



Dear Friends,

This year's annual Larson Angus bull sale will be MARCH 30 with the viewing starting at 10:00 with the sale starting at 1:00. As always the lunch will be furnished.

This year's group is being fed to have a sale weight of about 1100 to 1200. We will weigh them on or about Feb 15 with a second weight about March 15. Those weights will be sent in a newsletter. In this newsletter we are going to profile the sires of the bulls and to post pictures.

This year's biggest sire group will be 20 Bulls sired by Connealy Black Granite who is pictured. He is a bull that is well proven and he excels in several traits. He is especially noted for producing very quiet very productive daughters. It is noted that when the first daughters calved, the owners went back for more semen. Customer satisfaction is the best advertisement. I think as a whole, this is the most docile set of bulls that we have sold. 5 of the bulls are owned by Marc Hinnens and they are a couple months older and a really nice sire group. His 84 bull is outstanding. That bull is out of a first calf Capitalist cow that is in turn out of a very productive cow. The other bulls in this sire group are younger. In my opinion if the Black Granite daughters are as good as advertised it will be a great thing as we are keeping a bunch of them. In a couple cases we are

selling Black Granite sons out of first calf 120 daughters. That should be a great combination. Lots of folks are concerned with feet in the angus breed. Here the feet on the Black Granite's have been great.

One other bull that has 6 sons in the sale is the ABS bull Diverse He is not as proven as Black Granite but the current EPD's show that he is competitive in most areas including calving ease, feed efficiency, docility, and feet. I got interested after finding out he was sired by a very good Graham bred bull. That herd was noted for being very productive in a very tough environment. Paul Bennet the breeder of the sire of Diverse is also high on the sisters of Diverse in their herd. We are considering keeping a bull out of this sire group. Our top heifer calf is a Diverse daughter. We used Diverse and Black Granite again this past summer.

Tom Young brought 4 nice bulls sired by bulls we sold him. Tom tries hard to buy top end bulls at our sale. It is good to see his bulls go head to head with AI bulls and compete well.

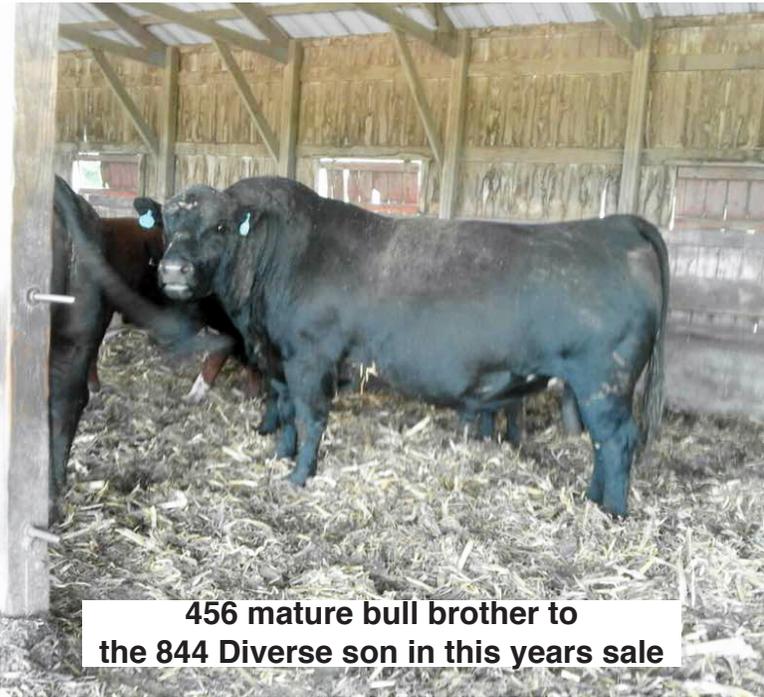
We have a few bulls sired by the top selling bull at our 2016 sale. Interesting sire group as both the bull and heifer calves started small and unattractive but really grew out well. That is kind of a good trait as it sure keeps life simpler. I kind of like it when I find a first calf heifer who had her calf by herself and up and sucking and the older I get the better I like it. We are thinking of keeping one bull out of this sire group as a "sleep" at night heifer bull.

We also have a few bulls out of a bull called Capstone, a Capitalist son. I did not like them early on but they are really coming on.

We have magnets in all the bulls, two shots of footrot vaccinations and brands. They will be ultra sounded and semen checked prior to the sale. As always we will hold the bulls at no additional charge till June 1. That lets us develop the bulls especially the younger smaller ones.

I urge you to semen check your bulls early as if they test bad, you will have lots of options before the bulls get picked over.

If you have trouble with your bulls especially the first year, we urge you to call and we will do our best to make things right. I hope to see you sale day. Feel free to come look anytime. Call me.



456 mature bull brother to the 844 Diverse son in this years sale



Tame Black Granite heifer



Black Granite heifer on a first calf 402 daughter



Diverse heifer on a path finder cow



Grandma and grand daughters feeding orphan heifer calf



848 calf. A Black Granite out of pathfinder cow





Kate Roberts
DIVERSE



Kate Roberts
Capstone bull



**First calf heifer with her
811 Black Granite bull calf**



**First cald heifer
sired by 120**



Black Granite Heifer Calf



Second calf Stimulus daughter

