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Bar JV Angus Sale To Be Held On March 24

Submitted by Jill Vitt

Everyone in the Angus business brags about the Angus cow. No matter what environment you put her in she will adapt and thrive.

This year, we attended a Montana Angus Association tour of the Certified Angus Beef headquarters in Wooster, OH, and the National Angus convention, Reno, NV. We feel it is important to stay informed about changes in our industry and the quality end product we are providing to the consumer. We were especially impressed with the standards that are met with Certified Angus Beef.

Bar JV Angus has always been a family run operation. There are currently three generations collaborating at the ranch; Jim and Loretta Vitt, Dale and Jill Vitt and Cody and Sierra Vitt. We currently run 325 registered cows and 160 commercial cows. In its 44 years as a registered Angus business, Bar JV has continued to produce a product that will provide quality and increase profitability for their customers.

At Bar JV Angus we remain focused on developing a solid foundation of quality Angus genetics. Our mission is to remain focused on what is important to a commercial operation: low maintenance cows with longevity that produce pounds at weaning. Breeding elite Angus females who produce high performance bulls for the profitability of commercial cattlemen is the ultimate goal.

While the American Angus Association has provided us with a great set of selection tools, there are traits that we require beyond EPDs. Structural soundness, good feet and udders are fundamental and essential for longevity. Disposition and maternal instincts are also absolutely necessary. Also breeding bone into our cattle to enable them to handle the amount of growth that is found in today's genetics. Another thing we look for is a long neck and smooth shoulders, which ensures calving ease. We consider calving ease to be bred into our cow herd.

They also believe that cows should be able to take care of themselves; allowing them to graze until the weather forces them to feed. In the winter season, alfalfa and grass hay are fed along with beet pulp and corn silage. Calving begins the first week of March at Bar JV, allowing most of the herd to calve out in the pasture unassisted.

Bar JV Angus' annual production sale will be held Tuesday, March 24 in the sale



Dale and Jill Vitt. (Submitted photo)

barn at the ranch. We will be selling 100 bulls and 180 commercial heifers. Bar JV invites you to join us on sale day. Visitors are always welcome to come by the ranch to view the bulls, heifers or the cows. We would love to show you our operation. We are always happy to discuss any questions you may have and assist in finding you the right bulls or heifers to match your needs.



Vitt Bull (Submitted photo)



Kendal Vitt showing a steer at the Richland County Fair. (Submitted photo)



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Feiring Angus And Ash Coulee Ranch To Host Their 26th Annual Production Sale In April

Three miles east of White Earth, ND, you can find Feiring Angus Ranch. Doug and Ceylon Feiring own Feiring Angus Ranch, along with sons, Brett and Brady, and daughter Shambre. One of their major philosophies is, "To never overstock pastures with more animals than the land can handle." Generation after generation of Feiring Angus have all received the same lecture. Feiring Angus does not use popular genetics in their breeding program, for they believe that cattle should adapt to Mother Nature the way that Mother Nature intended it. They strive to produce cattle that will return the most profit with the least input and labor.

Ash Coulee Ranch was started in 1967 by Anthony Davis with the purchase of 13 heifer calves from the Bob Joyce dispersion. They calve from 100 to 140 registered Angus cows a year depending on weather and the hay supply. As with Feiring Angus, Ash Coulee has always tried to raise cattle in touch with Mother Nature and the environment that northern North Dakota will allow with very little extra supplement. Scott Davis bought the ranch from his father in 1980, and with help from his family and his brother, Davis has continued the progress that his father started. Ash Coulee has selection pressure developed a cow herd that is very easy calving with



Doug and Ceylon Feiring with their family, who all work together to make Feiring Angus Ranch successful.

excellent maternal traits, and has never been creep fed. The Ash Coulee cow must calve unassisted, raise a big calf, and breed back in time with what Mother Nature will allow. No exceptions.

Feiring Angus and Ash Coulee will be selling top quality bulls that fit their environment, calve easy and grow on Saturday, April 18. Visitors are always welcome.

The Early Morning Red Angus Ranch Will be Marketing Bulls & Heifers March 4

On Wednesday, March 4, starting at 1 p.m., the Early Morning Red Angus Ranch will be marketing 35 yearling Red Angus bulls and 30 replacement Red Angus heifer calves at the Sitting Bull Auction, Williston.

The Early Morning Red Angus Ranch is located just 12 miles south of Tioga. Owner and operator, Carl Frisinger, bought the ranch in 1965; having grown up in a ranching family, Frisinger grew up raising Herefords. However, when they became hard to sell, he bought six Red Angus cows from the Leland Drought Reduction Sale and started marketing Red Angus cattle in 1984 using Leland Red Angus bulls and Amber Light Red Angus bulls.

