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IPT Bull Sale leads off 2012 Illinois Beef Expo

The 44th-Annual Illinois Performance Tested (IPT) Bull Sale will lead off the 2012 Illinois Beef Expo. The sale will start at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Livestock Center in Springfield.

The sale includes Angus, Simmental, Polled Hereford and Red Angus bulls. Buyers will find yearling bulls and bulls born in 2010 that are ready for heavy use.

"Over the past 43 years, we have sold 4,381 bulls valued at \$7.2 million," Dave Seibert, IPT sale manager, said. "Bulls consigned in the IPT Bull Sale meet some of the most stringent requirements in the United States."

The sale promotes and emphasizes performance and carcass trait improvement through the use of Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs). The 2012 sale index will place equal emphasis on EPDs for birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, maternal milk, marbling and ribeye area.

All sale bulls are Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) tested using the Persistently Infected (PI) ear notch screening system.

Nomination deadline and fees are three tiered with the following dates and costs: Nov. 15, \$75; Dec. 1, \$100; and Dec. 15, \$125. The Rules and Regulations and Nomination Form is available at www.IPTBullSale.com and can also be obtained by writing to Dave Seibert at 300 North Street, Washington, Illinois 61571, or by e-mailing requests to seibertd@comcast.net.

The sale catalog will be available online. The web-based catalog contains performance, carcass and pedigree information on each bull cataloged. The web catalog will be complete except for presale measurements such as frame score, pelvic measurement, scrotal circumference, and sale-day weight.

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