddock is more grass, alfalfa hay and... you guessed it, the blue feeder.

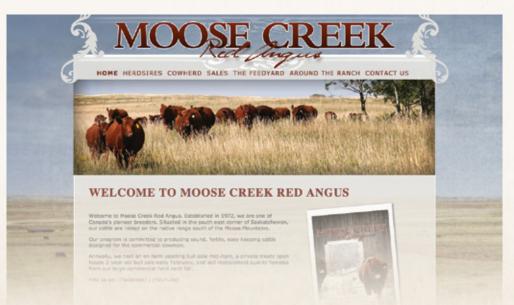
The final and most important point of "transition" feeding is that when we wean these bulls, they are the only cattle on feed at the yard. And this is October, so starting two tractors to make a TMR ration for these guys makes no sense. Not to mention, we are baling straw, hauling hay, chopping silage, and the last few years, cleaning pens. The other important part of the blue feeder is the massive saving on yardage. We can develop the bulls accordingly by knowing the weight of the pellets and the days it should take the group to finish them.

So as you can see, *creep feeding isn't about the weight gain*, it's about the financial gain. **And "transition" feeding really works for us.**



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