Frisinger's cows begin calving on their own in the hills in April and May and the calves are range-raised on the 2,050-acre ranch and the additional 5,000 acres Frisinger leases from a neighbor. Nov. 1, the calves are weaned and moved to the Sheldon Brothers Feedlot. "The Northwest Veterinary Clinic, Powers Lake, makes sure they're all healthy. The quality of the cattle is second to none," he added.

Anyone interested is welcome to view the bulls at Sheldon Brothers Feedlot, Ray. For more information, give Carl a call at 701-664-2668.

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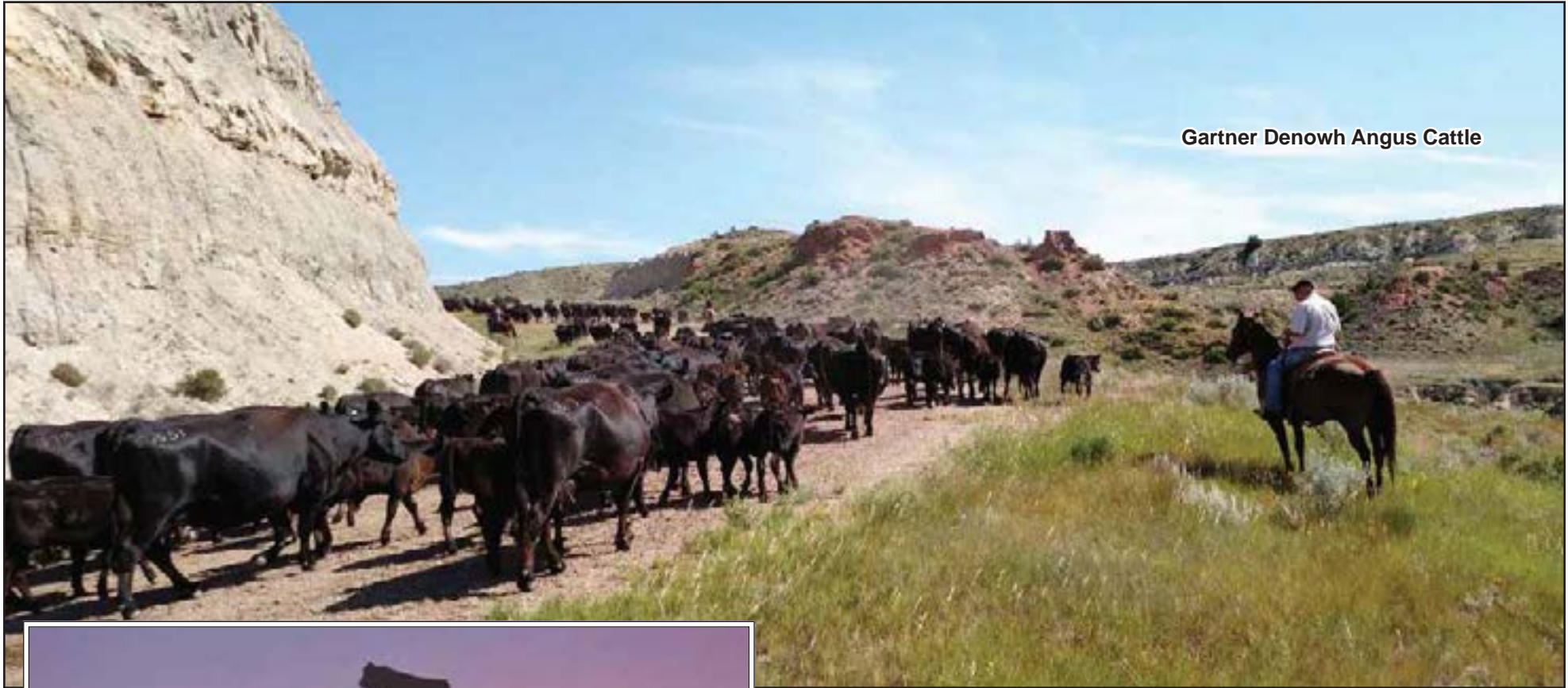
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53rd Annual GDAR Bull Sale Scheduled For March 26



Gartner Denowh Angus Cattle



Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch (GDAR) is located just on the outskirts of Sidney, a close-knit family run ranch that focuses on raising efficient and functional cattle bred for the commercial cattle operation. GDAR began in 1957 when Joe Gartner and Russell Denowh bought 20 head of registered Angus cows from a dispersion sale in Montana. In 1974, Russ and his son, Micky, bought out Joe Gartner but kept the corporate name. At this time, they were calving about 150 cows and selling around 60 bulls per year. Russell's other son, Paul, joined the operation in 1984.

The ranch has expanded over the years and now calves about 850 registered cows and 650 commercial cows. GDAR sells over 250 yearling Angus bulls a year with the remainder of the bulls being banded, fed out and used to gather data on carcass traits. About 225 bulls sell in the annual bull sale each March with the remainder of the bulls selling private treaty every spring. Over 200 open yearling heifers are also sold each year at the bull sale.

