

SANDHILL FARMS NEWSLETTER



A Note from Sandhill Farms

After much thought and discussion, we have decided to postpone our summer Producer Meeting. While we don't want to "yield" to the virus, we don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable while attending. We are considering a January meeting. There are several topics that we would like to have speakers address for discussion and questions.



Do better genetics return more dollars?

When you are looking through the catalog and considering which bull fits your program, you look at all the EPDs and Indexes. Have you often wondered "do these really pay?" Well, I would like to pull out some sire data averages from a set of steers that R&L W Farms (Travis and Brooke Warner, our daughter and son-in-law) fed. Their steers fed very well, gained 4.1, converted 5.86 with a cost of \$74/cwt. Each of these sires had about 10 steers each in the group. Marbling EPD difference among the sires was minor, so this set of steers were a good test for carcass weight EPD and CHB index.

Sire	<u>Carcass Wt. EPD</u>	<u>Carcass Wt. (lbs)</u>	<u>CHB Index</u>	<u>Per Head Value</u>
C105	43	886	71	\$1359
B145	66	945	91	\$1445
E027	102	953	153	\$1463

All other things held equal, the increase in Carcass Wt. and or CHB value raised the value of E027's progeny by over \$100/head. E027 just clipped off and extra \$1000 on only 10hd. You be the judge, does \$100/calf make him worth more on sale day?

Is \$200/head saved, \$200/head earned?

In the past month or so, we had some customers share their feedlot close-out and carcass data with us. Brandon Roenbaugh's black baldy steers were all sired by Sandhill bulls. These 72 steers were fed at Kinsley Feeders, in Kinsley, KS (a 40,000 hd feedlot).

<u>Category</u>	<u>SHF Sired</u>	<u>Contemporaries</u>
In Weight	879	829
Out Weight	1523	1464
DOF	146	170
ADG	4.41	3.6
F:G	5.76	6.61
Death Loss %	0.00	1.69
Cost of Gain	\$72.15	\$92.67

When compared to like weight steers for the same feeding period, these steers fed for **\$197.45/head** less than their contemporaries. Brandon also raked in premiums on the rail and sold heifer mates as replacements at a premium. We realize this is one pen, but we want to let this soak in. **\$197/head, or over \$14,000 for the pen.**

Selling your calves this fall?

As you get ready to market your calves this fall, or if you are wanting to buy some, please give us a call. We can assist you in putting buyers and sellers together. Be sure to tell your auction barn or video sales rep., "these are Sandhill sired."

