Welcome to Session 1



2024

Future-proofing Beef Selection Decisions





Session 1-Part 1 Bull Purchase Behaviors and Strategies

Understanding Bull Buying and Selling through Eye Tracking

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Charley Martinez 2024 eBEEF Brown Bagger October 2, 2024







The bull decision is one of the most consequential decisions a cattle operation makes









Bull selection plays an outsized role in genetic progress

In a one bull herd, the last three bull purchases account for 87.5% (on average) of the genetics in your calf crop!



What makes bull selection challenging?

- 1) Bulls have an outsized "footprint"
- 2) Bad purchase can hamper a herd long-term
- 3) Our "search space" is HUGE
- 4) Lots of traits matter for our overall profitabilityi.e. lots of "right" answer combinations
- 5) Balancing market segments







Accomplish this how?

- Visual Inspection
- Selection Tools



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Rank	80	40	99	95	60	25	85	55	75	65	3	80	25	55







Multi-year behavioral experiment: *How are producers using EPDs?*









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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Predicting Seedstock Bull Prices: Does Information Matter?

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Experiment #1: Optimism Bias







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	CE BW WW			YW	MCE	MILK	MWW	STAY	DOC	YG	MARB	REA	API	TI
EPD	11.3	-1.7	82.8	135.2	6.9	17.1	58.5	22.2	13.3	-0.27	0.62	0.93	168.8	92.4
Rank	65	15	25	15	50	95	60	2	30	40	10	10	3	4



Summary of Main Findings

- Sellers are consistently less likely to make accurate predictions
- Optimism bias is not found to exist when information is provided in seedstock bull markets.
- High-risk participants have a lower probability of making accurate price predictions relative to low-risk participants
- Participants utilizing GE-EPDs and EPD % ranks show increased accuracy







Experiment 2 What are producers using to make decisions?





	BW	ww	YW	Milk	CW	Marb	RE	\$M	sw	SB	\$C
EPD	I+2.9	I+68	I+114	I+19	I+38	I+.16	I+.62	58	60	106	195
%	85	25	35	85		85	40	50	50	80	80







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		CED	BW	ww	YW	MILK	CEM	DOC	SC	\$W		
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Maternal	**	**
Feed/Carc	**	***
Disposition	**	**
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BW	-0.2	18%
ww	55	8%
YW	122	2%
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BF	0.04	<0.1%
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How are producers utilizing selection tools?

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Name	Tattoo	Registration Birth Date	CED Acc	BW Acc	WW Acc	YW Acc	RADG Acc	DMI Acc	YH Acc	SC Acc	HP Acc	CEM Acc	Milk Acc	MKH MkD	MW Acc	MH Acc	\$EN
Animal Name (Individual detail link)	80	98765435251 07/08/80	+10 .99	+2.4 .99	+59 .99	+98 .99	+.16 .99	+.27 .99	+.3 .99	+1.06 .99	+13.1 .80	+10 .95	+23 .99	2681 11634	+19 .98	+.3 .99	+3

		Management						Carcass		
Doc	Claw	Angle	PAP	HS	CW	Marb	RE	Fat	C	U
Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Grp/Pg	Grp/Pg
+6	+.50	+.51	+1.14	+.56	+37	+.55	+.22	+.017	17	5
.99	.85	.85	.43	.48	.89	.90	.89	.88	51	10

Angus-on-l	Dairy \$Values			\$	Values		
\$AxH %	ŞAxH ŞAxJ % %		\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
-133 95%	-134 95%	+45	+60	+46	+29	+95	+168

















	\$C	\$B	\$W	\$M	FAT	RE	Marb	CW	DOC	Milk	HP	SC	YW	ww	BW	CED
EPD	236	121	76	79	0.041	0.46	0.87	34	14	37	15.5	1.29	113	67	0.9	6
%			10	15						3	20	25		35		





We want to understand

- What information do producers use?
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- Does the order of information matter?
- Does type of Information Matter?
- Can we use information seeking patterns to our advantage?
- Increased accuracy=Better judgement

















n = 6 Angus TN-October 2022 Sale- \$M



n =6 Simmental TN-October 2022 Sale- API



n = 6 Hereford TN-November 2022- \$BMI







The True Market Price of the ball is \$6250. The securate prediction range was \$5750-\$6750.

Since your price prediction was \$3500, you made inaccurate decision.

Please click next.



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	CED	BW	ww	YW	sc	нр	Milk	DOC	CW	Marb	RE	FAT	\$M	sw	\$B	\$C
EPI	16	-2.7	71	118	0.54	14.6	29	12	49	0.99	0.76	0.060	85	80	152	282
%	1	2	25	35		25	30			15	30		5	4	30	15



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Please enter your price prediction for this bull

Remember that you will earn an additional \$10.00 if your price prediction is within the range of [True Market Price - \$500.00; True Market Price + \$500.00]:











