

LEWIS FARMS 24TH ANNUAL BULL SALE

WITH CUSTOMER'S COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

FEBRUARY 28, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M.
ON THE FARM. SPRUCE GROVE, AB.



Sons



A Tribute To

Dynamite



Daughters

WELCOME TO LEWIS FARMS 24TH ANNUAL BULL SALE

We are a family operation with the fourth generation very involved. It is a busy time, we're in the midst of calving and preparing for the bull sale. The weather has been steady and cold. The bulls are coming along fine, they are a super set of uniform bulls that we are proud to offer.

We are calving over 950 cows this year between our two operations. Over 600 of the cows calf between the 20th of December and the 10th of February at Spruce Grove. The Sangudo cows (the summers) calf between the 10th of May and the end of June. Both cow herds are run in a competitive environment very similar to our customers, utilizing swath grazing and any other cost cutting measures. There is intensive selection pressure put on the females to get in and stay in the breeding herd. We finish all of our own cattle that don't make our breeding program grade. On all of our fat cattle we're compiling carcass data through Fred Taylor's, Taylor Made Research Team. Our bull offering provides large sire groups with many $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$ look a like brothers to provide consistency in your calf crop. Many of the polled bulls are homozygous polled and it is printed on their lot if we have tested them or know by parentage. There are many more that are undetected at this point. Our red and black cattle are numerous generations of solid color breeding, utilizing all non spotter and none diluted bulls in our A.I. or walking herd bull battery. Many of the sale bulls we will be retaining in herd semen access to be announced prior to the sale.

The bulls are quiet and will be semen tested by sale time. We offer in house extended bull warranty and volume discounts as well as free delivery. Direct livestock marketing services (DLMS) will be airing the sale on the internet. Our Customer's Commercial Pen of Five heifer show is Friday at 7:00 pm on the 27th. The heifer pens will sell on Saturday after the bulls.

We have bulls for everyone in every price range. Bring the family, the sale and offering are all inside our heated barn. The bulls are up at the sale barn 1 week prior to the sale. Your invited to come Friday afternoon or any time prior to the sale. We look forward to hosting you, our friends and customers on the 27th and 28th of February. If you require accommodations, a DVD, help with bull selections or any additional information don't hesitate to call.



*Kyle, Kirbie, Corrie and Ken
Jack*

Tyler, Jamie, Sandy and Jordan

24th Annual LEWIS FARMS BULL SALE with Commercial Females

Saturday, February 28, 2009 - 1:00p.m. in the Quality Control Centre at Lewis Farms

Cattlemen's Social & Pen Show

Friday, February 27, 2009
You are invited to view the bulls all afternoon.
Eats and refreshments will be served.
6:00 p.m. - Customers Commercial Pen Show and Cattlemen's Social

BULL SALE

Saturday, February 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. - Coffee and pre-sale viewing.
11:00 a.m. - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 24th Annual Bull Sale followed by Commercial Pen Sale

56 - Fullblood Based	OFFERING	31 - Black Angus
67 - Red Baldy	256 BULLS	22 - Red Angus
80 - Blacks	100 - Commercial Heifers	
Fullbloods, Reds, Blacks with many polled.		

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PEOPLE THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN



Frank, Heather,
Grace & Chase
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Frank and Heather have been with us for just over 5 years now. Frank is our herdsman with many years of livestock experience. Heather looks after the cattle registries.
Frank (780) 818-4063



Richard Garden

Richard looks after the potato operation and helps out when needed with the other sectors of the farm. Richard has been with Lewis Farms for over 30 years and his devotion is very much appreciated!



Cory Hoffman

Cory works with equipment, from field work to winter feeding to repairs and maintenance. Cory has been with us for eleven years now.



Brad Annett

Brad is the newest member of the Lewis Farms team. Brad is from Ontario and comes from a cattle and mixed farming operation. With many years of experience in agriculture Brad's expertise is very welcome.



Lloyd Giebelhaus

Lloyd has been very involved with our "West" program located near Sangudo. Lloyd was a beef specialist with the province for many years.



Ken Hayes

Ken looks after the halter breaking and grooming mainly on sale cattle. He has been helping out part-time for many years.

Sale Consultant - Brian Bouchard, Bouchard Livestock International

Welcome to the 24th Annual Lewis Farms Bull Sale. The offering represents all facets of the Simmental breed and certainly exemplifies the tremendous acceptance of Simmental in the commercial cattle industry today.

