

Bullis Creek Ranch -

NEWSLETTER 2024



GENERATIONS OF PREDICTABILITY PRODUCTION SALE

- FEATURING -
LIMOUSIN, LIM-FLEX AND RED ANGUS

JANUARY 27, 2025

LOCATION

88102 S WOOD LAKE RD
WOOD LAKE, NE 69221

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

Our family has been ranching for well over 100 years. The original family farm was in Delevan, Illinois and my grandfather left there in 1917 and purchased a ranch in southwestern Montana. In 1997 the ranch was sold, and another was purchased in the sandhills of North central Nebraska. Currently Rob and Brenda run the operation with help from their children Neil, Audrey and grandson Junior. The only thing that is harvested on the ranch is grass by the cattle. Meadow hay is baled in the summer to be fed after the cows return home from grazing corn stalk residue from December to the first of March. The cows start calving the 15th of March for 60 days and the first calf heifers start March 1. We calve outside against a tree grove for protection from the weather and have a maternity pen at each location in case we need to get something in that is having calving difficulties. We feed hay less than 60 days per year and the cow herd is trailed 20 miles to graze the corn stalks. We are what is called a grass and cake outfit as we use range cubes to supplement

protein and energy that is short on meeting a cow's nutritive requirements. Range cake is stored in an overhead bin and our pickups have cake feeders on them that we drive under the overhead bin and dump what cake in that we need. We feed distillers grain cake which comes in ¾ or 7/8-inch cubes. Distillers grain cake is optimum due to its relationship with the rumen microbe digestion and forage.

Our cowherd is run like a commercial herd and like the neighbor's herd across the fence from ours. Our cows are never overfed or pampered or run in an artificial environment. We turn in data on birth, weaning, yearling, cow weights, body condition scores, disposition, feet, legs and udders. They have been genomically tested, and parentage verified. Our sale bulls are ultrasounded for carcass traits along with genomic testing and parentage verification. They have never been shut up in a corral or feed lot and fed a high caloric concentrate diet. They are fed 1% of their body weight of CHS Bull Challenger pellets from October till sale time along with long stemmed hay and they are run in a large pasture with hills, and they must travel a ¼ to ½ mile or more to get water every day. This ensures that they get adequate exercise and fitness. All our cattle are sorted for disposition and handleability. There are no exceptions allowed for less than easy handling cattle with quiet dispositions and good temperaments. We are firm believers in the use of balanced EPD's and performance testing. After all what isn't measured can't be improved upon. We select and cull hard for structural soundness and feet, legs and udders must be sound and trouble free.

So, if sound, solid easy-going cattle that perform in all environments are what you seek then I encourage you to check us out.

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HIGHLIGHTS

2024 SALE

It was a beautiful sunny day in the Nebraska sandhills as a storm system that had held a grip on the country for the 2 weeks prior moved on. A nice crowd of buyers, neighbors and friends came to appraise the 2024 sale offering of age advantaged coming 2-year-old bulls on offer. Bidding was active and fast paced as buyers filled their genetics needs.

Averages:

29 - Red Angus Age Advantage Bulls - \$4,281

32 - Limousin/Lim-Flex Age Advantage Bulls - \$4,226

61- Total - \$4,252

Red Angus highlights

BCRR Top End 272 commanded a bid of \$8,750 from longtime buyers Troy and Michelle Sage of Sparks, NE.

BCRR Well Stocked 209 was a highly sought out herd sire prospect and when the dust settled, he commanded a bid of \$8,000 from longtime friend and buyer Eric and Shannon Ravenscroft of Nenzel, NE.

BCRR NEBR Top End 228 was purchased by the Wilde Ranch of Brownlee, NE for \$7,000.

BCRR Monument 229, an attractive complete son of Fritz Monument got a new home with Kyle Wagner of Bartlett, NE on a bid of \$6,500.