Micky, Paul, Casey and Chad Denowh all run the ranch together along with their families. GDAR is proud to be a family run operation. Chad and Jennifer's children make the 6th generation to live and work at the ranch headquarters. Lots of technological advances have been incorporated into the operation over the years including performance testing, carcass testing, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and DNA testing, but the core principle of raising functional and profitable Angus cows remains the same.

GDAR operates mainly on grazing land, but they also have some farmland on which they raise feed. GDAR's cows are fed a low cost and low energy diet to weed out any inefficient cows, which means cows that can't function on a low input system in their environment are culled from the herd. A majority of GDAR's bulls go to commercial operations in a similar environment to their own, and their goal is to make sure their bulls surpass their expectations.

Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch has been family run for over 60 years, and they are proud of the business and cattle they have established in the community. Learn more about GDAR on their website at <http://www.gdar-angus.com> or stop by and visit anytime.



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Sitting Bull Auction in Williston, ND

Catalogs, Call Carl Frisinger at 701-664-2668

Begger's Diamond V Ranch



John and Alicia's Family. (Submitted photo)



Darlene and
Bill Begger.
(Submitted photo)

Begger's Diamond V Ranch, Wibaux, is run by the second generation, Bill and wife, Darlene, and the third generation, their son John and his wife, Alicia, along with their twin daughters, Magdaline and Charlotte, and sons, Harrison and Gabriel, make up the fourth generation.

When it comes to customer satisfaction and taking care of their customers' needs and concerns, Begger's Diamond V Ranch rises to the top of the list. As their motto states, "The cow-calf man comes first." This is exactly what they mean. Every breeding decision they make is to enhance their customer's bottom line. They understand that their customer's success is the only way that any seed stock producer will be successful. For the past 46 years, Begger's Diamond V Ranch has been focused on black Simmental, Sim-Angus, and Angus seed stock that are designed to be profitable and useful to all segments of the beef industry.

Begger's Diamond V Ranch knows that the end result of any good program is to produce a consistently good and enjoyable eating experience for the consumer that has no concept of what it takes to produce the beef that they are eating. They also understand that it is the cow calf man that raises, takes care of, and works the land every day and owns the cattle the longest. He is the one who needs cattle to not only produce an enjoyable eating experience, but to also be problem-free, efficient, and profitable.

The emphasis put behind every single animal that the Begger program produces, is a mother cow that excels in all the traits that it takes to succeed. Average is not good enough, they know that you have one pay day a year and that every calf you produce is important. For this reason the Diamond V goal is to help their customer produce a uniform set of calves that weigh heavy on sale day, with few if any, cut backs. The name of the game is uniformity and profitability. This begins with a live vigorous calf at birth. They understand that calving time is a busy time that requires cows that calve unassisted, and then know how to mother her calf, clean him up, and get him to nurse with no help. She then needs to raise him to be a useful heavy calf that adds value to his herd mates and owner's bottom line, all this while staying in good condition and breeding back in the first cycle year after year.

Cattle that are bred to survive any environment that Mother Nature throws their way are their focus. The Beggars know that high input cattle are costly and are not practical. When you step into the Begger bull pen you will find a set of bulls that are very uniform in type. They will be moderate framed, easy fleshing, thick bodied cattle that will sire value and predictability to any cow herd. At Begger's Diamond V Ranch they believe in and produce cattle that can and must take care of themselves with minimal labor and inputs.

The cow power behind this breeding program is second to none. Every cow is expected to calve every year, calve unassisted, raise a high percentage of her body weight on her own, udder quality, foot quality, and personality is very important. The Beggars do the day to day work on their ranch, they know their cattle, and when one becomes problematic, or fails to stay problem-free, she is sold and her only way out is through a packing plant, no second chances, and no excuses.

This year makes the 44th annual sale where 160 black Simmental, Sim-Angus, and Angus sell. They are the cream of the crop and everyone sells with complete performance data and 100% customer satisfaction. Their sale is always the first Wednesday of February and this year it will be held Feb. 5, 2020, at the ranch south of Wibaux at 12:30 p.m., MST. Come hungry, they will have lunch. For more information call Bill at 406-796-2326 or John 406-795-9914 or email darbegger@yahoo.com, check out our Facebook page, or at beggersdiamondvranch.com. Sale catalogs and video will be available about mid-January.

