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**Record 42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Performance-Tested Bull Sale Grosses Nearly \$300,000**  
*Sale averages \$3,468 on 85 bulls*

**Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.** – Beef producers earned a record \$294,800 for top-quality bulls at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Performance Tested Bull Sale, Friday, March 27, at the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre County.

Producers from across Pennsylvania and neighboring states sold 85 Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Simmental and crossbred bulls. The bulls averaged \$3,468 per head.

“This recordbreaking sale shows the importance of the center for raising, testing and marketing the top bulls in Pennsylvania and our neighboring states,” said Acting Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. “I congratulate consignors and buyers on a successful auction, and thank them for helping further Pennsylvania’s beef industry.”

Topping the sale at \$7,700 was a Red Angus from Country Acres Farm of New Windsor, Md., sold to Marie Vandermark of Ithaca, N.Y. The second-highest selling bull was a \$6,200 Simmental consigned by Messick Farms, Middletown, Dauphin County, and purchased by Pamela Huffman of Littlestown, Adams County.

The SimAngus crossbred brought \$5,000, five Red Angus averaged \$4,180, 50 Angus bulls averaged \$3,688, four Herefords averaged \$3,425 and 25 Simmentals averaged \$2,832.

The bulls completed a 112-day test at the center that evaluated average daily gain, carcass traits and feed efficiency. After the testing period, the bulls were ultrasonically scanned to determine ribeye area, marbling and fat thickness and examined for breeding soundness.

Since 1973, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Performance Bull Testing Program has provided the state’s beef industry with a way to measure inherited traits through sire evaluation. The center has adapted with advancing technology, offering expanded information on bulls and enhancing their marketability to potential buyers. Careful guidance and foresight have developed the center into a regional hub for improving the beef industry.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Livestock Evaluation Center measures genetic traits for beef, swine, sheep and meat goats for two purposes: to benefit producers through evaluating economically important traits and to benefit consumers by providing wholesome, high-quality products at an affordable price.