Limousin/LimFlex highlights

BRAW Emprize 2246K This stout thick heavy muscled herd sire prospect was a crowd favorite selling on a bid of \$8,000 to Wulf Cattle of Morris, MN.

BRAW Mr. Enhance 220K commanded a top bid of \$7,000 going to Lazy Trails Angus Ranch John and Sheila Wheeler of Wood Lake, NE.

BRAW Yellowstone 2226K sold to past buyer Rich and Laura Cockroft of Salina, KS on a bid of \$6,000.

BRAW Windfall 2209K had a lot of friend's sale day as longtime buyers and friends Steve and Kristi Voorhees of Scobey, MT added him to their bull battery for \$5,500.



IN THE REARVIEW

A LOOK BACK

Winter 2023 was easy to live through with temps warm and mild. We didn't get a lot of moisture either so didn't have a lot of stress from the weather. The spring was cool and dry for the most part. Grass was slow growing because of these conditions.

Mid-June came and look out as we got 6 inches of rain in less than 5 days. I've never seen so much water as we had at that point even comparing it to the floods of 2019. Our creeks were so high and full that every tube and bridge was washed out. We couldn't access the southern 2/3 of the ranch due to high water which didn't recede until better than 3 weeks later. After the rain stopped it turned off hot and dry for the rest of June. We only received 2 small showers the rest of the summer and September was the driest on record and most of the summer temps were in the upper 90's to lower 100's.

Our pastures early on were too cool and dry for the cool season grasses to grow very well and the shot of rain in mid-June and the high heat caused the warm season grasses to grow like they were on steroids and they were tall and unpalatable especially for the calves. Due to this our calf weights were lighter than average to the tune of 40-60 pounds on average and we had a higher number of open cows at preg check time and on average our cows were over 100 pounds lighter than last year.

Talk about extremes last year we had 4.8% opens and this year we had 16.8% opens. That was quite a hit and the veterinarians I talked with said that there were some herds that had more than 20% opens in some cases. It seems like we have been experiencing more severe weather events the last few years.

I don't know about you but I'm thinking about wearing a crash helmet and strapping a pillow to the seat of my pants. At least the cattle market is higher, and feed is plentiful and cheaper than normal this fall.



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MATURE COWHERD DISPERSAL

REGISTERED LIMOUSIN, LIM-FLEX AND RED ANGUS FEMALES

AVAILABLE PRIVATE TREATY



**TAG ID: 685D
REG #: LFF2114004**



**TAG ID: 576
REG #: NXF2087802**



**TAG ID: 621
REG #:**



**TAG ID: 6153
REG #: 3544917**



**TAG ID: 6154
REG #: 3541224**



**TAG ID: 525
REG #:**

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WULFS DEFEND

FEATURE

WULFS DEFEND K909D



NPM2099250

Wulf's Defend K909D is ranked #10 on the Vytelle Top 150 list for feed efficiency out of 324,000 sires. Proud to have had him walking our pastures and leaving us with a lot of great progeny. The Limousin breed had 19 sires that were in the top 150.

BORDER COLLIES

This fall we did have 2 litters of Border pups born. We got a litter of Val that had 8 pups and a litter out of Liza that consisted of 7 puppies. Both litters are sired by Rip a red and white male that we sold as a pup to Stetson Allen. He is an incredible dog with lots of drive and stock sense as well as a really pleasant dog to be around. The pups should be ready to go sometime around the end of November or mid December. We have been raising and breeding Border Collies since 1986 and 100% guarantee our dogs.



If you're in the market for a good dog give us a holler.



