

Real-World Genetics ... Profitable Cows.



Female Sale

**Wednesday,
October 29, 2014**

1:00 p.m. MDT
Fallon Co. Fairgrounds,
Baker, MT

This sale will be broadcast live on the internet.
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Selling **276** Lots

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MLK CRK BLOCKANNA 459 (#987157)



MLK CRK SHEBA 374 (#1615217)



MLK CRK SHEBA 403 (#987012)



MLK CRK LAKOTA 376 (#1615341)



Welcome



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking an interest in our program and welcome you to our second female sale. What a time to be involved in the cattle industry! None of us in the cattle business have seen a cattle market like the one that we have observed in the past six months. All classes of cattle have been through the roof with record prices being broken daily. The demand for Red Angus cattle has continued to increase in this high market with many groups of cattle topping sales on the video and at the sale barns.

It is easy in a high market to relax selection criteria to make a profit, but we believe that it is very important not to deviate from the selection pressure that made this breed what it has become. In our 25-plus years of being involved in this breed, we have found that every time we have deviated from our criteria of developing a better cow we may have realized a short term gain but it came with a long term cost.

We feel that we have assembled a group of females in this offering that possess the needed attributes of which the Red Angus breed was founded upon. These attributes began with functionality. This includes good udder structure, good feet and legs, longevity, fertility and fleshing ability. Included above the basic functional traits are good dispositions, performance and phenotype.

The mature cows that we are dispersing have proven their functionality over the years. Most of our cows will be trailed 5-7 miles at least twice a year and, if they can't make the trek because of feet and leg problems, they don't stick around.

We believe that functionality of the udder includes teat diameter, length and placement along with udder suspension but, more importantly, it is not that they are picture perfect but that we won't assist a calf to get started on an udder because of structure problems. The best thing to do is to eliminate the problem regardless of the cow's credentials and paperwork.

None of the cows in the sale have missed calving on time, with the exception of two cows that we have flushed, which speaks for their longevity, fertility and fleshing ability because they had to perform and breed in our environment with limited feed inputs. Many of these cows are bred A.I. this year as they have been in the past which also attests to their ability to work in the environment that we challenge them in.

The bred heifers in this offering have been selected through a process that we feel will produce the best cows down the road. We began with 131 heifers and went through their registration papers looking at their weaning ratio, their dam's MPPA and their granddam's MPPA. A majority of these heifers will have a minimum of two out of these three ratios at 100 or better.

There are a few that don't meet that criteria but because their dam or granddam have other exceptional traits they made it in the selection. The majority of these heifers' dams and granddams are still in production and many are offered in this sale.

The open heifers were selected on a basis similar to the bred heifers in that we looked at heifers whose dam and or granddam had a good production history, and we looked at the heifers that we felt would index well. We also tried to go through the different sire groups that we are using and offer some heifers from each sire group. Some of these heifers could be considered show prospects but in the end, all of them should be very functional highly productive cows with longevity.

We hope that selection criteria for this group of females that we have assembled for this sale will prove to allow their future owners to be profitable with their purchases as well as pleased with their functionality, performance and phenotype. More importantly, we hope that through this offering we will be able to establish new friendships with those of you that would participate in the sale because at the end to day, it's the people that we get to meet that make this business worth while.

God Bless You,
Milk Creek Reds –Bruce, Tena, Cele & Jaclyn Ketchum

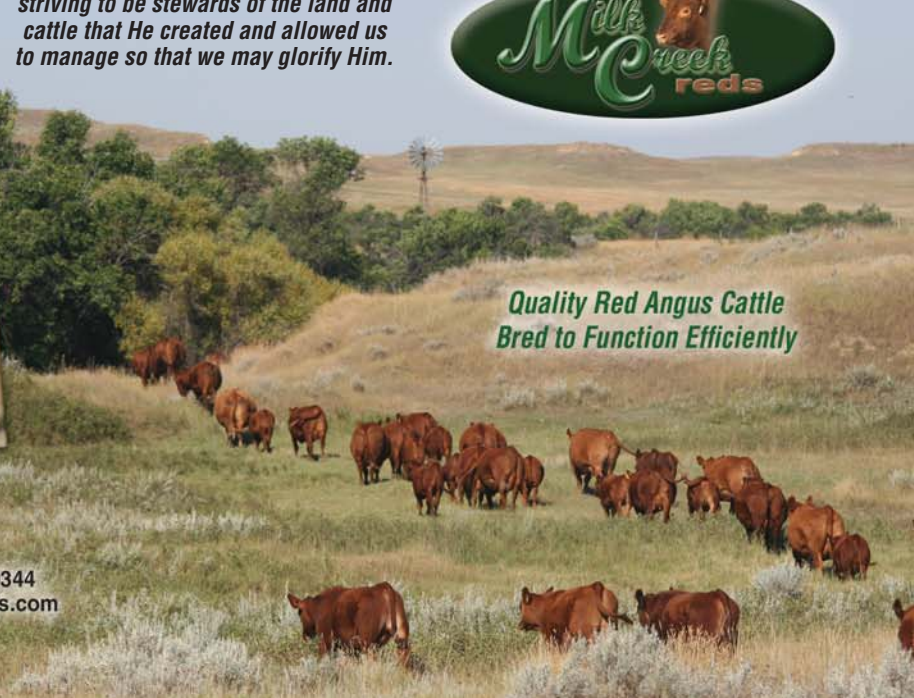
As servants of the Lord, we are striving to be stewards of the land and cattle that He created and allowed us to manage so that we may glorify Him.



