



Ranch History

Bull Hill Ranch is a Red Angus seedstock operation owned by Jim and Alvina Meeks and located in the upstate South Carolina town of Gray Court. The ranch is home for approximately 150 Category 1A 100% Red Angus females and a group of approximately forty commercial, Red Angus influenced females known as ProCows. Seedstock in the form of bulls, heifers, semen and embryos are sold annually through private treaty and consignment sales. The ranch also produces Natural Red Angus beef that is sold to natural markets, restaurants, and individuals in the upstate of South Carolina. Beef sales outlets include the Happy Cow Creamery, Live Oak Farms Store, and Verdin's Farm and Garden Store, as well as restaurants such as Stella's Southern Bistro, Simpsonville, SC, and The Poinsett Club, Greenville, SC.

The herd began in 1991 with the purchase of five females from the Prescott herd in Georgia and grew to its current size by purchasing females from many top breeders throughout the Southeastern United States including: Angel Farms, Whitley Red Angus, Flat Rock Red Angus, Hust Cattle Company, McLean Red Angus Ranch, Foshee Red Angus and Enfinger Red Angus. The acquisition of the Enfinger Red Angus herd from Jay, Florida was a tremendous boost to Bull Hill Ranch in 1998. The Enfinger program was a leader in the business for over thirty years with an emphasis on growth, adaptability, and maternal strength. Sires for Bull Hill Ranch have been selected from many prestigious herds throughout the country, including Leachman Cattle Co., Bieber Red Angus, Boot Jack Cattle Co., Green Mountain Red Angus, Holden Red Angus, and Gilchrist Red Angus.

Artificial insemination and embryo transfer are also very important genetic selection tools used at BHR. Over 100 cows are mated to the top proven sires available in the breed each year using A.I. Clean up bulls are used to keep the cattle in a short calving season, and all cows calve in about 80 days beginning in November. Fescue and Bermuda are the native grasses to this area in South Carolina, and cows are wintered on stockpiled fescue and hay. No supplemental feeding is provided to cows or calves until after

weaning. Heifers receive 1% of their body weight of a 14% protein mix consisting of corn gluten feed and soybean hulls along with free choice hay and pasture when available. Bulls receive 1.5 – 2 % of their body weight of the same mixture and are fed in a pasture setting to insure proper exercise and soundness. Cows are culled based on fertility first, and next on soundness and production. The goals of the ranch are to produce efficient, eye appealing cattle that will excel in the economically relevant traits while living in the demanding, hot, and humid environment of the Southeastern United States. We invite you to call us at: (864) 981-2080 or (864) 682-2828, e-mail to: bullhill2@prtcnet.com, or visit our website at bullhillredangusranch.com to gain more information about the operation.