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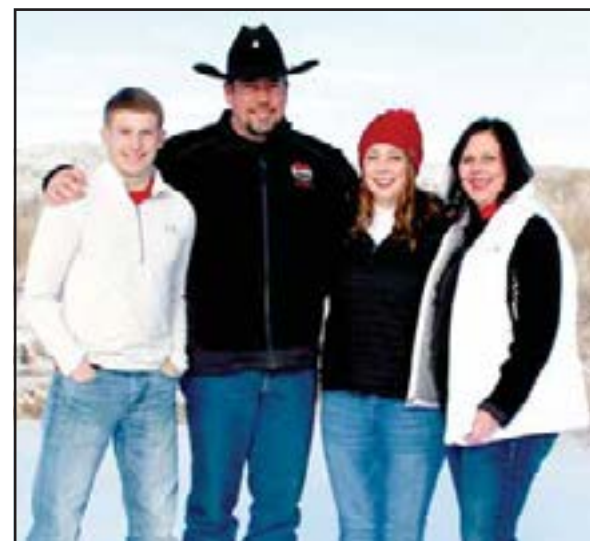
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Gibbs Family Celebrates Family And 50 Years On The Ranch



This year the Gibbs family celebrated their 50th year farming and ranching on the land they are blessed to call home. They are located south of Glendive on the south side of the beautiful Yellowstone River. It's safe to say a lot has happened and changed since 1969; Tim started AI'ing in 1972, the first bulls were sold in 1976, and Tim and Laurie purchased their first registered Angus cows in 1982. Fast-forward to today, and the family continues to work hard to help provide food for the world.

Though it can have its challenges, being able to work together as a family is one of the best things about agriculture. Tim and Laurie have five daughters; Allison and Alicia live and work in North Dakota. Bailey and her husband Dylan, Danielle and Megan all work on the farm. We are also lucky enough that the fourth generation is already tagging along and helping out wherever they can - along with asking a lot of questions!

Besides raising bulls, they grow most of their feed for their cow herd. They raise irrigated crops - alfalfa, corn and millet. They also have some dry land hay, millet, peas and barley that is put up for feed.

After weaning, the calves are back grounded at home until May or April. While the calves are on the mother cow, she is expected to raise her calf without supplementation to her or her calf, and to be as maintenance-free as possible. They raise all of their own replacement heifers; when selecting females, they look for disposition, under quality and foot structure.

Over the years, they have strived to continually improve their cow herd. AI'ing has been a big contributor to this. Birth weight and weaning weight are just two of the genetic factors that are looked at and paid close attention to when selecting AI sires. They also breed for increased feed efficiency. The end product is always kept in mind when breeding cows. The 2017 calf crop of 500 head of home raised steers graded 100% choice and prime; on the 2016 calf crop, 505 head of home raised steers graded 95% choice and higher and 13.4% prime. The 2016 heifer crop of 292 head graded 95.5% choice and higher with 12.3% prime. The goal at Gibbs Angus is to raise bulls and heifers that will build a cow herd. Their bull customers are an important part of their operation; they want them to have few problems during calving and heavy calves at weaning.

They will be having their bull sale, along with Stortz Angus Ranch, on Feb. 26, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Glendive Livestock Exchange. They would love to see you there! They hope 2020 is filled with God's blessings for everyone! Check them out on Facebook at Gibbs Angus Ranch, or give Tim a call at 406-939-1084 or swing by for a visit!

JB Angus To Hold Annual Production Sale Jan. 29

The JB Angus annual production sale will be at Stockmen's Livestock, Dickinson, at 1 p.m. MST Wednesday, Jan. 29. Bobby and Erika Kubas will be selling 30 select yearlings and two-year-old bulls.

JB Angus is a family owned and operated ranch located near Belfield. It is operated by Bobby and Erika Kubas along with their four children, Conner, Jaden, Matthew, and Kasey.

The Kubas family has been farming and ranching in the area for five generations. In 2013, Bobby and Erika Kubas took over Tuhy Angus and established JB Angus. Their primary focus is raising seed stock for commercial cattlemen. The registered cows receive no special treatment and must maintain their place in the herd, making them structurally sound and acclimated to hard winters. Good maternal genetics are essential, and a lot of selection pressure is placed on the bulls. Cattle must have structural correctness, a calm disposition, and "real world genetics," such as promoting a live calf at birth, producing a calf that gains well on grass and milk, and one that will become a top replacement female. Profitability is a huge factor in a successful operation and our genetic selection, as well as 40 years of genetic selection from Tuhy Angus will provide producers the genetics they need to maximize their investment.

"The foundation of our herd is our well-rounded mother cows. These females have been selected over many years for a moderate frame, calving ease, calm disposition, and a quality udder. We make our cows work for us; they must calve on their own and raise a calf on the North Dakota prairie without any creep feed. If they cannot raise a nice calf, they are down the road. One of the most prominent traits we emphasize in our cow herd is docility. Calm cattle are easier and safer to handle, especially when children or outside help is on the farm. We strive to handle our cattle in a way that will provide a docile disposition not only in our herd but in all of our customer's herds," explained Bobby.