The Ketchums: Cele, Tena, Bruce and Jaclyn

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Commercial Females



These commercial lots will be located at the commercial breeders' locations until delivery is arranged within two weeks after this sale. Delivery will be F.O.B. the consigner's ranch load out area. Any interested buyers who want to view the cattle can contact the consigner or Milk Creek Reds to arrange for a tour of the cattle.



92 50 HEAD OF A.I.-BRED HEIFERS

CONSIGNOR: **REG AND LANA HOFF**
FORSYTH, MONTANA • 406-356-7576

Offering 50 head of home-raised, one-iron, A.I.-bred heifers. These heifers are mates to Reg and Lana's steers that won the 2014 Red Association's Prestigious Grid Master Award. The heifers were A.I. bred to the Andras Fusion sire at ABS on June 4 with an expected calving date around the 10th of March. These heifers, along with all of Hoff's cows, are run on short, hard grass country north of Forsyth, Mont., where they have to earn their keep. The cattle are gentle and have been handled on foot as well as horseback with dogs. Heifers have been vaccinated with Preguard 10 FP in the spring and boosted with Novartis Virashield 6 VL 5 and poured with Dectomax at ultrasound time. Heifers were ultrasound pregnancy tested by Fallon County Vet Clinic. Heifers are located 10 miles northwest of Forsyth, Mont. These heifers sell as one semi-load lot.



94 50 HEAD OF BRED HEIFERS

CONSIGNOR: **TIM AND TORI DWYER**
SIDNEY, MONTANA • 701-565-2256

Offering 50 head of home-raised, one-iron Red Angus bred heifers. These heifers are bred to calving-ease Red Angus bulls sired by sons of Code Red purchased from Barenthsen Red Angus. These are all the cleanup bred heifers as Tim and Tori are keeping only the A.I. heifers. The heifers are due to calve from April 20 to May 15. Heifers have been vaccinated with Preg Guard 10 this spring and were boosted this fall with Virashield 4 VL5 breeding shots and given their first round of Scour Bos 9 as well as poured with Promectin - B. Heifers were ultrasound pregnancy tested by Wibaux Vet Clinic. These heifers will be sold as a semi-load lot only. Heifers are located 15 miles southeast of Sidney, Mont.



93 15 HEAD OF BULL-BRED HEIFERS

CONSIGNOR: **REG AND LANA HOFF**
FORSYTH, MONTANA • 406-356-7576

15 head of bull-bred heifer mates of Lot 92. Heifers were bred to low birth weight sons of Mushrush Impressive and HCX Conquest that were purchased from the Milk Creek and Feddes Red Angus programs. Heifers will be due to calve approximatel April 10 for 26 days according to the ultrasound.



95 70 HEAD OF BRED 3-YEAR-OLDS

CONSIGNOR: **JACK AND ROSINA OWEN**
ALZADA, MONTANA • 406-775-6750

Offering 70 head of home-raised, solid-red, one-iron coming 3-year-olds. These moderate-framed young cows are easy to be around yet are not pampered. They have been raised in an environment that will test their ability to raise a good calf, breed back and be functionally sound. Milk Creek and Hammel Red Angus low birth weight bulls along with one home-raised bull were turned out on July 2 and left in for 45 days. Jack says that with this date he will always expect his first calves around the 5th of April. A neighbor's black bull climbed in with a group of these cows for a few days so there is a chance of a black calf or two. The cows have been given PregGuard 10 as yearlings and have been boosted with Virashield 6 each fall after. They will be poured and pregnancy tested prior to delivery. Cows are located 35 miles north of Alzada, Mont., or 40 miles south of Ekalaka, Mont. Winning bidder will have the option of selecting in groups of 10 gate cut or will be able to select the entire group.





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