

# \*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*

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## Circle A Angus Ranch Sale Results

Circle A Angus Ranch, headquartered in Iberia, MO, was proud to host their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Bull & Heifer sale offering 402 head sold on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The full house made for a very solid bull sale and the hottest bred heifer sale we've ever witnessed.

202 bulls averaged \$4531 with two high selling bulls going for \$11,000 each. Lot 1, Circle A Upshot 2361, a bull with growth EPDs in the top 1% of the breed and an outstanding phenotype, sold to Gary Johnson, Fairfax, MO. Lot 14, a heavy, stout Woodhill Mainline son also with great growth genetics, went to Danny Helton of Meta, MO. Lot 19, a powerful SAV Brave son in the top 10% of the breed for 7 traits sold for \$10,500 to the Smith/Vannoy Partnership of Shelbyville, MO and Lot 4, an EXAR Upshot 0562B son with an outstanding EPD profile sold to Clayton Drake of Iberia, MO for \$10,000. Several other bulls were in the \$8000 and up range including two Circle A Premium Bulls going to Ridge Top Farms of Unionville, IA for \$8000 each. Bill Kyser of Greensboro, AL was the high volume bull buyer taking home 10 bulls. 68 bulls sold for \$5,000 or more, with 45 bulls selling for \$3,500 or less.

200 commercial, bred heifers, sold in lots of five ultrasounded to calve within ten days of one another and fetal sexed, averaged \$2945 per head. Daniel Kuschel of Chamois, MO purchased the high selling lot at \$3,500 per head. Karl Kuschel, of Chamois, MO purchased 45 head, Randy Britt of Clifton Hill, MO purchased 40 head and Don Atkinson of Mullins, SC also purchased 40 head. The 85 black-baldie heifers averaged \$3078.

Circle A and their customers are looking forward to green grass and continued great calf prices. Circle A feels fortunate to be part of their customers' success and attributes their part to good genetics, good service and an industry leading calf buy-back program. The next opportunity to purchase Circle A genetics will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> offering 150 bulls and 300 spring-calving, bred heifers.

Type	Gross	Head	Average
Registered Bulls	\$ 549,250	112	\$4904
CAPB Bulls	\$ 366,000	90	\$4067
<b>Total Bulls</b>	<b>\$ 915,250</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>\$4531</b>
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<b>Total Heifers</b>	<b>\$ 589,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$2945</b>
<b>Total Gross</b>	<b>\$ 1,504,250</b>		

*Circle A Angus Ranch is a 24,000 acre, 7,000 head ranching operation headquartered in Iberia, MO with satellite operations in Stockton, and Huntsville. Owned by the Dave Gust Family, Circle A's motto is "Quality beef is our business". Circle A markets more than 400 Black Angus bulls and 600 Premium Angus females annually at sales held the third Saturday's of March and October.*

*Circle A offers a full-time customer service representative, free delivery with the purchase of two or more bulls, the most generous calf buy-back program in the country and access to the best genetics through the Angus Sire Alliance and the industry's most accurate in-herd EPDs for tenderness, feed intake, heifer pregnancy, cow stayability and terminal and maternal profit indexes.*