JB Angus females are backed by some of the best sires in the breed. Many of their pedigrees include sires such as Sitz Upward 307R, SAV Traveler 004, Kesslers Frontman R001, Connealy Final Product, GDAR Game Day 449, HA Image Maker 0415, and Mytty IN Focus.

"In our business, we try to focus especially hard on customer service; 100% satisfied customers after every breeding season is our main goal. If a problem arises before, during, or after our sale, we will do whatever we can to make sure that the customer has had a positive experience with JB Angus," said Bobby.

JB Angus looks forward to establishing long-lasting relationships with their customers, one that will last long after the stock trailer gate closes. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.jbangus.com> or call 701-590-9814.



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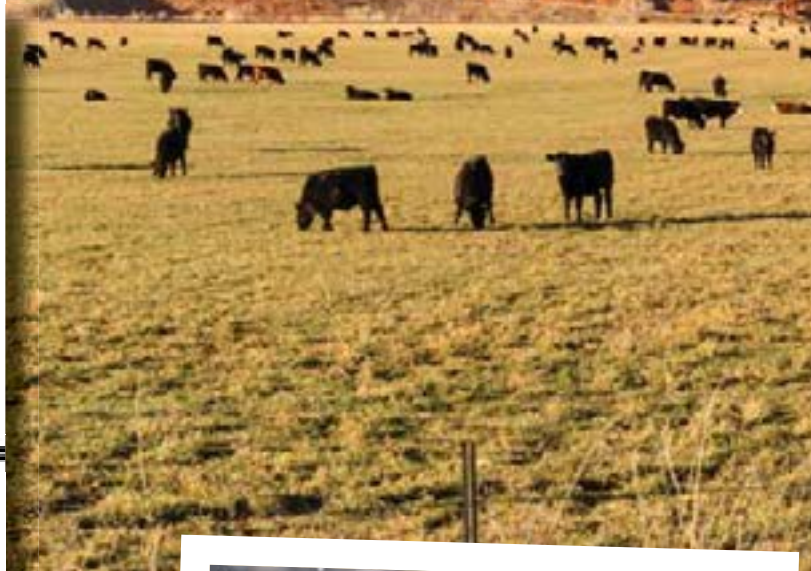
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Best Angus will be hosting their 6th annual Best Value in the Badlands Production Sale at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, Watford City. The sale will offer 65 registered yearling Angus bulls, 10 coming two-year-old registered Angus bulls, and 25 registered open heifer calves. For more information, visit the ranch website, <http://www.bestangusandquarterhorses.com>.

Prior to their annual production sale, Bests marketed their range ready registered yearling bulls by private treaty. What started in 1987 as a 4-H and FFA project of Pete's has grown into a registered Angus cow herd known for efficient, profitable, maternal cattle that serve the cattlemen of today's beef industry well.

In 2006, Bests had the opportunity to move themselves and their 30 registered Angus cows home to the ranch Vawnita grew up on in the badlands of south central McKenzie County. Through intense AI and ET, today the entire brood cow herd at Elkhorn Creek Ranch is registered, AHIR tested, Maternal Plus enrolled, and carcass ultra-sounded since 1995. Of the 265 cows, approximately half are synchronized in the spring and AI'ed and half are used as recipient cows in the ET program.

Best Angus believes it is their responsibility to breed cattle that will provide profitability for their customers' cow herds, as well as their quality of life through focusing on economic and problem free trait selection. To be able to do so, selection pressure is applied in their harsh Badland's environment. Bests have extended their grazing season over the last decade and have focused on the type and kind of mother cow who thrives in a blue collar world, while producing calves that efficiently gain in the feedlot, grade on the rail, and push the upper limits of carcass weight without reaching discount.

In addition to their Best Value in the Badlands annual production sale the first Monday of March in Watford City, Best Angus has also partnered with Strommen Ranch and Talkington Angus Ranch to form the Badlands Angus Alliance registered coming two-year-old bull and bred female sale. The Badlands Angus Alliance on the first Tuesday of December offers registered Angus coming two-year-old bulls from the three programs and bred females from customers of Badlands Angus Alliance.

The Badlands Angus Alliance is in Dickinson and is scheduled for Dec. 1, 2020.

For more information on Best Angus and Quarter Horses or Badlands Angus Alliance, contact Pete at 701-570-6959 or visit <http://www.bestangusandquarterhorses.com>.

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Tehama Tahoe daughter out of a KG High Regard daughter at 150 days of age. (Submitted photo)



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This program started in 2014. Kyle Dragseth explained, "After countless hours of reviewing programs rich in Angus history, we purchased our programs foundation females from Pine Creek Angus out of Faith, SD, Severance Angus out of Ryder, ND, and an entire group of 2013 model females on shares with Nelson Angus, Watford City."

Dragseth has been in the cattle business since 1988. "I have been in the cattle business for years, first raising registered Limousin and now for the past five years I have been raising registered Angus."

