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January 14, 2026 • 2:00 pm (mst)
National Western Stock Show • Denver, CO



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LIABILITY

All persons attending the sale do so at their own risk: NWSS, consignors, sale management, ABS and/or the auctioneer assume no liability for accidents, theft or damages on the sale site.

SUPPLEMENT SHEET

A supplement sheet will be available sale day with any additions or corrections to the catalog. Any information on the supplement sheet or announced from the block will take precedence over the catalog.

HEALTH

All health work on the sale cattle has been done. All cattle will have all the tests and paperwork to travel anywhere in the Continental United States. All heifers have received 1st round of vaccinations.

ULTRASOUND

All heifers were ultrasounded in July/August to establish calving dates and rechecked in December by Dr. Doug Ford DVM to guarantee pregnancy.

TERMS OF SALE

All cattle will be sold at auction under the standard terms and conditions recommended by their respective breed associations. Terms of sale will be cash or check at the conclusion of the sale unless prior arrangements are made.

TRUCKING

All cattle are available for pickup following the sale. If needed, heifers can be sent back to Hermes Livestock's yard north of Stratton, CO for pickup. All cattle need to be picked up within 7 days of the sale or daily yardage will be charged.

ONLINE BROADCAST & VIDEOS

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schedule of events

10 AM Educational Sessions Sponsored by Colorado Angus Association

10:00 AM Tools to Differentiate Your Calf Crop • Troy Marshall, AAA Director of Commercial Industry Relations

10:45 AM Cowherd Efficiencies • Dr. Ryan Rathmann, Texas Tech University

11:45 AM Panel Discussion: "Differentiating Yourself in the Market" • Moderated by Kevin Ochsner

12:30 PM Lunch & Social (Outside the Maternal Merit Sale Pens)

2 PM Maternal Merit Elite Commercial Bred Heifer Sale

- AI-Bred to ABS calving ease bulls: True North, Dynamic, Republic, Definitive
- Consignors: Hermes Livestock, Valhalla Ranch, Warner Beef, Livingston Ranch, Stockmens Source
- Breeds: Angus, F1 Black Baldies, Red Baldies, Red Angus, Balancers, SimAngus

welcome

It is our great pleasure to present to you the 4th Annual Maternal Merit Female sale in the yards at the National Western Stock Show. Our goal with the Maternal Merit sale has always been to offer the highest quality set of Commercial AI bred heifers possible while continuing to build on the history and legacy of the yards, hitting our 4th year, our excitement for the event is as high as ever. The cattle that will be offered are second to none and have been hand selected and managed specifically for this sale. As you will find, many of these females are AI sired for multiple generations and are backed by programs that have been discipline about making females that are problem free, fertile and built to last no matter the environment. They are truly the kind you can build a herd around and be profitable. Following the success of last year, we are happy to bring back the Commercial Cattlemen's Day held in conjunction with the Maternal Merit Sale. This event will feature two educational speakers in the morning as well as an Industry panel moderated by Kevin Ochsner. We can't show enough gratitude to those that have purchased or supported us these first few years and look forward to seeing you again on January 14th! Be sure to contact any of the representatives or consignors with any questions you might have regarding the heifers. Thank you for taking a look and we hope you all can join us for this special event!

Sincerely - Bobby Strecker



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CONSIGNMENTS

ANGUS

WARNER BEEF GENETICS • Dan Warner 308-962-6511

Warner Beef Genetics is a registered and commercial Angus, Gelbvieh and Balancer ranch in southwest Nebraska. We run over 1100 spring and fall calving cows and sell 150 bulls annually. The cowherd is mostly comprised of multi-generation Balancer females that have a genetic makeup of 1/4 - 1/2 Gelbvieh and the remaining being either Angus or Red Angus. There is a heavy influence of AI and Embryo Transfer in the cowherd, and we are fortunate to own several of the AI sires within the breed as walking sires. We believe in moderate framed, performance cattle that excel in fertility, mothering ability and fleshing ability. The heifers selling represent the front end of over 250 commercial females developed last year and are home raised or purchased from top bull customers.

HERMES LIVESTOCK • Anton Hermes 970-554-0996

Hermes Livestock is a diversified cow/calf, heifer development/breeding, and feeding operation in eastern Colorado. They specialize in developing Angus and F1 black baldy heifers by incorporating Hereford genetics into their angus cow herd. In addition to their home raised heifers, they procure the top end F1 heifers from several large reputation ranches in neighboring states. These heifers are high quality females sired by ABS proven leaders Hickok and Charisma. They are proven to be easy fleshing, moderate framed, excellent milking, and docile.

