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Michigan Bull Evaluation Reveals the Value of Genetic Investment

CRYSTAL, MI – Bulls graduating from the 28th Annual MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation were sold Saturday, March 19; demonstrating the value of rigorous standards bulls achieve to sell in the program's sale.

The high selling bull was Lot 41; BAF Ten X 423B, an Angus bull consigned by Bordner Angus Farms of Sturgis, Mich. that sold for \$6,000 to Thomas Gallagher of Carson City, Mich. The second-high selling bull was Lot 43; KB-Ten X of 2W21-C08, also an Angus bull consigned by KB Angus Farms of Merritt, Mich. and sold for \$5,750 to Spencer Shunk of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Seven Angus bulls and five Simmental bulls sold for \$5,000 or more. Breed results were as follows: 14 Simmental bulls averaged \$4,064; 33 Angus bulls averaged \$3,644; 2 Charolais bulls averaged \$3,125; and 1 Polled Hereford bull sold for \$2,250.

Thirty-eight buyers from Michigan and Indiana bought superior performing bulls that met rigid health and performance qualifications. The 2016 program began in October with 71 bulls that were hand selected by 23 breeders in Michigan and Indiana. Each bull was sold with ultrasound data for ribeye area, external fat and percent intramuscular fat. In addition, all bulls met a minimum average daily gain requirement of 2.8 lbs. and passed stringent evaluations for reproductive potential, disposition and structural soundness.

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association Bull Evaluation Program is held in cooperation with Michigan State University. The bulls are managed at the Plank Farm in Crystal, MI. The next MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation will begin in October, with nominations accepted until September 1, 2016. Contact the Michigan Cattlemen's Association at 517-347-8117 or visit the program website www.MIBulls.com for details.

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