KD Angus focuses on docility, growth, performance, and moderate easy fleshing cattle that have tremendous depth of body and thickness throughout. The program utilizes the breeds top A.I. sires with proven genetics that Dragseth knows will enhance his breeding program with bulls like Deer Valley Fox Trot - a huge topped, wide based tank of a bull; Connealy Capitalist 028 - an unmatched sire in his ability to transmit body mass, base width, and muscle; Tehama Tahoe B767 -one of the most complete bulls in the Angus breed. "Few sires can beat his calving ease and on

Connealy Capitalist son at 150 days of age. (Submitted photo)



Tehama Tahoe son at 150 days of age. (Submitted photo)



top of that, he is still in the top 10% for weaning and yearling weight," said Dragseth.

Starting Saturday, Feb. 1, KD Angus will be offering a set of A.I. sired, genomic tested, yearling bulls for sale private treaty. Dragseth explained that this set of bulls has an average 205-day weight of 800#s and are extra gentle. You will not find a better set of registered Angus bulls!

For more information or to request a brochure, contact Kyle Dragseth at 701-770-1652 or 701-444-2475. You can also find KD Angus on Facebook.

Rambur Charolais

Rambur Charolais is located just south of Sidney and was founded more than 30 years ago by Howard Rambur. When he started in the ranching industry, Howard wanted to work with a breed of cattle distinctly different from any other breeds in eastern Montana, so he chose the Charolais.

At the time, the Charolais was a relatively new breed to the area and was still able to retain its full French heritage. Even though the breed grew quite large as adults, Howard had a goal to modify the Charolais not only to suit his customers, but also to ensure that the animals fit the Montana environment. The Charolais put on pounds quickly, which led to calving problems. Rambur then bred the animal down to a smaller frame, which led to calving ease. For decades, Rambur Charolais perfected its breed and now has customers all over the country that use the Charolais bull on their first calf heifers. They have sold bulls from West Virginia to Hawaii, and they back every bull they sell.

Rambur's cattle have done well at the Denver Stock Show, have won top honors three times, and have even received Reserve Champion on several other occasions.

A Rambur Charolais cow's profile will have smooth shoulders for calving ease, sound feet and legs, and a good carcass structure. Cows are bred to be tough on the ranch, and they have to be able to calve easily, flesh easily and have fertility and structural soundness in the rough Montana climate.

Rambur runs 300 Charolais cows as well as 150 head of Angus cows. The ranch also offers Angus bulls along with its famous Charolais bull program. The operation farms about 600 acres of corn and hay each and includes an on-site feedlot.

Rambur Charolais holds various sales throughout the year and hosts an Annual Bull Sale every April. They have a focus on raising cattle that are balanced in all traits, with smooth shoulders for calving ease, sound feet and legs so the animals can travel the country and a good carcass structure.

Customer service is a priority at Rambur Charolais, they provide delivery, and if a customer wants to leave their bulls at Rambur Charolais feedlot until turnout time, they will feed and take care of them. Stop by and visit or call them at 406-482-3255.

The Stroh Hereford Ranch



Stroh Hereford Ranch will be holding their 30th annual production sale on Thursday, Feb. 6th, 2020 at 1 p.m. MST at the ranch, located 1.5 miles east of the Killdeer roundabout on Highway 200 or 5 miles west of Dunn Center, ND. At the sale, they will be selling 50 Stout rugged Ranch ready 2-year-old bulls and a number of females that come straight out of the heart of the Stroh Hereford Ranch program.

Tony Stroh established Stroh Herefords in 1950, and along with his wife, Leona, they have been in the Hereford Industry for 65 years. The Stroh Hereford Ranch is currently owned by Tony and Leona's youngest son, Mike and his wife, Dawn along with their sons, Lucas and Matthew Stroh.

Stroh Hereford Ranch strives to provide functional range cattle that have loads of eye appeal that meet the demands of the modern cattleman. The sale bulls this year are pail gentle, cake broke and ready to go to work for the customers. This year's bulls are solid made, sound on their feet, built thick, and have gentle dispositions. They also have sufficient pigment and are phenotypically correct. Stroh's would like to remind people that a two-year-old bull could service 30% more cows than a yearling bull can.

The Strohs take part in the American Hereford Association's Whole Herd Inventory Program and keep all of the required records to do so. Videos of the bulls will be available online at <http://www.thelivestocklink.com> in January. For more information, contact the Strohs at 701-573-4373 or 701-290-1191, or email them at acmecatl@ndsupernet.com.