LIVINGSTON RANCH • Julie Livingston 719-349-2030, Anton Hermes 970-554-0996

Livingston Ranch is a large purebred Angus Cow/calf operation headquartered in Stratton, CO. They strive to breed highly maternal cattle that fit the various climates and conditions in their region. Through stringent culling for fertility, docility and performance; as well as being aggressive AI users (every cow gets AI'd annually), the genetics that influence this cow herd are second to none in the commercial cattlemen world. The heifers on this sale are all daughters of Tehama Patriarch and are AI'd to the Calving Ease Hereford bull Hoffman Pilot.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
1A	6	Angus	Warner Beef	Institution	2/20
1B	7	Angus	Hermes	Republic	2/20
1C	7	Angus	Livingston	Pilot	2/12

BALANCER

WARNER BEEF GENETICS • Dan Warner 308-962-6511

Lot	#Head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
2A	6	Balancer	Warner	Dynamic	2/20
2B	6	Balancer	Warner	Dynamic	2/20

F1 BLACK BALDIES

HERMES LIVESTOCK • Anton Hermes 970-554-0996

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
3A	6	F1 Baldies	Hermes	Dynamic	2/20
3B	6	F1 Baldies	Hermes	Institution	2/20
3C	6	F1 Baldies	Hermes	Institution	2/20

Thanks for
your interest!

“ I purchased heifers off the Maternal Merit Sale at the NWSS in January 2023 and I couldn't be more happy with how they've turned out. We've had 100% breed back on them the last 2 years with no fall out and a phenomenal set of calves. I have been so happy with them I've gone back and purchased more off the ranch. I'm happy to deal with Anton Hermes and his crew. Darren Ridley, Ridley Ranches, Las Animas, CO ”

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COMMERCIAL HEREFORD FEMALES

VALHALLA RANCH • Don MacLennan 303-906-4374

New this year are a group of commercial Hereford Heifers from the XA Ranch in Nebraska. Front end quality from a program built on making hardy, good footed cattle that flat work. Out of Rio Bravo and Hoffman Hereford bulls. Bred to Definitive, this is your chance to get in on creating your own Red Baldies.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
4A	10	Hereford	XA Ranch	Definitive	2/22

RED ANGUS

VALHALLA RANCH • Don MacLennan 303-906-4374

These Red Angus heifers that Valhalla Ranch has offered to you have been sourced from reputation ranches that carry long traditions in the cattle business as well as being a product of the Maternal Merit Program.

A Lot-A product of the Maternal Merit program these females are all sired by STOCKYARD and are out of ENERGIZE daughters that sold through this ring 2 years ago. The quality is as good as you will find.

B Lot-Comes from the Thompson Ranch program, these females would be out of ENERGIZE daughters and Ludvingson bulls.

C Lot-These females would be split with STOCKYARD sired females as well as females purchased from the Overmillers in Kansas. A long tradition of moderate, maternally focused females.

D Lot-These females were sourced from Eastern Montana and would offer Leland genetics throughout.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
5A	6	Red Angus	Valhalla	Definitive	2/22
5B	6	Red Angus	Valhalla	Definitive	2/22
5C	6	Red Angus	Valhalla	Definitive	2/22
5D	5	Red Angus	Valhalla	Definitive	2/22

PREMIUM RED BALDIES

VALHALLA RANCH • Don MacLennan 303-906-4374

These heifers come from the Thompson Ranch, located on the eastern plains of Colorado, is a wheat and cattle operation who runs close to 700 mother cows. A moderate, easy fleshing, good uddered cow herd is the target of this breeder and steer calves still wean off at over 600 lbs. Ludvingson and Smokey Y blood runs deep in this cow herd, and these females would be sired by front end Hoffman Hereford bulls.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
6A	7	F1 Red Baldies	Thompson Ranch	Definitive	2/22

“ We have been very impressed with how the heifers we purchased have performed. Especially on short, droughted out grass. They held their condition well and weaned off big, high quality calves.

*Grady and Lacey Groshans,
Haxtun, CO*



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SIM ANGUS

STOCKMEN'S SOURCE • Jeremy Martin 308-325-3287

Stockmen's Source is a SimAngus and Angus seedstock provider focused on providing long-aged bulls backed by cows that work for a living. The heifers presented today are one-iron heifers sourced from longtime friends and clients the Coats Ranch near Porcupine, SD. The Coats family selects bulls right off the top of our sale every year. Our feeding division, 4+ Feeders, has fed the steer mates several times; they arrived this fall weighing 650 lb off the cow in early November. The sisters to these heifers we bred last year were mated the same way and they calved easily and bred back well. If you need cows that are maternal, practical, and backed by people who are really picky about their cows they will suit you.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	AI Sire	Due Date
7A	6	SimAngus	Stockmen's Source	True North	3/12/25
7B	6	SimAngus	Stockmen's Source	True North	3/12/25

OPEN HEIFERS

New this year, we are offering 2 lots of top end ABS influenced replacement females from reputation programs in Northeast Colorado. All heifers have been pelvic measured, fertility checked and bangs vaccinated. Each lot will sell with a certificate for 10 units of semen from ABS.

WEATHERS FAMILY FARMS • Nikki Weathers 970-630-9545, Nathan Weathers 970-630-3595, Danny Calderwood 970-759-2270

Based out of Yuma, CO; Weathers Family Farms has built one of the great Angus and Baldy programs in the state. Backed by Hoffman, Jensen and NJW genetics as well as years of AI work and discipline selection, these females are from their replacement pen and represent the good, functional, quality type the Weathers family has been known for.

