

Quality Red Angus Cattle Bred to Function Efficiently



Female Sale

Friday, November 3, 2017

At the Ranch, Plevna, MT • 1 p.m. MDT

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100 Females

**Mature Bred Cows • Bred Heifers
Open Heifers • Commercial Bred Heifers
Rare Semen Packages**

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Welcome



Welcome to our third tri-ennial female sale! Thank you for taking the time to review our sale offering. We hope that we have assembled this catalog in a manner that is easy for you to look at and sort through the criteria that is important to your operation.

In the midst of a drought we have had an exciting summer with numerous family milestones. Our oldest daughter, Cele, was married to Jeff Menees on June 24 at the ranch. Three days later we celebrated 30 years of marriage. On August 4th we hosted a Ketchum family reunion followed by our 100-year ranch celebration on the 5th of August. These family celebrations allowed us to rise above the circumstances and enjoy the important things in life.

In our 2014 sale we sold the first half by age of our 2006-model cows. This year we are offering the remaining cows from that class as well as all the 2007 and 2008 cows that we have in production. The mature cows that we are dispersing have proven their functionality over the years. Most of our cows will be trailed 3 to 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 have missed calving on time, with exception of one cow 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 AI 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. Of the 37 mature cows in this offering, 29 of them have MPPAs of 100 and over which speaks to their female productivity ability. Several of these cows are donor quality to add quality into an existing herd or a great place to start a new Red Angus herd.

During our selection process of the young females, we discovered the challenges of finding breds and opens that fit the criteria that we use to select females to be considered. If you are a purebred breeder, take the time and look at your replacement bred heifers and heifer calves and see how many have dams and grand dams with an MPPA of 100 or better, as well as their own weaning index of 100 or better. On top of that, make sure that you have representation of the different sires that you have used in each group. When we were done with the selection, we found most of the breds and open heifers in this sale met all three of the criteria but there are a few that only meet two out of the three criteria. We hope that through this criteria we have selected females that will have the productivity and longevity to be profitable for their new owners.

We look forward to answering any questions that you may have as you review this catalog, as well as getting an opportunity to meet some of you through this sale.

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



Bruce, Tena & Jaclyn Ketchum
Jeff & Cele Menees

*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.*



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Cele and Jeff's June Wedding on the ranch



Ketchum Family Reunion & Ranch's 100-Year Celebration in August





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