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Leland Red Angus



Leland Red Angus will be hosting their 36th annual production sale on Friday, March 13 at the ranch located in southwest McKenzie County, 35 miles southeast of Sidney in the Squaw Gap Community. The ranch, which has raised registered Red Angus for over 50 years is operated by Melvin and Luella Leland and their son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Carla Leland. Homesteaded in 1911 by Melvin's father, Leland Red Angus breeds over 500 registered Red Angus females per year and will market over 170 bulls and 50 yearling heifers, including about 50 fall-born, 18-month-old bulls from daughter Tracey Koester and her family in Steele, ND. They also offer bred females by private treaty every fall.

The ranch operates on a combination of deeded, leased, and permitted National Grasslands land and is regularly involved in national, state-wide, and local breed and beef industry organizations. Though the cow herd is managed on the range year-round, the sale bulls are developed in the ranch feedlot, with most of the feed being produced on 1,200 acres of hay and cropland.

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"Much of the herd is bred by artificial insemination and features genomic verification by DNA and ultrasound testing for economically relevant traits and carcass values, a service provided by our son-in-law Dr. J.J. Hovde," commented Melvin Leland, noting that they use as much technology as is applicable. "We are dedicated to the values of rural and family lifestyle, and the 108-year legacy of the ranch is expected to continue with Todd, Carla, and their son, Trey, continuing as the fourth generation of Leland ownership."

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Todd and Carla Leland with their son, Trey. (Submitted photo)

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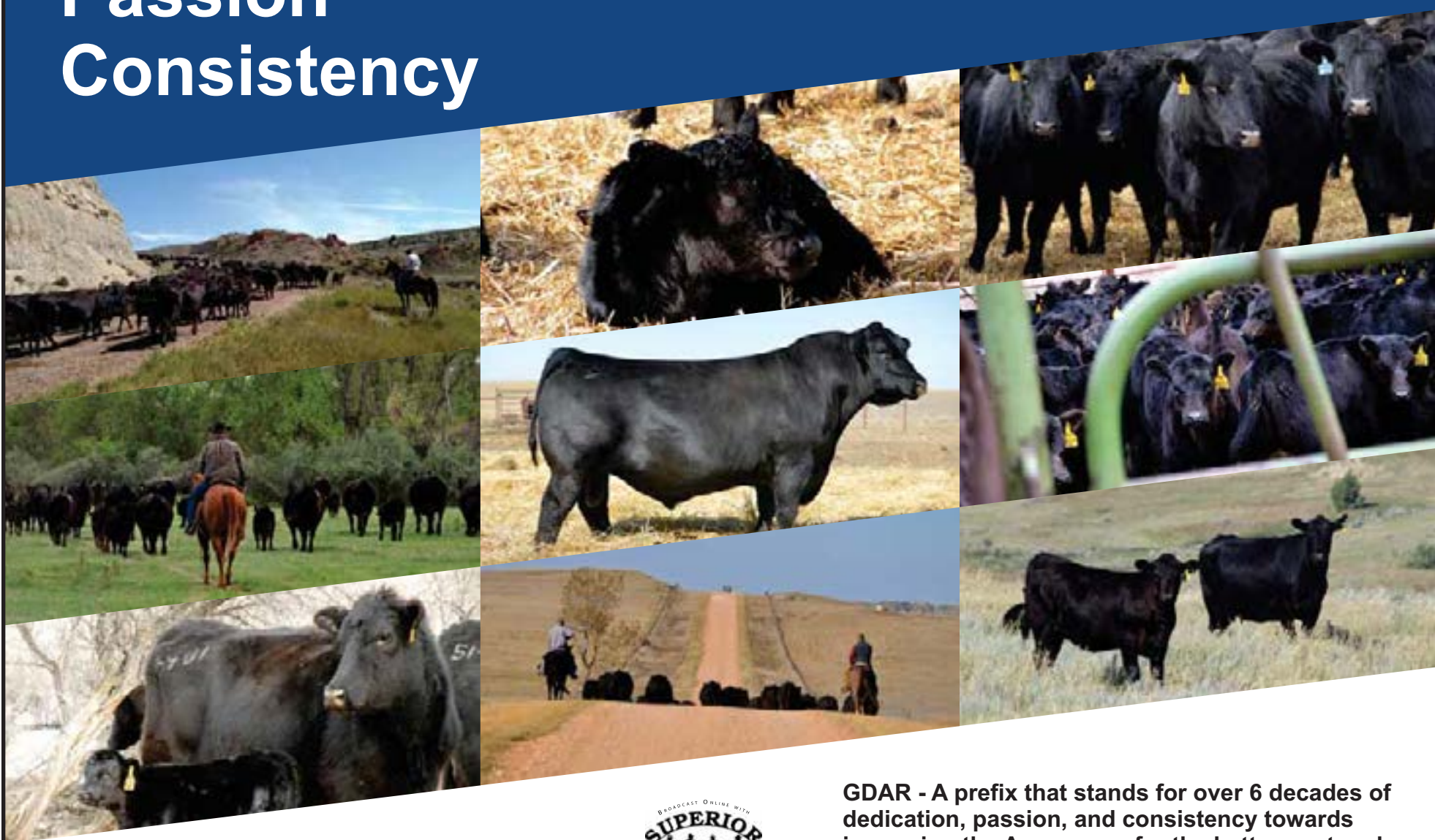
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American Harvest Inc. Hemp and CBD Processing Plant Opens Near Sidney



