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PA Livestock Evaluation Center 40th Anniversary Sale to Feature Top-Performing Bulls

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. – Beef producers can buy some of the best genetics in the northeast during a bull sale at Pennsylvania’s Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre County, at noon on Friday, March 29.

Top gaining performance-tested bulls will sell at the 40th Performance-Tested Bull Sale. Bulls enrolled in the program complete a 112-day test evaluating average daily gain, weight per day of age, feed efficiency, loin muscle size and fat deposition. All bulls will be given a breeding soundness exam and be selected for sale based on their performance in both components.

There are currently 158 bulls on test representing seven beef breeds including Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin, Pinzgauer, Red Angus and Simmental, as well as crossbreds, consigned by producers from the mid-Atlantic.

The fastest gaining bull at 84 days on test is an Angus, consigned by Riverbend Farm, Far Hills, N.J. This Connealy Thunder son gained 5.85 pounds per day on test. The second fastest gaining bull on test is a SAV Net Worth 4200 Angus consignment by Finger Lakes Cattle, Penn Yan, N.Y., gaining 5.54 pounds per day on test. The Angus bulls on test averaged 4.19 pounds per day of gain at 84 days.

Two bulls are tied for the highest-gaining Simmental: an Ankonian Red Ceaser son consigned by Feights Farm of Breezewood, Bedford County, and an MF Hancock U415 son by Messick Farms of Middletown, Dauphin County. They lead the 37 Simmental bulls on test with 4.92 pounds of gain per day. Simmentals on test are averaging 3.97 pounds per day.

Other bulls on test include one Charolais, 10 Herefords, one Limousin, one Pinzgauer, 12 Red Angus and five crossbreds. The top Red Angus bull is a Vonada Cheyenne son owned by Elmwood Fields Inc. of Shepherdstown, W.Va., averaging 5.18 pounds of gain per day. Spring Pond Farm II, Branchport, N.Y., owns the high performing Hereford, an SPF 242 THEO OIT son gaining 3.91 pounds per day.

Catalogs featuring final weights and information will be available online and mailed by request.

Sale day events also include a trade show hosted by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and a Simmental female sale following the bull sale. Thursday, March 28, the Pennsylvania Beef Council will offer Beef Quality Assurance Certification at the center.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance testing programs and sales or facilities for hosting livestock events, contact Greg Hubbard at 814-238-2527 or gghubbard@pa.gov or visit www.livestockevaluationcenter.com. For information about the ancillary activities, visit <http://pacattle.org>.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Evaluation Center measures genetic traits for beef, swine, sheep and meat goats for two purposes: to benefit producers through evaluating economically important traits and to benefit consumers by providing wholesome, high-quality products at an affordable price.