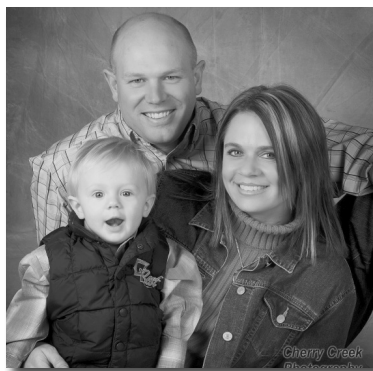


BEST ANGUS & QUARTER HORSES

Rockin' the Bakken ... Stockman style! Welcome to bustling western North Dakota and to Elkhorn Creek Ranch. We are excited that you took time to join us today.

Elkhorn Creek Ranch is the home of Best Angus and Quarter Horses which inventories approximately 250 head of commercial and registered Angus cattle and a small band of registered Quarter Horses on a combination of private and U.S. Forest Service acres. The ranch is a second-generation operation that was purchased by Vawnita's father Kurt Hovet in 1968. He still manages feedstuffs production and overseeing the daily activities on the ranch. Until 2006, the ranch was stocked solely with commercial Angus-cross females. At that time, Pete and Vawnita moved their registered cows to the ranch and began utilizing the commercial cows as recipient mothers in their embryo transfer program.



Pete, Vawnita and Kyle Best

Since 2004, Best Angus has been utilizing an intensive embryo transfer program to maximize the influence of time-tested, proven cows in our herd. We feel that this is the best way to expand our herd and continue to improve genetics at a quicker pace. We have tried to use a similar philosophy while selecting AI sires. We focus on bulls that have EPD accuracies over .90, are balanced in all traits and have proven that they produce good daughters and ones that we think will flourish in our unique environment. These daughters are expected to have excellent udder quality, extreme fertility, manageable dispositions, flesh easily, and be sound on their feet and legs to travel the 30-plus-acre-pastures that they summer graze, while still providing as much feedlot performance and carcass quality as possible in their calves.

Best Angus started in 1987 when Pete selected a 4-H heifer out of the replacement pen at McCumber Angus of Rolette, N.D. From that time, additional females have been added to the herd, but a majority of the breeding females trace back to that original McCumber heifer. The cattle were managed and marketed on share agreements with other breeders from 1991 to 2006. In 2006, they were moved here to Elkhorn Creek Ranch. Since that time, the bulls have been marketed private treaty using direct mailing as our primary marketing tool. In 2011, the first group of commercial and registered bred heifers will be developed and offered on a private treaty basis in the fall of 2011 in addition to the bulls.

In 1998, we purchased the first generation of Quarter Horse mares. The horses are ranch raised and a handful are marketed private treaty each year off the ranch, or periodically through consignment sales. Riders and prospects are always available. Our philosophy on horses is similar to cattle – balance and functionality. Good dispositions with above average intelligence, athleticism and cow sense are expected.

Again, we are extremely excited you joined us today. If ever passing through or are in the area, please call! We would love to visit. Until then, Best Wishes from Best Angus and Quarter Horses.



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Rosetta 1100 of Best Angus

This donor dam was the high selling female in the 2009 North Dakota Select Angus Association Sale selling to Dubas Cattle Company, Nebraska.



813 - Boyd New Day son

In 2009 this AI calf sold to Tim Transtrom of Watford City. In 2008 his full brother sold to Einar Prestangsten of Watford City.



8022 - Leachman Right Time son

In 2009 this ET calf sold to Jarvis and Kadie Sorenson of Watford City.



"Since we started raising registered cattle in 1988 our focus has been to raise moderate-framed, easy-fleshing, low-management cows that have as much early growth and performance as possible without sacrificing maternal traits, fertility and mature size."

"We run in rough Badlands country in southern McKenzie County with no creep feed in a commercial cow/calf environment."

Private Treaty offering for 2011:

- 45 Yearling bulls – AI sires: SAV 8180 Traveler 004, Sinclair Extra 4X13, Boyd New Day 8005, Leachman Right Time. A number of them are full brothers (from ET flushes) for servicing multiple bull pastures.
- A select group of 10 two-year-old bulls that we reserved to pasture cover our registered and commercial cows in 2010.
- A handful of ranch-raised riding horses and prospects with various degrees of experience and age from weanlings to five-year-olds. They're all from working mothers and sired by Two Bucks A Jack (by Two Eyed Red Buck), Sparkin Hot (by Shining Spark), or Genuine Two Buck (by Genuine Hombre).

You should know:

- The bulls are developed on a high roughage ration to maximize longevity and soundness.
- All yearling bulls will be performance tested, carcass ultrasounded and pass a breeding soundness exam prior to delivery.
- All two year old bulls will be fertility tested and tested for trichomoniasis prior to delivery.
- We offer volume discounts, a first year breeding guarantee and free delivery in ND and MT.
- We provide yardage until requested delivery / turn out (end of June) Our private treaty prices range from \$1800 - \$3500.



"We are committed to offering time-tested genetics to the commercial cattleman at an affordable price with recognized value."

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