American Harvest Inc. began processing hemp and CBD extraction in June 2019 at the former Chaznline location at the junction of Highways 201 and 16 northwest of Sidney. They hope to develop hemp & CBD production in the area as a new revenue stream and rotation crop for both irrigated and dry land producers in the area. The company has also purchased a 5-acre, 12,000 square foot facility near Glendive for future use.

The company gave an informative presentation to producers recently at the MonDak Ag Summit, Sidney. American Harvest stated that they are the leading vertically integrated, U.S. based, multi-state, hemp company. American Harvest treats industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity with a global supply chain. They have also developed an integrated system of farming, cultivation and proprietary harvesting along with proprietary manufacturing to produce CBD/Hemp extracts and industrial hemp products.

American Harvest hopes to become a global leader in phytocannabinoids (non-psychoactive cannabinoids) and industrial hemp products. Examples of these products include industrial products using hemp fibers and hemp-converted products; foods including hemp oils, proteins, seeds and terpenes; and health & wellness products for both humans and animals. The company's zero waste technology allows them to cultivate the entire plant into hemp and cannabinoid based products. Their track and trace technology allows customers full transparency from seed to sale.

This year, the company harvested over 5000 acres and began partnering with producers to create an alternative crop that is poised for significant growth. American Harvest has also developed technology throughout the supply chain to offer diversified options to market each part of the hemp plant.

Even though American Harvest is off to a great start they do admit there are industry challenges moving forward. Hemp and CBD production is a brand new, yet promising industry. Currently, there is limited hemp processing and manufacturing infrastructure. Finally, sales markets are still developing and regulations are still being established.



American Harvest CEO John Piracha answered questions from producers at the MonDak Ag Summit in Sidney Dec. 12.

2019 Harvest Wrap Up



By Tim Fine

I cannot accurately explain the 2019 harvest season because this is a public paper and the use of profanity is not allowed. To put it as politely as I possibly can, I think I will use the adjective horrible. With that being said, though, there are areas of the state where it was worse, but not by much. I think the fact that the county commissioners have decided to ask for a disaster clarification speaks for itself.

2019 marked my ninth harvest season in Richland County and I have witnessed just about every type of harvest scenario imaginable. Most years, our producers are able to get their crops out of their fields in a fairly timely manner and most years those crops do fairly well. That certainly was not the case this year, and to make matters worse, crop prices were not as great as they have been previously.

Usually, even when other crops are not faring so well, our sugarbeet producers are still able to harvest a good crop. Sugarbeets, after all, are irrigated and typically a lack of moisture is what leads to a lack of production in most other crops. The struggles that our sugarbeet producers have faced this year have been well documented. From a late start to harvest to fields that were too wet to extreme temperature fluctuation, even some beets that made it to the pile yards did not store well and as such are now having to be removed from the production chain.

Our small grain producers did not fair so well either. There were a few people that were able to get their grain out of the fields earlier and did not have the quality issues that most had but there were not very many people in that boat. For the most part, producers were late being able to get combines into fields and, as such, small grain quality just continued to diminish. Poor quality grain that had started to sprout in the field was more the norm than the exception.

Corn and soybeans rule the Midwest and we are starting to see Richland County producers take more advantage of the marketing availabilities for these crops. I honestly do not know how our soybean crops fared. The corn crop on the other hand, was probably less than stellar. Both silage and grain corn harvest was slowed.

Producers with pulse crops (beans, peas, lentils, etc..) in their fields fared somewhat better than others if they were able to get to their crops in time. As these crops are typically harvested earlier than most others, there was a window of opportunity to get them harvested prior to the untimely rains. But, as with the other crops, not everyone was able to take advantage of the good weather.

Even our hay crop did not fare so well. It was a great spring and the first cutting for the most part came off in good condition. But as the season wore on and the rains started to pick up, much of the hay that was stacked and/or left in the field continued to get rained on and quality suffered.

Safflower is a crop that we continue to see more of in our area and it's a crop that likes moisture and takes a little longer growing season so it is usually harvested later. But not this late. While most of it is harvested now there is still some safflower standing and waiting to be harvested and the quality, like every other crop is suffering.

I realize that this is not the generally cheery outlook for the harvest season as it was definitely a test of our farmers' will and fortitude. But to put a little bit of a positive spin on the season, there were not any major accidents or catastrophes that I am aware of and for the most part those buying the grain have still been able to take it and sell it. Hopefully 2020 will be better for all involved.

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