_	Variable	Ν	Mean	
	Has Angus in herd	168	134 (79.76%)	
	Has Simmental in herd	168	47 (27.98%)	
	Has Hereford in herd	168	55 (32.74%)	
	Uses EPD	168	135 (80.36%)	
	Uses GE-EPD	168	84 (50%)	
	Uses Phenotype	168	152 (90.48%)	
	Uses EPD Rank	168	105 (62.5%)	
	General Confidence [0,100]	168	79.76	
	Financial Confidence [0,100]	168	74.84	
	Risk Tolerance [0,10]	168	6.39	
	Tolerance to Delay Gratification [0,10]	168	7.61	
	General trust of others [0,10]	168	6.42	
	Proportion of income from cattle operation	168	25.87	
	Age	168	43.1	
	Male	168	122 (72.62%)	
	Producer is the Full Time Job	168	58 (34.52%)	NSION GRICULTURE NIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Variable	Alabama, $N = 95$	Tennessee, $N = 69$
Has Angus in herd ¹	75 (79%)	57 (83%)
Has Simmental in herd ¹	28 (29%)	21 (30%)
Has Charolais in herd ¹	28 (29%)	15 (22%)
Uses EPD ¹	62 (65%)	54 (78%)
Uses GEEPD ¹	33 (35%)	35 (51%)
Uses Physical Characteristics ¹	84 (88%)	67 (97%)
Uses EPD Percentile Rank ¹	56 (59%)	37 (54%)
General Confidence [0,100] ²	77 (19)	78 (17)
Financial Confidence [0,100] ²	77 (17)	77 (19)
Risk Tolerance [1,10] ²	6.27 (2.01)	6.59 (1.86)
Proportion of income from cattle	30(30)	34 (20)
operation ²	30 (30)	34 (29)
Age ²	47 (17)	51 (15)
Cattle business is full-time job ¹	38 (40%)	26 (38%)

Accuracy

Treatment	Average	Min	Max
Regular- Percentile			
Rank	<u>20.57%</u>	0.00%	43.24%
Regular-No Percentile			
Rank	<u>21.23%</u>	2.22%	40.00%
Inverted - Percentile			
Rank	<u>23.19%</u>	2.50%	47.50%
Inverted-No Percentile			
Rank	<u>21.14%</u>	0.00%	36.96%







6 Highest Bulls	1**	2**	3**	4**	5**	6
Price	\$8 <i>,</i> 500	\$7,500	\$7 <i>,</i> 500	\$6,500	\$6,250	\$6,000
Regular- Percentile Rank	0.00%	2.70%	10.81%	0.00%	13.51%	27.03%
Regular-No Percentile Rank	2.22%	8.89%	4.44%	4.44%	22.22%	37.78%
Inverted- Percentile Rank	<u>7.50%</u>	<u>17.50%</u>	5.00%	2.50%	15.00%	32.50%
Inverted-No Percentile Rank	0.00%	15.22%	0.00%	6.52%	10.87%	36.96%







6 Lowest Bulls	1	2	3	4	5	6
Price	\$3,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$2 <i>,</i> 000
Regular- Percentile Rank	35.14%	8.11%	24.32%	37.84%	10.81%	24.32%
Regular-No Percentile Rank	24.44%	11.11%	31.11%	40.00%	15.56%	11.11%
Inverted- Percentile Rank	<u>45.00%</u>	<u>20.00%</u>	<u>40.00%</u>	<u>47.50%</u>	12.50%	20.00%
Inverted-No Percentile Rank	32.61%	19.57%	36.96%	32.61%	6.52%	23.91%





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What can make me get closer or further away?





Variable	Coefficient
Above Average Price Bull	-524.36
High Guessers	484.80
Angus Breeders	124.81
Use GE-EPDs	-109.73
Use Physical Characteristics	-269.06
Confident People	-720.95
High Genetic Bulls	1089.90
Low Genetic Bulls	-480.74
Age	3.40
Male	-133.35
Full Time	146.14
Retired	323.74





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						25						
96			25	35	20	20	30	35	3	10	15	



EPD 143 466 378 0.77 0.11 90 32 1.8 112





	\$C	\$B	sw	sм	FAT	RE	Marb	cw	DOC	Milk	нр	sc	YW	ww	BW	CED
EPD	263	149	82	70	0.034	0.62	0.46	67	15	39	14.2	0.86	125	72	1.2	5



	\$CHB	\$BII	SBMI	REA	Marb	cw	Milk	sc	YW	ww	BW	CED
EPD	145	506	410	0.74	0.22	89	29	1.3	114	71	2.9	9.0







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Takeaways

- Layout matters for accuracy
 - Indexes HELP!!
- Increased information Usage=Increased Accuracy in the market

– GE-EPDS

• Lays ground work for future research















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Angus Bulls	1**	2	3**	4*	5**	6	Average
Regular- Percentile Rank	0.0%	13.5%	13.5%	24.3%	2.7%	29.7%	14.0%
Regular-No Percentile Rank	4.4%	15.6%	22.2%	22.2%	8.9%	33.3%	17.8%
Inverted- Percentile Rank	2.5%	15.0%	15.0%	25.0%	17.5%	32.5%	<u>17.9%</u>
Inverted-No Percentile Rank	6.5%	10.9%	10.9%	28.3%	15.2%	26.1%	16.3%







Sim-Genetic Bulls	1**	2**	3	4	5*	6*	Average
Regular- Percentile Rank	24.32%	40.54%	35.14%	8.11%	24.32%	37.84%	28.38%
Regular-No Percentile Rank	28.89%	37.78%	24.44%	11.11%	31.11%	40.00%	28.89%
Inverted- Percentile Rank	20.00%	35.00%	45.00%	20.00%	40.00%	47.50%	<u>34.58%</u>
Inverted-No Percentile Rank	28.26%	34.78%	32.61%	19.57%	36.96%	32.61%	30.80%







Hereford Bulls	1**	2	3	4**	5*	6*	Average
Regular- Percentile Rank	10.81%	27.03%	43.24%	0.00%	10.81%	24.32%	<u>19.37%</u>
Regular-No Percentile Rank	4.44%	37.78%	31.11%	2.22%	15.56%	11.11%	17.04%
Inverted- Percentile Rank	5.00%	32.50%	25.00%	7.50%	12.50%	20.00%	17.08%
Inverted-No Percentile Rank	0.00%	36.96%	30.43%	0.00%	6.52%	23.91%	16.30%





