

NEWS RELEASE

17TH Annual Great Northern Auction
Fergus Falls, MN
November 19, 2011

Auctioneer: Kyle Gilchrist

Consignors: Behm's Red Angus, Berg Family Red Angus, BJ Farms, Carruthers Brothers, Dahlke Red Angus, Double RL Red Angus, Paul Fehrman Family Red Angus, Hein Cattle Co., Jacobson Red Angus, KAS Red Angus, Kemen Farms Red Angus, Lost River Livestock, Nelson Red Angus, NJ Farms, Nordlund Stock Farm, LLC., Pleasant Valley Red Angus, Prairieview Farm, R3B Red Angus, Rafter RS Cattle, S&L Cattle Co, Schuler Cattle Co, Scott Farm Red Angus, Sonstegard Cattle Co., LLC, Turtle River Cattle Co, Uriell Red Angus, York Creek Red Angus.

Lots	Average
37 Open Heifers	\$2,120
16 Bred Heifers	\$2,881
6 Embryo Lots	\$1,092
3 Bulls	\$1,933
2 Flush Lots	\$1,250

The 2011 Great Northern Auction was once again held at the enormous and spectacular Red Horse Ranch Arena, which provided very accommodating facilities for consignors to showcase their cattle and potential buyers to view their picks of the day. New this year though was the addition of sponsorships appearing in the sale catalog and exhibiting at the event itself. Ad sponsors included Midwest Machinery, Real Tuff Farm Products, Stockman's Supply, New Horizons, Purina, Z-Tags. The Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture, Z-Tags and AmeriAg Feeders. Thank you to all the sponsors who supported this event!

For the first time, consignors were welcome from beyond Minnesota to offer their cattle up for sale to the highest bidder. Additional participants hailed from South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

The high selling animal was purchased by Dave Kemen, Kemen Farms of Madison, MN for \$4,500. NSFR Victoria X35, Lot 42, is a super eye catching, very balanced and structurally complete female, sired by Six Mile Timberlake. Her dam, LSF Victoria C233 N3009, is a deep bodied, powerful daughter of Park Victoria C233. This bred heifer was consigned by Nordlund Stock Farm, LLC, Clearbrook, MN

Michael Tillman, Havre, MT outbid the audience to claim ownership of Lot 16 for \$4,000. PFFR MS Bonnebell 25Y is a Red 6 Mile Full Throttle 171T daughter out of LSF Bonnebell 7G R5773, a full sister to the highly regarded UBAR High Capacity 224 bull. She was consigned by the Paul Fehrman Family of Lake Benton, MN.

Jodi Weber of Lake Benton, MN outbid all others to secure Lot 8, for \$3,750. This open heifer, BJB Lady 1009Y, is a deep made heifer loaded with capacity and that extra rib shape that the industry is searching for. Sired by Messmer Packer S008 out of BJK 8008U, she was consigned by BJ Farms, Henning, MN.

Ross Knott, Sandbar Ridge Red Angus, Petersburg, NE, successfully outbid others to take home Lot 23 for \$3,750. 1003 GJRA is a Red Fine Line Mulberry 26P daughter. Her dam, HW Lubbock 3179 has already produced herd sires for some of the top Red Angus herds in the Midwest, so this heifer has a promising future for its new owner! This heifer was consigned by Jacobson Red Angus, Hitterdal, MN.

The high selling bull, BJB Top Gun 1003Y, Lot 10 went to Back 9 Ranch, Henning, MN for \$2,600. This dark colored, long bodied bull, with his calving ease indicators should make a great herd sire for the new owners! He is a BJB Top Gun 403P son out of WDRR MS Sandy 717 and consigned by BJ Farms, Henning, MN.

Buyers represented 9 states: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin.

The auction was managed by Kyle Gilchrist Auction Co., Douds, IA

Thank you to all consignors and buyers for taking the Great Northern sale to the next level! Plans are already in place for the 2012 event and with the additional activities scheduled, you'll want to be sure and mark your calendars now!