

**Wedel Red Angus - Sale Report**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**Leoti,KS**

Ranchers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Texas gathered in the Wedel Red Angus sale barn on March 14<sup>th</sup> for Frank & Susan Wedel's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull & Commercial Replacement Female Sale.

The Wedel program is known for being heavily invested in their customers' success, annually purchasing multiple loads of feeder cattle from long-term customers. Heifers purchased in this manner are sorted on type and performance, pelvic measured and reproductive tract scored. Those that pass all the tests are offered as replacement quality females following the bull sale. This year, nearly 250 customer heifers went back into commercial cow herds.

All of the steers and heifers that do not make the replacement sort are fed with harvest data returned to the bull customer. It is this cooperation with customers and cattle feeders that has led to several of the Wedel's customers being recognized with Red Angus GridMaster and Commercial Producer of the Year Awards.

Following are some of the high-selling bulls as well as bull sale averages by breed makeup:

Schuler Red Angus of Bridgeport, NE purchased the high-selling Red Angus bull, Lot 5, a son of WFL Merlin 018A at \$11,500 for one half interest and full possession.

GridMaster Winners, Don & Cindy Sitz of Drewsey, OR purchased Lots 1 and 2, both sons of WFL Pawnee Canyon 8127 at \$10,500 and \$9,000 respectively.

Jannsen Red Angus of Geneseo, KS purchased Lot 3, also a son of WFL Merlin 018A at \$9,000.

GridMaster winner and former Red Angus commercial producer of the year, Otley Bros. Ranch of Diamond, OR purchased both top selling SimAngus bulls, Lot 40 and 49 at \$9,000 each. These were both sons of WFL 165Z 085B.

**Bull Sale Averages:**

- 107 Red Angus Yearling Bulls averaged: \$4,065
- 19 SimAngus Hybrid Bulls averaged: \$4,211
- 14 Charolais x Red Angus Hybrid Bulls averaged: \$2,904
- 138 total yearling bulls averaged: \$4,026

Commercial heifers were sold in four lots of similar weight/type/pregnancy status, with successful bidders being required to take a minimum of 10 heifers at the bid price, but having the option of "rolling" consecutive sets of 10 heifers with that Lot. The 324 commercial heifers sold for the following sale averages:

- 169 Commercial Red Angus open heifers averaged: \$1,337
- 50 Commercial Buckskin (Char x Red Angus) open heifers averaged: \$1,094
- 105 - Commercial fall calving Red Angus bred heifers averaged: \$1,744