There is particular emphasis in all segments of the offering for performance and emphasis on calving ease in certain individuals yet always keeping in mind the great maternal contribution of Simmental. Lewis Farms has probably done more work in Canada than any other breeding establishment to identify the Homozygous polled trait. The Red and Black Angus



offering continues to strengthen at Lewis Farms as they work extremely hard to key on the important traits of the Angus breed.

Call the Lewis crew and take the time to personally evaluate the particular herdbulls on offer. Give any of us at Bouchard Livestock a call, we are very comfortable with our knowledge of the offering and it would be a pleasure to assist you.

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Lewis bulls are raised with great attention to detail. Whether the bulls are on pasture or in their spacious feeding pens they are very well managed. While on pasture, the Lewis cow herd consumes a custom balanced mineral that provides for optimum health and growth of both cows and calves.

Once the bulls are weaned they are placed in specific feeding groups in the bull yard. The bulls are fed a well balanced total mixed ration consisting of dry chopped hay, cereal silage, high moisture barley and a custom formulated supplement. The custom Lewis Bull Supplement is balanced for protein, vitamins and minerals to fine tune the bull ration. The Lewis bull's total mixed ration is high on forage with the right amount of grain fed to optimize health, growth and flesh. See you at the Sale.

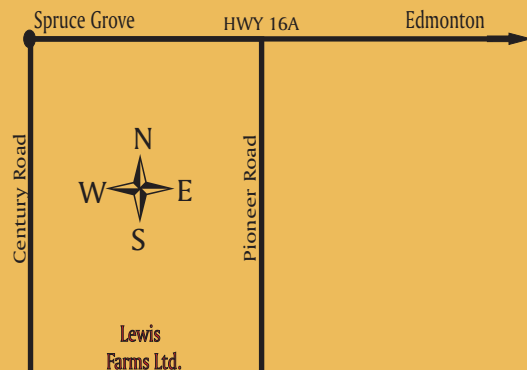
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Live Online Bidding Sale Day
We encourage all DLMS bidders to register
online at www.dlms.ca prior to sale day!
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Delivery and After Sale Options



Option A: Delivery will be provided by Lewis Farms to central points in western Canada at the convenience of Lewis Farms and the Buyer's risk. Arrangements will be made for customers in areas other than western Canada, eastern Canada will be cost shared.

Option B: Lewis Farms will keep the bulls until May 1, 2009 for no charge. Then by that time the cattle will be picked up by their purchaser. Lewis Farms insists all purchases be insured while at Lewis Farms.

Option C: Purchasers wishing to pick up their bull on sale day will receive a \$50.00 discount per individual purchased. Transportation on the commercial heifers sold on sale day will be the responsibility of the purchaser. We will coordinate the trucking if necessary.

VETERINARY REPORT - DR. ROY LEWIS

Health Care

All bulls to be sold are vaccinated and boosted against:

1) IBR 2) PI3 3) BDV 4) BRSV 5) Hemophilus 6) 8 Way Blackleg Treatment for both internal and external parasites (lice, worms, and warbles) was done in late November with a pour on endectocide.

In order to promote red meat in Alberta, being of superior quality we give all injections subcutaneously. This is in accordance with the beef quality assurance program and is something which we should all practice in our operations. Most vaccines and antibiotics now are approved for subcutaneous usage.

All bulls have been Double Vaccinated for footrot. The initial and booster shots will have been given prior to the sale. We believe this extra expense will be worth it to our bull customers.

I really believe in having your herd bulls protected against footrot. This organism is commonly the same one causing liver abscesses in the feedlot. By Lewis Farms protecting our bulls against footrot we believe their longevity may be increased. The worst thing is having a bull go down with footrot in the middle of breeding season. In subsequent years all you will need to do is follow up with a yearly booster just prior to the breeding season. I commonly administer the vaccine at semen evaluating time.

Herd Management of Disease

Sure management tools to control disease in your herd is to:

- A. Purchase virgin bulls from purebred breeders.
- B. Keep and maintain a closed herd.
- C. In subsequent years - absolutely do not rent or purchase mature bulls and cull all open cows.

Polled vs Horned vs Scurred

Some misconceptions or misunderstanding with regards to polled cattle. I will try to clarify this subject with a few simplified points.

- 1) The polled gene is dominant to the horned gene.
- 2) Homozygous polled means all offspring will be polled regardless of breeding
- 3) Double polled means both parents are polled, increasing the likelihood of the offspring being homozygous polled.
- 4) Scurs are the result of an independent gene unrelated to either the horned or polled gene.
- 5) Scurs is sex linked, being dominant in bulls and recessive in heifers, hence we see more scurred bulls than heifers.
- 6) A horned animal may carry the scurred factor but is masked by the horned gene.