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Bullis Creek Advantage -

TOP 10 REASONS TO INVEST

10. Sandhills Ranch Raised Long age Bulls
Never pampered.

9. Low inputs with minimal supplement feeding cows
fed hay less than 90 days per year.

8. Customers are treated the way we would like to be
treated.

7. Sound structured cattle with emphasis on feet, legs
and udders.

6. Optimal performance that is data driven. Genomically
tested.

5. Limousin for 50 years – Red Angus for 30 years.

4. Strict culling for disposition and ease of handling.

3. Relying heavily on AI and cows are run in large groups
in large pastures.

2. We retain ownership and sell more finished cattle than
we do breeding stock.

1. No smoke and mirrors guarantee just honest
dealings and standing behind the cattle we produce.



KILLDEER NOOK GUEST

CABIN

Take advantage of the quiet, to rest, relax and regenerate in this secluded cabin located next to its own trout pond. Whether you seek a quiet weekend or a base to headquarter from while exploring the sand hills- this is the place to hang your hat while in north central Nebraska. Located on a 5000 acre working ranch -there is plenty to do from dawn till dusk. No matter if you spend your day hiking, wildlife viewing or enjoying the many area attractions; you'll want to be back in time to take in the fabulous sunsets that spread across the western sky. So come be our guest, we'd love to have you.

New in 2020 we have added another small guest cabin to accommodate guests even better. A large family or maybe 2 couples or just need more space. The additional cabin contains a full/twin size bunk bed that makes it easy to accommodate most parties. Guests can chose option A which is just the large cabin as it has always been or they can chose option B which includes the new extra cabin for an additional fee.

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NEW ADDITIONS

2024



LVLS LEGENDARY 2014L Reg. ID - LFM2798295

Homozygous Polled - Red - Lim-Flex

Legendary caught our eye this spring on the Lonely Valley Seed stock bull sale. His sire is Wulf's Emprize 2424E, a son of Deep End B597 (RA) and out of the Wulfs Zuni 2424Zfemale. His dam, BSTR Gold Digger ET is a daughter of MAGS Winston and out of the great SBLX Under the covers 201U female who is goes back to the ELMW Ginnie female. We admired this bull's rugged design, sound structure and powerful look that all cattlemen desire. He is incredibly long and level in his spine, robust and capacious through his center third and expressive in his muscle shape. We owned Emprize and think that Legendary should make an excellent replacement for him. This is one heck of a herd sire prospect, and we can't wait to see what's in store for him. Semen is available from Bullis Creek.



WULF'S KONVEYOR T213K Reg. ID - NPM2509055

Homozygous Polled - Heterozygous Black - Purebred Limousin

We purchased Konveyor on the Wulf Cattle "Opportunity of 2023" sale as one of the top lots of the sale. Wulf's retained 1/2 semen interest and fall possession and we are tickled to partner with them on this outstanding individual. Konveyor will add growth and power to the Limousin population. His sire VL Hunter Down exceeded all expectations for adding muscle shape and performance with a super disposition. Konveyor's 2-year-old dam is a product of ET and combines several top sire lines for growth, performance and carcass. Konveyor ranks in the top 10% of the breed for 11 economically important traits including being in the top 2% for Mainstream Terminal Index. His IMF scan data ratioed 129 and EPD for Marbling is in the top 3% of the breed. Semen is available from the owners.



FLRA Long Haul RK07 Reg. ID - NPM2509055

100% 1A Red Angus

Check out this outstanding herd sire and I think you'll agree he's a top prospect for genetic advancement and worthy of your consideration. Long Haul was the high selling lot of the inaugural New York Red Angus "Right on Red" sale. Study this bull and you'll have to agree he's the real deal! In the top 33% for birthweight and in the top 5% for weaning and top 21% for yearling. On the female side his milk is in the top 21% of the breed. In the carcass department he is outstanding with an IMF scan of an impressive score of 5.05 and a marbling EPD that is in the top 2% of the breed. His gridmaster score is 61 to place him in the top 11% of the breed. Sired by Feddes Treadstone, a top son of 5L Bourne and his dam is an 5L Independence x Deep End combination. When he stepped off the trailer coming from New York the trucker said he had traveled 1998 miles! I think you can see that he is named appropriately!

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