

Lesikar Ranch

2018 Fall Journal

Pasture to Rail

While we have been promoting and telling you about Lesikar Genetics and why you should have them in your herd, we wanted to be able to substantiate what we were saying. So we decided to do a test. In June of 2017, we sent a set of our steers to a feedlot and retained ownership. All the steers were free of any growth hormones. The steers were backgrounded for 45 days and then shipped. All the steers were tagged with an EID Tag before departure so we would be able to track their performance from our ranch to the rail. We were most pleased with the results of this test showing what Lesikar Genetics can achieve. The average In Weight was 444.9 pounds.



AVG EPD Summary	
BW	0.61
WW	37.53
YW	65.08
\$EN	9.83
\$W	30.54
\$B	59.77

The average Finished Weight was 1263 pounds. Please refer to the Carcass Chart below for the results from our test. Following this impressive performance, we also studied the EPDs of the steers to see how they compared. The results of this study show that you don't need extremes to make a profit in this industry. You can see the averages on the EPD Chart. All of the steers were sired by either Lesikar AI Sires, Ohlde AI Sires or Lesikar Herd Bulls. We pride ourselves in the growth our cattle receive off of grass alone, but thanks to this test we now know they also perform in the Feedlot and for the Packer. This is why we believe in our Bulls and Females the way we do. The genetics that we have developed over the years are great for both use in the pasture and on their way to the plate. Lesikar Genetics will work for you

whether you are a Seedstock Producer or a Commercial Cattleman. What is better than having all the tools necessary to make money, the no frills way. Incidentally, the steers received a premium when they were sold.

Carcass Results Summary AVG

Weight (lbs.)			
Start	444.88		
Gained	818.12	ADG	3.54
Finish	1263		
Carcass	781.31	Dress %	61.84
%Prime	35.29%	Avg. YG	3.70
% Choice	64.71%	Avg. YG	3.12
REI	12.88	BF	0.60



Lesikar Genetics

We would like to tell you a little bit about our Program and how we arrived at what we are doing.

The Lesikar Genetic program has some unique characteristics to it. We had been breeding Angus cattle in years past, but not with any emphasis on producing Seed Stock or Commercial Bulls. We had tried some of the Popular AI Sires with what were considered popular EPDs. They were mostly larger framed cattle and “Hard Doers”. These did not work for us requiring more inputs than we felt were necessary. We wanted to produce a moderate size cow, one that could produce a calf which would wean at least half of her weight, have a good udder, the capacity and efficiency to live on grass, plenty of muscle and especially to have docility.

During a study of Angus pedigrees and genetics, we found that the older matings that began making Angus cattle, the breed of demand, there were a few herds that had been bred in keeping with this ideal. Having learned from these herds, we began using the AI Sires that were strong in the Traveler and EXT lines. We blended these with our cows and developed our base herd. During this period, we also developed a Battery of Herd Bulls which promoted these genetics, some of which were collected and used exclusively as AI Sires to strengthen our program. These Lesikar AI Sires will stack up against any other AI Sires in producing the type of Angus cattle that we believe are what make the Breed great.

Having created our herd from these proven and older style genetics, we went “Back to Basics” and developed Bulls that possessed “Big Butts”. Hence the name and theme of our Annual Spring Female and Fall Bull Sale. The Lesikar “Back to Basics” Genetics have everything we studied and wanted to embody. This is why we are able to guarantee certain traits when we offer these great cattle in our various sales. How many other Ranches are willing to guarantee docility when you buy a Bull? We do and stand behind the knowledge that you will be extremely happy with the way the Bulls and Females act and the response that Lesikar Genetics will have in your herd.



“BIG BUTTS”

3rd Registered Angus
Angus Bull Sale

November 10, 2018 ♦ 1:00 pm
At The Ranch - Athens, Texas

Back to BASICS

7th Registered Angus
Female Production Sale

April 27, 2019 ♦ 1:00 pm
At The Ranch - Athens, Texas

Testimonials

True Confession – I was a Charolais man, until I discovered Lesikar Ranch Black Angus. Those big whites were just too big, ate too much and mostly skittish by nature and the blacks always sold better than the whites at the sale barn.

I have found my Lesikar Black Angus to be thrifty and efficient in frame, easy birthing and good maternal instincts, docile and easy handling. Somehow, they just know what to do in the pen, the alley and in the trailer. Even the bulls are docile and easy handling. These Lesikar calves always do well at the sale barn.

I am in the process of phasing out all my remaining Charolais and phasing in Lesikar Blacks to improve and complete my herd over the next two years. I give Jason a “two thumbs up” for the quality of these cattle.



John Aughinbaugh
Turker Creek Ranch
Cross Plains, Texas



Britt Ross
1860 Farms
Sulphur Springs Texas
www.1860Farms.com



I might be new to the Registered Angus business, but with a family history of ranching here in Northeast Texas since 1860, I've got a good foundation.

I started off this Registered Angus herd with some great genetics from 44 Farms, Express Ranch, Deer Valley Angus, Gardner Angus and Lesikar Ranch. Let me just say, the ability to have cattle gain weight (the \$EN EPD expressed as cow energy requirements) without buying feed can decide if you've got a profit or no profit at the end of the year! I currently have 123 animals running in moderate drought conditions and I do not use any feed supplements. No corn, no grain, no hay at all. They are raised on pasture (a rough attempt at rotational grazing), mineral and a handful of cubes once every other week to keep them coming to the corral.

Under these dry conditions my pasture is struggling to keep up. The Lesikar Ranch genetics are excelling despite the heat. These girls maintained their body condition right up until the end of July when I noticed they were losing a little weight; most have 4-6 month old calves on them.

Many of my neighbors are feeding hay and/or supplementing feed at a rate of 10 to 40 pounds a day just to keep their animals in condition.

For my herd, a feed-cost of just \$3 a day times 123 animals equals 369 dollars a day. $369 \times 30 \text{ days} = \text{over } \$11,000 \text{ a month.}$

If you're curious to see these results for yourself, stop on by, and see how the Genetics of Lesikar Ranch Angus Cattle can make a difference in performance, and your bottom line.



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