Polled Testing

A number of bulls in the sale have been genetically tested to determine whether they are homozygous polled (will throw all polled calves). When both parents are polled there is a large possibility their offspring are homozygous polled especially if one parent is homozygous polled. The genetic marker has been identified so now with a DNA blood test they can be identified before being sold. The results on bulls tested prior to cataloging for True Polled will be printed with the Lot information. The results will be one of these three: Homozygous Polled, Heterozygous Polled, Inconclusive (unable to determine, quite commonly proved to be Homozygous)

There will be additional results available prior to the sale on bulls being tested now. As well there are Homozygous Polled bulls marked in the catalogue because we have both parents determined.

Breeding Soundness Evaluation

We look at 3 factors: Spermatozoal motility, morphology and scrotal circumference as well as doing a physical exam and watching the bull walk. During collection of semen we closely check the penis and inspect for signs of abnormalities.

All bulls sold who exceed one year of age will have been classified as satisfactory in all categories and give us all indications they will go out for you and become a good breeding herd bull. The bulls under one year of age will have been scrotal measured and have their internal reproductive organs checked. All scrotal measurements will be posted on the stall cards.

The only components which are not tested are the libido (sex drive) and the bulls ability to breed. This component is up to you, the purchaser. It is absolutely essential to watch your bull on the first few services to make sure successful breeding is occurring. Any problems or concerns with your purchase(s), please direct back to Lewis Farms and we will check into them for you.



Dr. Roy Lewis, DVM

Semen Interest

On a small number of bulls we will be retaining a small amount of semen for in herd use only. This will be collected for "on farm" use only.



Collection



Evaluation

Pigmentation

With selection for pigmentation literally 95% or greater of the Lewis bulls have BOTH 100% scrotal and eye pigment. This as you all know prevents such things as pinkeye, cancer eye, sunburn and chapped teats on the female offspring.

Color Testing

A number of the black bulls have been tested for expression of color. Black bulls can be homozygous black which means progeny will always be black when bred to red cows. If they are carrying the red gene some calves will be red, if the cows are red or black they are red carriers as well. Any bulls which have been tested for color will be announced if homozygous black or are indicated in the catalogue.

Genetic Testing

The future of genetic testing is now. Here at Lewis Farms we will continue to seek out new tests if they have practical merit to the beef industry. These will allow for further criteria to help you with your selection of breeding bulls. The important genetic tests will stick around while others go the way of the dinosaur. All this in the name of progress in order for you, our customers, to maximize your returns by selecting the best bull possible to meet your objectives.

EXPECTED PROGENY DIFFERENCES

EPD'S - EXPLANATION - HOW TO USE

EPD's are "Expected Progeny Differences". They are a useful tool in selection for traits when the accuracies are there. The EPD's at the time of publication will be different at sale date due to association program updates.

EPD's incorporate the individual animal with its averaged ancestry performance. EPD's do not compare across different breeds, they are individually based per breed. EPD's indicate a probable variance above or below breed average for that trait for a given bull's progeny. Use them for guidance in the direction you want your herd to go.

Averaged EPD's for Purebred Simmental by Year Example:

Year	Calving Ease (H)	Birth Wt.	Weaning Wt.	Yearling Wt.	Maternal Calving Ease (H)	Maternal Wean Wt.	Maternal Milk
2007	1.7	3.3	37.7	62.5	-0.6	26.6	7.7

Calving Ease: Heifers (H) - The ease with which a bull's calves are born to first-calf heifers. A first calf heifer is defined as a female calving for the first time at 33 months of age or less.

Birth Weight: A positive value indicates heavier - than - average birth weights while a negative value (-) indicates lighter - than - average birth weights.

Weaning Weight: The EPD value predicts the difference in average 205 day weight of a bull's calves compared to calves of all other bulls evaluated. A positive value indicates heavier - than - average weaning weights while a negative value (-) indicates lighter - than - average.