HERMES LIVESTOCK • Anton Hermes 970-554-0996

From one of the founders of the Maternal Merit Sale, Hermes Livestock brings a fancy group of SimAngus heifers all sired by the ABS maternal sire, TJ Arrowhead. Out of an incredible set of 3 year old low percentage Simmental females these heifers are all 3/8-1/2 Simmental and as good as you can find.

Lot	#head	Breed	Breeder	Sired by	Birth Date
8A	9	Black Baldies	Weathers Family Farms	Sitz Dignity, Ellingson Chaps	Feb/March
8B	10	SimAngus	Hermes Livestock	TJ Arrowhead	Feb/March

“ We purchased a pen of 5 of Red Angus commercial heifers in 2023 during the Maternal Merit sale from Valhalla Ranch. Their maternal instinct is exceptional, they are easy fleshing, and very easy to handle. With each year that passes they become more impressive with the size of calves they raise and udder quality. They have been an easy choice to keep within the commercial herd year after year. Due to their exceptional maternal instinct and udder quality, any heifers that result from breeding we are keeping back within our herd to carry on their quality. We look forward to purchasing again from Valhalla ranch in the future.

Caleb and Stephanie Robinette

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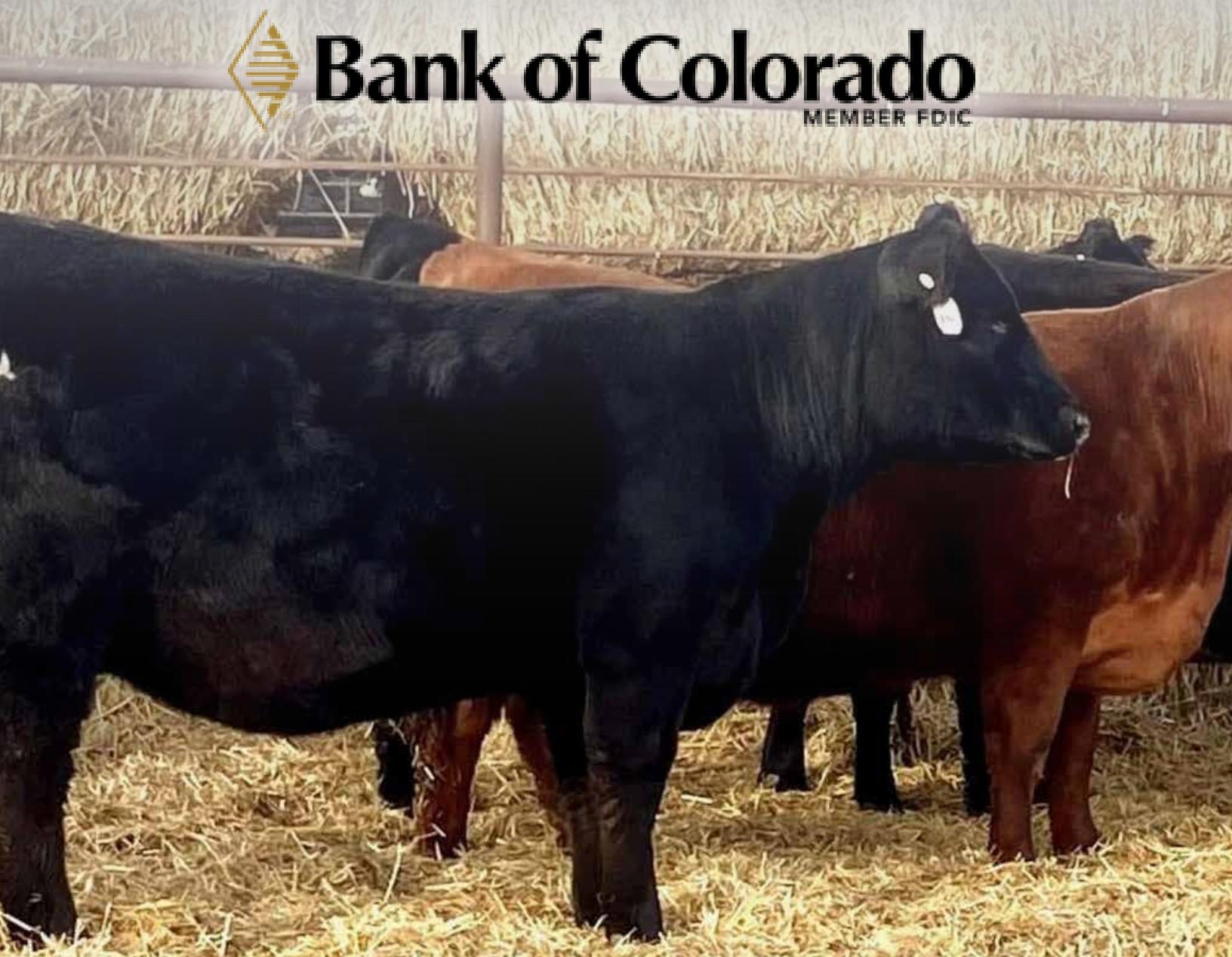


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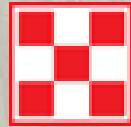
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