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SPITZER RANCH Performance Progress Report For 2014 Sale Bulls

Thirty-five genetically powerful Brangus bull calves are developing right on track for the 2014 Spitzer Ranch Professional Cattlemen's Brangus Bull Sale scheduled for Saturday, February 22. Since weaning these calves have been grazing crabgrass and fed a commodity mix of soy hulls and corn gluten feed, balanced for all nutrients, and bermudagrass hay. So far bulls in Test Group 2013-1 (weaned May 23) have averaged a gain of 3.37 pounds per day thru 112 days on test. Average daily gain for Test Group 2013-2 bulls (weaned June 20) was 3.04 pounds for the first 84 days after weaning. Over the entire 35 bulls the average gain so far has been 3.17 pounds.

As always, **these calves do not receive creep-feed** and the weaning weights are what Mother Nature dictates for forage conditions in a particular year. Additionally **there is no warm-up period** and calves started test the day they were weaned and gains include weaning stress. Their program develops these bulls at approximately 3.25 pounds of gain per day for a 168-day development program. By sale day they will be 1300-1500 pound, 14 to 17 month old athletically sound bulls ready to go to work breeding your cows.

If you compare the EPD profile for the AVERAGE Spitzer Ranch Brangus Bull to the average of all Brangus Non-parent bulls, you find 1.2 pounds **less BW**, 6 pounds **more WW** and 11 pounds **more YW**. That AVERAGE Spitzer Ranch bull also has a 7 pound **greater MK** EPD and 10 pound **greater TM** EPD compared to the average Brangus Non-parent bull. Added to those statistics are EPDs representing a .06 sq. in. **bigger REA** and .05 percent **higher %IMF** for the AVERAGE Spitzer Ranch bull over the average EPDs for all Brangus Non-Parent bulls

and you see why their bulls are an investment in your cow herd. This set of bulls get really exciting from the standpoint of the right kind of genetics that make Spitzer Ranch bulls really stand out when it comes to adding to your profitability.

Spitzer Ranch has been designing their breeding program around “Curve Bender” genetics for over 31 years. These calves really exemplify bulls that are born with lowered birth weight and then grow --- fast. As icing on the cake, **20 of these bulls will be “flagged” as true calving ease bulls** very suitable to breed to heifers with assurance they will not cause calving problems. Spitzer Ranch genetics are absolutely predictable and these bulls will sire exactly that kind of a calf. You are surely invited to come take a look!

The SPITZER RANCH PROFESSIONAL CATTLEMEN’S BRANGUS BULL SALE is scheduled for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014. In addition to the 35 bulls, there should be a nice selection of Brangus Gold, commercial females from the herds of bull buying customers. Please take note: if you have females with Spitzer Ranch genetics that you wish to consign to the sale, contact the Spitzers immediately. If you wish your name added to their mailing list for Newsletters and current Bull Test Performance Reports call 864/972-9140, write SPITZER RANCH, 1511 HWY 59, Fair Play, SC, 29643 or send an email note to spitzeranch@mindspring.com. Their SUMMER NEWSLETTER (with all performance statistics collected to date on each and every bull being developed for the 2014 sale) has already been delivered to those on their mailing list, but there are a few left and they would be happy to send one to you. Be sure and visit their WEB SITE at www.srbulls.com often for the latest in news; and you might enjoy their posts and QUOTE OF THE WEEK on Facebook.

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