

A FALL FULL OF CATTLE TOURS



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This fall, I have had the opportunity to see some great cattle in different parts of the world. To start off my tours, I attended the National Select Sires Beef Tour, which is held every other year at various locations. This year, Select Sires employees from across the country gathered in Kansas and traveled to several producers including: JLB Ranch, Dalebanks Angus, Western Livestock, Kansas State University, River Creek Farms, Kniebels Red Angus, Cow Camp Ranch and Gardiner Angus. With cattle on

display sired by 7AN389 SURE FIRE, 7AN560 QUANTUM, 7AN580 HOME TOWN, 14AN502 TAHOE, 7AN388 NIAGARA, 7AN538 BRAGGING RIGHTS, 7AN550 KNOW HOW, 7AN464 UNIQUE, 14AN541 BONFIRE, 7AR85 EXCELLENCE, 7AR86 STOCKMARKET and 7SM97 IMPERIAL. Looking back, some of my favorite calves

on tour were the TAHOEs at Dalebanks Angus. TAHOE does so many things well, he's a true calving ease specialist whose offspring aren't giving up anything to their counterparts when it comes to growth! I love that this bull is consistently siring daughters that are wet in production. These young cows are easy fleshing, thick made, excellent uddered and have a great disposition. The TAHOEs are well received at sales across the country.



TAHOE calf pictured at Mogck and Son's at the South Dakota Angus Tour

Gardiners Angus Ranch (GAR) invited us to see their steer and bred heifer feeding facilities and what an operation they have! Gardiners do an incredible job of displaying cattle in large sire groups. My favorite calves were the HOME TOWNs and the BRAGGING RIGHTS cattle. I'd like to give a shout out to Kniebel's Red Angus Ranch. Mary Ann Kniebel is the breeder of EXCELLENCE and those calves were nice to look at. Watch for EXCELLENCE to grow in popularity in the years to come.

As a young man with a passion for Angus cattle, I'm excited to share my thoughts on what might be the best cattle tour that I have ever attended, the South Dakota Angus Tour. This event was well attended and showcased some of the best Angus herds in the state of South Dakota. Select Sires started the tour off with a bang at Mogck and Son's. Progeny that highlighted this stop were sired by 7AN528 GROWTH FUND, TAHOE and 7AN531 ENTICE. Feel free to search the Select Sires Beef Facebook page to view a video featuring ENTICE and listen to Charles Mogck and bull owner, Landi McFarland Livingston from Hoover Angus, as they talk about ENTICE progeny.



ENTICE pictured at Mogck and Son's at the South Dakota Angus Tour

Another highlight on the tour was at Moore Angus, with some incredible 7AN466 RAINFALL calves on display. These cattle are moderate and full of maternal look. Good-footed, easy fleshing and ultra feminine are the words that come to mind when describing these RAINFALL daughters. We finished the tour on a high note at Blacktop Farms where we viewed a deep set of bred heifers sired by 7AN463 PLAYBOOK. I expect PLAYBOOK to have a second wind of semen sales as he may be one of the more underrated sires in our lineup.



NIAGARA sired heifer calf from Topp Angus in North Dakota

To round out the last of my tours I was able to attend the North Dakota Stockman's Association All Breeds Tour. This tour showcased Select Sires progeny at multiple stops. Topp Angus displayed progeny from NIAGARA

and wow did they impress. These heifer calves were feminine, big-middled, attractive cattle. The January born pair of bull calves might have been the best pair of half siblings seen on the tour.

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NIAGARA sired bull calves from Topp Angus
in North Dakota

These two calves showed excellent muscle shape, thickness through their middle and true Angus breed character; a very impressive set of cattle.

The next set of Select Sires calves was viewed at Jallo Angus, where we saw a set of GROWTH FUND and 7AN473 LEGENDARY calves. Jallo's GROWTH FUND bulls and heifers were his high selling sire groups in the spring of 2021 and I expect this group to do the same. GROWTH FUND is siring cattle that have muscle, rib, bone and excellent phenotype.

Dave and Karissa Daws of Grassy Meadow Ranch hosted our supper and social stop of the evening, with

bull calves on display by STOCKMARKET and 14AR2085 ATOMIC. There were several STOCKMARKET calves that caught my eye. This sire has worked well in Grassy Meadow's herd as they strive to raise performance Red Angus cattle.

The final stop with Select Sires cattle on display was Nelson Angus. Mike Nelson had a cool pen of heifer calves that will sell in the Pearls of the Prairie Sale on November 14. Included in this group were 14AN553 COWBOY LOGIC and HOME TOWN calves. The COWBOY LOGICs that I have seen in the past year have impressed me. He is a calving ease sire that will add frame and eye appeal. HOME TOWN is a very popular sire right now; his calves come easy and they will be well above breed average for Marbling, Carcass Weight and Ribeye Area. I'd like to thank the North Dakota Stockman's Association for putting on this tour and for all their work year-round with membership and policy.

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1. 14AN502 TAHOE
2. 7AN368 COMRADE
3. 7AN600 WOLVERINE
4. 7AN528 GROWTH FUND
5. 7AN466 RAINFALL



14AN502 TAHOE



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7AN466 RAINFALL

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