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### **30<sup>th</sup> MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Delivers Performance and Value**

CRYSTAL, MI – Bulls graduating from the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation Program were sold Saturday, March 17 in Crystal, Mich. The sale averaged \$3,486 on 57 lots.

Grand River Download 1917, an Angus bull sired by Baldrige Download Z013 and cosigned by Grand River Angus Farm, LLC of Grand Rapids, Mich. topped the sale at \$10,500. He was purchased by Hamilton Farms of Cochrane, Alberta. The bull's average daily gain during the evaluation was 4.49 pounds per day. He ranks in the top 10% of the Angus breed for Calving Ease, the top 2% for Weaning Weight and the top 4% for Yearling Weight.

The second-high selling bull was Lot 30; DF Pedigree E292, also an Angus bull sired by SAV Pedigree 4834, consigned by Dawson Farms, LLC of Hanover, Mich. and sold for \$7,500 to Oesterle Brothers of Mason, Mich. Other high selling bulls include Lot 88 consigned by Plank Simmental Farm and sold for \$7,000 to Mieske Farms of Linwood, and Lot 29 consigned by Dawson Farms and sold for \$7,000 to Gasper Farms of Saranac.

Breed results were as follows: 35 Angus bulls averaged \$3,657; 19 Simmental bulls averaged \$3,250 and three Red Angus bulls averaged \$3,000.

Since the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation began in 1988, 2,639 bulls have been evaluated and 1,684 bulls have been sold through the program. Each year, bulls are hand selected by breeders across the Great Lakes region. Following the 112-day evaluation period, each bull is sold with ultrasound data for ribeye area, external fat and percent intramuscular fat. In addition, all bulls met a minimum average daily gain requirement of 2.8 lbs. and passed stringent evaluations for reproductive potential, disposition and structural soundness.

Breeders interested in consigning to the 2019 MCA-MSU Bull Evaluation should contact the Michigan Cattlemen's Association at 517-347-8117 or visit the program's website [www.MIBulls.com](http://www.MIBulls.com) for details. The next evaluation will begin in October, with nominations accepted until September 1, 2018.

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