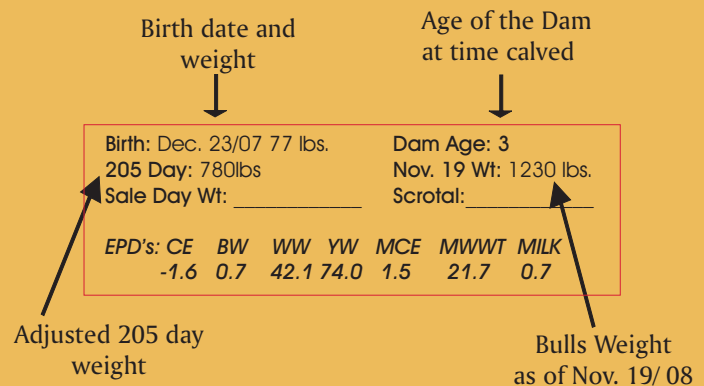
Yearling Weights: The EPD value predicts the difference in average 365 day weight of a bull's progeny compared to progeny of all other bulls evaluated. A positive value indicates heavier - than - average yearling weights while a negative (-) number indicates lighter - than - average.

Maternal Calving Ease: Heifers (H) - The ease with which a sire's daughter calve as first-calf heifers. When comparing maternal calving ease EPD's of two sires, the larger EPD indicates a higher % of unassisted births for calves born out of this sire's daughters.

Maternal Weaning Weight: The weaning weight of a bull's daughters Expected progeny performance reported in pounds. A positive value indicated heavier - than - average weaning weights while a negative (-) value indicates lighter-than-average weaning weights.

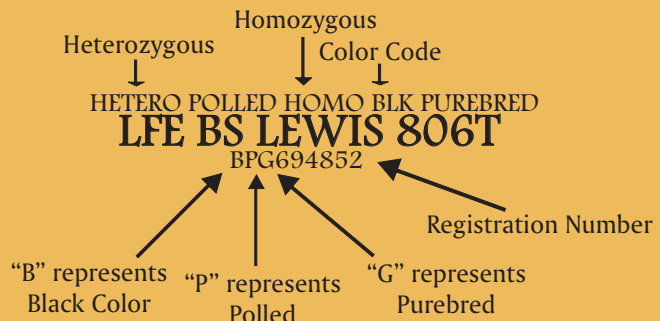
Maternal Milk: The milking ability of a bull's daughters. Expected progeny performance is expressed in pounds of calf weaning weight. The EPD value predicts the difference (due to milking ability) in average 200 day weight of a bull's daughter's calves of all other bulls evaluated. Positive values indicate above-average milking ability of daughters while negative (-) values indicate below-average milking ability.

LOT INFORMATION EXAMPLES



COLOR CODES

BLK - Black	RED - Red
BWF - Black, White Face	RWF - Red, White Face
BLK BLZ - Black Blaze	RED BLZ - Red Blaze



In the sire groups the herd bulls pedigree is listed once. The dams pedigree with the registration number is listed on each lot. One of the reasons for the registration number is to identify whether the mother is red, black or polled. The above example defines the meaning of the letters.

NOTE: PUREBRED ANGUS EPD'S

The red and black Angus bull EPD's are based on pedigree estimates therefore no accuracies. The red and black Angus cannot be compared against each other because of different EPD bases. (American Angus Assoc. & Red Angus of America compare as if red and black angus are two different breeds.)

CATTLEMEN INFO & WARRANTY

Lewis Farms Bull Warranty

Lewis Farms guarantees to sell you a bull that is structurally sound, a bull that has passed a semen test done by a licensed veterinarian.

Should any Lewis bull fail to be a satisfactory breeder, unable to physically service a cow or heifer, he will be replaced with a bull of equal value. Should this not be possible, an adjustment will be made to reflect the value of the bull in question or a credit will be given towards the purchase of another bull.

In short, we guarantee to provide you with a sound breeding bull.

We, however, will not provide replacement or adjustment for physical injury or mismanagement.

Bearing this in mind, we stress the importance of insurance on your bulls.

Should you have a problem with your bull, call us. We will work with you to make sure you are satisfied with your purchase. We have back up bulls set aside for our customers.



Ken (780) 818-3829

Lewis Farms Breeding Season Warranty Program

Lewis Warranty Program offers a warranty in a language you can understand. Lewis Farms will cover your bull and carry all risk. In our opinion, using only Mortality Insurance is of little or no value because 96% of bull problems are injury, not death. We will make cash settlement or service your needs with another bull, whichever you choose. You deal with cattlemen, there are no hassles and no disputes. Should you have any problems with a bull, contact Lewis Farms directly at 780-962-5050 and we will handle the problem. Your veterinarian and you will fill out a claim form provided by Lewis Farms and that is all that is needed to take care of your claim. We have gone to this program as part of our Customer Service and we trust it will be advantageous to our bull customers.

