

## Dear Friends and Customers:

We would like to invite you to our 32<sup>nd</sup> year of providing Charolais bulls. Since 1990, we have been improving the genetics of our herd by selecting for gentle disposition, high fertility, longevity, calving-ease, moderate frame size, and performance. Our bulls are selected progeny of a mix of tried and proven herd sires along with some new up and coming sires. It is our goal to provide you with proven genetics that will make your operation more profitable.

Your approval of our bulls and the progeny that you produce is what drives us in our seedstock operation. Our greatest reward is to see your calves bring top dollar and return to you a profit for all your hard work. We are proud to say that we are a part of your end product.

2022 started off with no snow, but after 2 blizzards in April we had enough snow for the entire winter. The blizzards were very hard on livestock and everyone trying to take care of them, but it was relief from the drought. We had rain showers every week through the first week of July, and the grass grew and the crops were good. The grasshoppers were maybe worse than last year, especially on the crops, but the grass was able to keep up.

The bulls were weaned in October and started on a mostly dry hay ration before bucket-feeding Bull Developer 14 from Scranton Equity Exchange Elevator. We feel this is the best way to ensure sound feet and legs, as putting young animals on high gaining rations can be detrimental to bone and skeletal health as breeding animals. Our bulls' legs & feet are guaranteed through 3 years of age related to feeding or genetics. Pounds pay and we want you, our customers, to be able to sell a great product.

Because of the really wet spring and extremely dry summer and fall, weaning weights were down this year, but we would encourage you focus on the ratios, as the genetics are still the same.

Our sale will be on **Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 2 pm MST.**

Lunch will be served at noon with gates opening at 11:00 to view the bulls. **You are more than welcome to come prior to opening day to view the bulls as well. Please call ahead.**

A Base Price sheet with current data will be available prior to opening day, where you may place your name on any bull for the opening bid. If someone else has already put their name on the asking price of that bull, you can raise their bid in silent-auction form in \$100 (or more) increments until 1:30 MST. We ask that you bid on the bulls prior to 1:30 so that we can set a sale order. At 2 p.m., oral bids will be taken beginning with the top dollar bull. High bidder will become purchaser of the bull.

If you bid on a bull, but are unable to attend opening day, we will contact you between 1 and 2 p.m. to update you on others' bids. At this time you will be able to raise your bid over the phone. **You must be available by phone at the time of the bidding to raise your bid.**

As in the past, 1/3 down is due upon purchase, with the balance due upon delivery. All bulls will be fed free until mid April. They will be semen tested and guaranteed breeders upon delivery. There is no charge for delivery within 400 miles of the ranch.

For those of you who may not be able to attend opening day we would encourage you to come ahead of time and inspect the bulls. You may contact us prior to sale day to place a bid. The most recent information on the bulls will be posted on the web site by the **16th of February**. If you do not have Internet access, please call, and we will mail or fax you the most current information. Photos of individual bulls can be sent by e-mail.

A sight unseen buying program is available with guaranteed satisfaction of the bull upon delivery. If you are not satisfied, we will take back the bull and refund your money.

We would stress the importance of looking at nursing ratios along with the 205's, as this indicates the bulls standing against the average (100%) in the herd. When comparing our animals with other breeders, remember that our bull calves are raised on the short-grass prairies of Eastern Montana with only the available forage and their mother's milk. **No creep feed is ever used.** In our feedlot, they are fed to grow, not to be fattened. By doing this, we ensure the development of sound feet, legs, and structure, which improves our bulls' longevity in your cattle operations.

We look forward to providing you with top quality genetics in your crossbreeding and purebred programs. If you have any questions or need additional information don't hesitate to contact us:

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## ***Ranch Location***

**From Wibaux, MT:** Go 9.5 miles N. on Hwy 261, turn W. on Lone Tree Rd., then go 4 miles to the Domek Charolais sign. Turn left (South) and go one mile over the hill.