



Thiessen's

REGENCY ACRES

Annual Production Sale

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

Selling

**98 YEARLING BULLS
40 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS**



- Free Breeding Injury Guarantee
- Carcass Ultrasounded

- Herd Has Been Tested Free of BVD
- Bulls Have Passed Complete Breeding Soundness Exam



Dear Cattlepeople,

Welcome to the 2012 Regency Acres annual production sale.

Wow, what a difference a year makes. A year ago we were coming off one of the harshest winters ever and this year was one of the mildest.

That thought caused me to reflect back 55 years to when dad purchased our first registered seed stock. There is as much change as there is in the weather. At that time the popular cattle size was belt high. Scales for weighing cattle on the ranch were unheard of. It was in the late fifties that performance testing seed stock was introduced by a joint effort between Fort Keogh at Miles City and the Montana Extension Service. The Montana Beef Performance Association was started and since that time we have been weighing calves at birth, weaning and yearling ages.

Taking weights seemed to put the thought out that cattle had to be bigger and that brought on the importation of the European breeds that were goliath in comparison to the English breeds. An acquaintance brought a goliath bull (not Angus) into the states from Canada and wanted to show him off. He had him in a barn and when he opened the door there was nothing there. Gary said look up, look up. The bull probably could have rubbed the underside of his belly on the top of a fence post.

Now we had all the puds getting bred to the goliaths and that brought on a lot of diversity in size. There was no predictability in what you were going to get for a calf. The Angus Association came up with EPDs to make breeding decisions less of a risk. Now we have EPDs for everything short of losing ear tags.

At the onset, the EPDs were kind of a shot in the dark. A bull would be used because of certain EPDs but by the time his calves would hit the ground, his EPDs would change so much that you wished you had never used him. The Angus database of records is so huge now that they are much more reliable. The Angus breed advanced rapidly because of their foresight and now most of the European breeds are trying to make their cattle look like Angus. They have even made them black.

While EPDs are a useful tool, one still has to know what they want their cattle to be like. You can breed them for the market but at the same time, the cow factory has to be remembered and the environment plays a big part in what is needed there. EPDs do not take the weather and range conditions in hand. Structural and maternal soundness are very important and we at Regency Acres are very serious about maintaining that in our herd along with a certain amount of desirable carcass traits.

We have a really nice, uniform set of bulls and heifers to offer this year. Come take a look and join us for lunch.

We look forward to seeing you on April 13th.

The Thiessens

Thanks to our past customers!





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Lot 1



Lot 2



Lot 25



Lot 26



Lot 47



Lot 60