

Wye Angus Newsletter

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As we look forward to 2009, we should have calves on the ground by the time you receive this newsletter. The bulls and heifers on test are doing very well, the cow herd is in good shape and our positive outlook on the future is tempered some what by looming budget cuts.

2009 Sale

Our 2009 sale has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 4th, 2009**. We will again offer 10 cow/calf pairs, 5 yearling heifers, 25-30 bulls and 36 embryos.

We have an extremely strong group of females picked out for this year's sale. These cows include Blackbird of Wye UMF 8655 (14094516) Fareman out of Brimson, Blackbird of Wye UMF 8728 (14094540) Boyd out of Farben, Clova of Wye UMF 8759 (14094554) Codova out of Bleigh, Flora of Wye UMF 8808 (14386256) Carter out of Ceredo, Clova of Wye UMF 8860 (14386282) Boyd out of Bing, Clova of Wye UMF 8861 (14386283) Aver out of Ceredo, Blackbird of Wye UMF 8939 (14662633) Aver out of Blandford, Blackbird of Wye UMF 8957 (14662637) Aver out of a Casplan, Clova of Wye UMF 8996 (14662658) Carter out of a Landowner and Alexina of Wye UMF 9066 (14662687) Butler out of a Bleigh.

The five heifers include Florelle of Wye UMF 9599 (+16111086) Alap out of a Favour, Queen Mother of Wye UMF 9600 (16111087) Qazil out of a Framework, Clova of Wye UMF 9631 (16111098) Clarkson out of a

Freehaven, Florelle of Wye UMF 9669 (16111114) Briar out of a Faxton and Blackbird of Wye UMF 9686 (16111118) Cedric out of a Bolger.

Embryos

We have an exciting offering out of our embryo program for this year's sale. **36 embryos** will be offered and they include **four** Lonestar of Wye, **four** Fahren of Wye, **three** Francis of Wye, and **four** Andelot of Wye UMF 5907 out of Copeland of Wye UMF 7546 (12313749). 7546 is a 14-year-old Angwin daughter with a weaning ratio of 101 and a yearling ratio 102 on 12 calves.

We also have **three** Andelot of Wye UMF 5907 and **six** Fahren of Wye UMF 5830 embryos out of Queen Mother of Wye UMF 7829 (12752765) 7829 is a 12 year old Bartor daughter with a weaning ratio of 105 and a yearling ratio of 107 on 11 calves.

Blackbird of Wye UMF 7965 (12752878) was successfully flushed to Leonid of Wye (**eight** embryos) and Alap of Wye UMF 8329 (**four** embryos). 7965 is a 12-year-old Addison daughter whose dam 7270 was our best Fargo daughter. 7965 has a weaning ratio of 97 and yearling ratio of 101 on 10 calves.

Bull Test

Our 2009 bull test data through 112 days is included in this newsletter. The bulls are gaining an average of 3.2 pounds per day, which is .2 of a pound better than the 2008 bulls. We have some excellent herd sire prospects

available for the sale including 9622 (Alap X Favour), 9653 (Faxton X Fahren), 9606 (Cedric X Alap), 9602 (Coeburn X Faxton), 9641 (Briar X Codova), 9644 (Clarkson X Alap), 9583 (Qazil X Bolger) and 9584 (Baranbas X Boyd).

We plan on selling one half interest and full possession after July of 2009 on bull 9635. 9635 is a Favour son out of an Alap daughter (9025). We are flushing the dam of 9025, and there will be full sib embryos to the 9025 cow in our sale. By keeping 9635 through July, this will allow us to use him in our breeding season, and hopefully collect semen. After the test is complete in February, we will select at least one more bull to keep here and use on some our heifers. The 140-day test data, including the ultrasound data will be in the 2009 sale catalog.

Heifers on Test

We will finish the heifer test at the end of January. The 32 heifers on corn silage are gaining 1.9 pounds per day, and the 32 heifers on limited corn silage and hay are gaining 1.5 pounds per day. To view the entire data on both groups check our website at wyeangus.umd.edu.

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