Lewis Farms Breeding Season Warranty has been developed to protect your purchase during the most critical/high risk time of a bull's life, the Breeding Season.

We offer the following options:			Insured Responsibility:	Notify Lewis Farms immediately by phone (780) 962-5050 or fax (780) 962-2467. Employ a licensed veterinary to treat, diagnose and fill out claim form.
Options	Duration	Rate		
1	3 Months	4%		
2	6 Months	6%		If the animal dies, a post-mortem may be required. When necessary
3	12 months	10%		deliver the bull back to Lewis Farms

Coverage - All Perils Breeding Season:

In case of loss, Lewis Farms will not be responsible for anything up and above the purchase price of the bull.

We will provide full coverage if something happens to your bull - you are covered, end of story! The following are some examples: Acts of God, lightning, fire, collision - vehicle or train, injury while being transported, injury to the bull making him incapable of breeding cows naturally, etc.

Options 1 and 2 cover 100% of the purchase price less salvage value when possible.

Option 3 is All Peril Coverage - a policy that covers the animal during and after the breeding season, i.e frozen testicles, injury in the winter, etc, and for that reason we will be covering 80% of the original value, less salvage when possible.

Lewis Farms is responsible to make your settlement within 30 days of an approved claim or provide a suitable replacement immediately if you so choose.

Exclusions to Policy

Injury or death due to malicious, willful or intentional acts or mistreatment by you or your employees are fraudulent claims

CATTLEMEN INFO

Previous Bull Sale Prices

As we look forward to our 24th Annual Bull Sale, we also reflect on past sales. Over the past 23 years we have sold over 2800 bulls to cattlemen. We provide quality bulls at affordable prices. There are bulls for everyone.

The bulls we offer are the complete top end of the calf crop. Usually over 75% of our bulls sell to repeat customers .

Commitment To Customers

With our industry in the healing process and still tight, we have extended our multiple bull purchase discounts. It will relate to total dollars spent rather than number of bulls purchased.

\$7,500 2% Discount \$17,500 4% Discount

\$12,500 3% Discount \$22,500 5% Discount

The program will maximize at 6% discount, however if a bull is purchased by more than one party the discount will not apply. The discounts will only apply for bulls that are paid for on sale day or absentee customers will have 30 days grace for their discounts.

Financing Bulls

Call the office for details (780) 962-5050.

Extended Pedigrees

All extended pedigrees are available. Please contact the office for further information.

Birth Weight Information

Calving ease is most often related to birth weight of a bull. This is partly true, but there are other factors that influence calving ease. Nutrition, gestation, and calf shape play key roles. The cow is involved in more than 50% of the calf. The mature size of the cow is an important consideration. You can relate cow sizes to your own program. On average our cow sizes will be larger, which in turn will amount to less birth weight on smaller cows. EPD's for calving ease and birth weight accompany each lot.

Acceptable for Heifers

Throughout the catalogue we will be pointing out individual bulls from various sire groups that could be used on heifers with minimal assistance. These bulls are identified by this logo.



Bull Selection

Purchasing bulls is very important for the direction and production of your cow herd. It is a never ending search for bull power to improve traits. Being involved in our breeding program and knowing our cow herd we would be pleased to assist you in identifying bulls suited for your needs. We have developed a wide genetic base in our bulls from power bulls to heifer pen oriented calving ease bulls throughout every segment. We are pleased to personally serve you.

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Sight Unseen Purchase Guarantees 100% Satisfaction

Collection Of Carcass Data

By: Taylor Made Research
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Taylor Made Research continues to do research for Lewis Farms. As a result, genetics related to poor yielding and low quality grade carcasses have been removed from their herd. Yield grades are a very important factor to the packing house industry. Trimmed fat is only worth 1 cent per pound in rendering. Many Lewis cattle are in the 60% and higher lean meat yield. Combine these yields with intramuscular marbling and you've got what restaurants, retail, and consumers' request. Who else do you need to satisfy?

Thank you from the industry side to Lewis Farms for your continued dedication to improving meat quality and the eating experience, at the foundation of primary meat production. Also, thank you to XL Beef Calgary for accommodating us to do this needed research.

Trust your research will be rewarded in your sale.

Canada Yield Grades	Canada Quality
>59% Yield 1	Prime
54-58% Yield 2	AAA
<53% Yield 3	AA
	A

Fred W. Taylor

President, Taylor Made Research

