

# TNT SIMMENTALS

29th Annual "Genetic Explosion" Sale

Friday, **FEBRUARY 14, 2014**

1 p.m. CDT • At the Ranch • 5 mi. South of Almont, ND

Your **COMMERCIAL BULL HEADQUARTERS**, along with **BREED-LEADING HERDSIRES!**  
They are **THICK** and **DEEP** – All backed by the **TNT 100% GUARANTEE!** No creep feed!

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Purebred Red Angus

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Our high-selling bull in 2013 owned by Trade Wind Ranch of Tioga, ND

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## SIMMENTAL RANCH

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- Volume discounts!
- Ultrasound and performance data along with current EPDs will be available!
- Majority homozygous polled!
- All reds are non-diluters!
- All blacks will be homozygous- or heterozygous-black verified!
- All are pedigree-free or tested-free for genetic defects.





*Lynette and Kevin*

## *Hello from the TNT Ranch!*

Welcome to our 29th annual bull sale. Life is good here south of Almont. It is one of the few times I can remember where we stayed lush and green from June until freeze up. In May many were already selling replacement heifers and cows because it was so dry and they were concerned about a drought... and then it started to rain. We are so thankful that the drought has improved for so many that were hit hard in the past few years. Our hearts also go out to those who suffered the devastating losses from the early October storm. It was not only a huge financial loss, but also very emotional. On the positive side, it is a wonderful time to be in agriculture, and especially for those of us in the cattle business.

We had a very good calving season. We started calving a little later, and really like not having to deal with as much cold weather. We did not creep the calves. We weaned on September 25 and started them with free choice hay for 5 days, and then right into a total mixed ration. We worked them up to what

they are currently receiving; 1 pound liquid supplement, 12 pounds of cracked corn, 8 pounds of chopped hay and 17 pounds of silage, which is half corn silage and half haylage. Our bulls are a little lighter than in the past. Normally we would have fed 4 pounds of dry distillers in the ration as well. This year we had more protein in our home grown feed, so we decided not to feed the distillers. The bulls really look good and stout, but probably have a little less condition. With less energy in the ration our gains are down a little as well. We have been told our bulls are a little too fat in the past, but have had real nice compliments on how well they have held up. We really like this ration and they consume it well. It is a high roughage growing ration, insuring soundness, longevity and fertility. Disposition has always been important, but as we age, it seems even more valuable. We have been culling for temperament for years and we are certainly seeing the benefits.

The past several years we have been selling around 100 cows and keeping that many replacements back into our herd. This keeps our cowherd young, with some of the most up to date genetics. Our entire cowherd is now several generations solid colored, smaller framed, and even easier fleshing. Normally we graze our cows out until mid December. This has all been done without sacrificing performance. This is something we are very proud of. We want cows that can calve easy, hold their condition, breed back early, and still raise a big calf. We have had many favorable comments from customers on the excellent daughters they are getting out of our bulls.

We have grown our Sim-Angus program, on both the sire and the dam side, long enough to get a feel for their value. We were concerned about how consistent and predictable they would be. If you cut me I'd bleed Simmental blood and feel there will always be a demand for the purebreds. We have spent a lot of time researching the Angus and Red Angus breeds and truly feel when you cross the best of both breeds; Simmental with Angus or Red Angus, very few purebreds of either breed can compete. We are every bit impressed with our ¼ bloods and ¾ bloods. They are proving to be extremely predictable and consistent.

With the uncertainty in our economy and the extreme movements in our markets it's nice to know we are producing a product that's in demand. Sim influenced, primarily Sim-Angus black or red, are some of the most sought after in sale barns and by order buyers, not only for placements in feedlots but also for replacements in cowherds. This is the strongest demand that we have seen since we have been in business. Simmental heifers and cows x Angus or Red Angus cattle can and do deliver a higher percentage of choice yield grade 1 and 2 carcasses than any other popular crossbred or straight bred. We have had lot of calls from commercial cattlemen looking for bred heifers and heifer calves to buy from our commercial customers. Feel free to give us a call if you are looking to market females and we will try to help you out. We are excited to be one of the owners of Allied Genetic Resources. Our goal through AGR is to help our customers by assisting them with marketing and other services after the purchase of TNT Genetics.

The Simmental Association has now joined forces with the Red Angus Association enabling us to take advantage of Red Angus' very successful commercial marketing program. This can be done through a new green tag program called Allied Access, which is a USDA PVP program. This works the same as the ongoing yellow tag program for Red Angus. This allows for Red and Black Sim-Angus to be marketed through the same program. If we can be of any help in your marketing needs, just give us a call. The two Associations are also now using the same genetic evaluations and common base for EPD calculations.

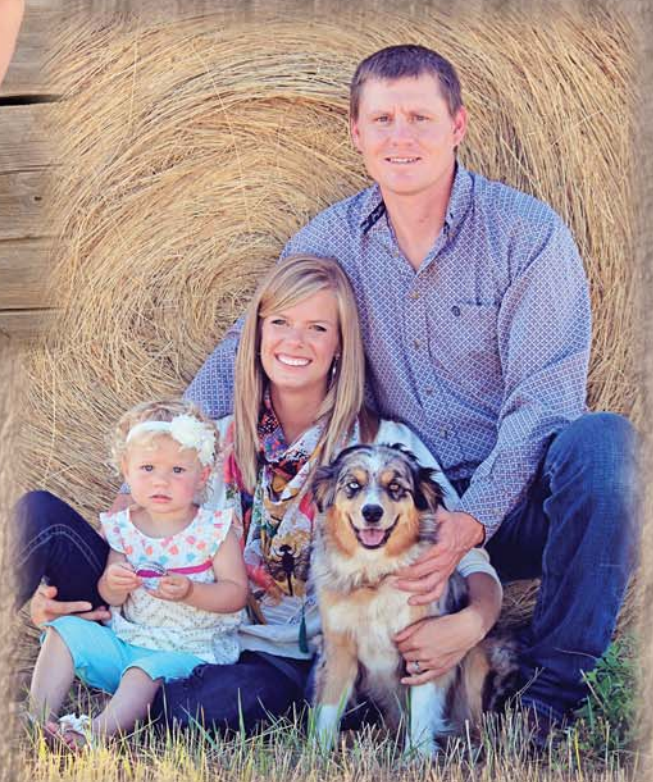
This is truly one of the thickest, deepest, best set of bulls we have ever offered from end to end. You'll see our high standard of quality from the first to the very last bull in the sale. We invite everyone to come to the ranch to view the cattle and see the way we manage our herd. We are very proud of our cattle, and feel you will be proud of "The Explosive Difference" they will make for you. I truly have a passion for this business, and love breeding cattle and the never ending pursuit to try to make them better. One of our greatest blessings over the past 29 years is the wonderful people we have met, and the dear friends we have made in this business. Thanks so much for your interest. Hope to see you Friday the 14th! Come and buy your sweetheart a bull for Valentine's Day!

*Sincerely, Kevin, Lynette & Family*



# Our Family ...

Shanon, Gabriel,  
Trenton, Teagan,  
Dawson and  
Tarryn Erbele



Kendra, Scott and Gentry Hoovestol



Brekka, Garrett and Adley Schultz

Justin,  
Bridget,  
Madison,  
Kari and  
Isabella  
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