



This year's Larson Angus Bull Sale will be Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1:00pm. We will have the same format as in the past with a bidding board started at 10 am, lunch at noon, and the actual sale starting at 1:00pm.

The picture at the top of this page is of our 120 bull which has steadily become a very good example of what we strive for in our program. He is a very docile bull that sires docile daughters with good udders that are fertile, slick haired, and very productive. We have used AI since 1973 and have seen a lot of bulls come and go and 120 for what we want to do is right up there near or at the top of all the bulls we have used. At age 5, he weighs close to 2500 lbs and is sound as a dollar.

I want to use this newsletter to go over the sires of this year's sale bulls. We have tried to use fewer bulls and to provide more bulls in each sire group. We also have tried to use bulls that will not only sire good cows but will also sire bulls that will sire good cows. We start the list with the **CAPITALIST** bull. We have had two calf crops from the bull. They come early and easy and yet they grow into cattle that are stout with adequate muscle. The semen is extremely fertile and we expect the daughters to be as well. We will calve the first daughters out of the bull this spring. There are 8 bulls from this sire in the sale.

The **Cedar Chest** bull has four sons in the sale that are pretty stout bulls. The 636 bull is a standout as is the 632 bull. We got several very nice heifers out of the bull as well.

The **LAF 402** bull has four Sons in the sale. With one exception, a bull calf that weighed 90 the bull sired calves that came early and easy and they are long bodied, attractive calves that I think you will like. His mother made pathfinder this year and we consider her to be our top cow.

The **Stimulus** bull has six bulls in the sale and several heifers in our keeper pen. We continue to think very high of the daughters of the bull. They are fertile, slick haired, docile, moderate and very productive. We have used him for several years and will calve out several more daughters this spring. The bulls in the sale will not be heifer bulls but they will be bulls that should sire excellent cows for you. The 627 bull in the sale is the full brother to the mother of 402. In my opinion, he is one of the best bulls we have raised. He has been a standout since birth.

We have only three bulls out of the **120 bull** as just about every cow bred to him had a heifer. Over half of our heifer crop are 120 daughters and quite frankly that does not bother us a bit. The plan right now is to breed almost our entire heifer crop as I honestly think they are the best we have raised in over 40 years.

Tom Young and Marc Hinnners have six bulls in the sale. The sires are **Final Product, Capitalist, Stimulus**, and 2 sons of **LAF019** one of the better bulls that we have sold Tom and he has bought some good ones.

The bulls are being fed a cool ration as in the past. There is no doubt in my mind that not pushing bulls hard is in your best interest. As in the past, we will hold the bulls until June 1 at no expense to you and we will semen test the bulls prior to the sale so you and I both know they are fertile. We will also ultra sound the bulls to check for carcass traits.

Over time I have come to the idea that a couple of the best things we can do in this breeding business is to raise bulls that sire trouble free cattle and to also raise bulls that will add value to the calves that they sire. We really pay attention to things like calving ease, docility, scrotal size, moderation in cow size, and carcass traits. We are researching a bull right now that at the early stages looks like the most complete Angus bull that we have used. So far we have not found any holes in the bull. He appears to be pretty well proven. If we decide to get semen, we will talk to some of you to see if you might be interested in some as well. Hopefully in a couple years his sons will be in our sale.

If any of you reading this are interested in bred heifers, I know a few folks who have some for sale. They do an outstanding job of getting reputation heifer calves and then culling the heifers for disposition and other faults. They are bred AI and in two cases are cleaned up with bulls that we have sold and they have been some of our top bulls. I will stand behind these folks absolutely. They are top notch. Let me know if you are interested and I will give you the names. Any questions call Jim at 712-260-6144.



**402 bull out with cows
summer 2016**



**Bred heifers on rented pasture
summer 2016**



120 daughter with her first calf



Bred heifers summer 2016



**Typical 120 daughter with her heifer calf
summer 2016**



**Pairs on grass
summer 2016**

Calving Ease									
Bull	Bday	Sire	Maternal grand sire	Udder	Frame Size	Disposition	11/20/16	12/31/16	
601	2/14/16	Capitalist	Absolute	A	Maintain	A	828	982	
604	2/20/16	Capitalist	Cedar Chest	A	Decrease	A	776	916	
605	2/20/16	Capitalist	Absolute	A	Maintain	A	752	936	
606	2/22/16	Capitalist	Absolute	A	Maintain	A	732	842	
610	2/25/16	Capitalist	LAF120	A	Maintain	A	700	860	
611	2/28/16	Capitalist	LAF 114 Son	A	Maintain	A	748	872	
612	3/1/16	LAF402	Cedar Chest	A	Maintain	A	718	878	
TY824	3/8/16	LAF140	LAF530		Increase		762	874	
H65	1/31/16	LAF120	Cr MNT 141	A	Maintain	B	864	1,008	
Calving Ease With Discretion									
Bull	Bday	Sire	Maternal grand sire	Udder	Frame Size	Disposition	11/20/16	12/31/16	
609	2/25/16	LAF402	K205	A	Maintain	A	756	910	
614	3/5/16	LAF402	Cedar Chest	A	Maintain	B	700	848	
622	3/18/16	Capitalist	Cedar Ridge	A	Maintain	A	716	870	
637	3/25/16	LAF402	LAF120	A	Maintain	A	746	902	
657	4/19/16	LAF120	LAF956	A	Increase	A	768	856	
662	4/30/16	LAF120	INFOCUS	A	Maintain	A	630	786	
H67	2/16/16	Final Product	LAF851	A	Maintain	A	782	938	
Not Recommended for Heifers									
Bull	Bday	Sire	Maternal grand sire	Udder	Frame Size	Disposition	11/20/16	12/31/16	
608	2/25/16	LAF402	LAF120	A	Maintain	B	772	914	
626	3/20/16	XXP	878	B	Maintain	A	730	882	
627	3/20/16	Stimulus	All Around	A	Maintain	A	842	1,014	
628	3/22/16	Stimulus	Chisum	A	Maintain	B	680	820	
631	3/23/16	Cedar Chest	Power Alliance	A	Maintain	A	628		
632	3/24/16	Cedar Chest	Chisum	B	Increase	B	770	942	
633	3/24/16	Cedar Chest	Stimulus	A	Maintain	A	742	868	
636	3/25/16	Cedar Chest	LAF933	A	Increase	B	812	934	
638	3/26/16	Mentor	LAF126	A	Increase	A	722	876	
639	3/26/16	Stimulus	K205	A	Maintain	B	696	834	
642	3/27/16	Stimulus	Chisum	B	Increase	B	708	818	
643	3/27/16	Stimulus	Coalition	A	Maintain	A	712	848	
TY817	2/16/16	LAF019	LAF530		Maintain		668	820	
TY117	4/19/16	LAF019	Image Maker		Increase		678	790	
H69	3/1/16	Stimulus	LAF851	A	Maintain	A	826	994	