



# Honest Bulls Developed on Long Stem Hay and Grass

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## Doing Ability – Disposition – Fertility – Udder Quality – Low Maintenance

These are the traits we focus on at Twin Forks Ranch, and we believe they are the pillars of a low input operation. We take the top 10% of our herd and breed them to our best bulls or renowned AI sires, then, after reassessing the calves in the fall, select only the top half to become sale bulls. We have a top quality herd of maternal cattle from which we have raised and sold replacement heifers and pairs for decades, and from these cattle we are confident that you will be able to find excellent genetics for a fraction of the price of registered stock.

- 2019 1st Calf Heifer Conception Rate: 96.2%
- 2019 Steer Calves April 1-Nov 7: 628 lbs
- Death loss 24hr after birth to weaning: 3 calves, 0.6%
- Total Calves lost in 2019 including calving: 11/570

Here at Twin Forks Ranch, our belief is that cows need to work for us, not the other way around. We calve out on pasture in April to turn out onto green grass, where cattle run on grass, salt, and mineral through the summer, on a variety of dry pastures. The cows winter on big grass pastures, getting 15lbs of hay once every 3 days as a supplement. Every animal on the operation from heifer calves to bulls is nutritionally challenged to ensure that only the most efficient genetics make the cut. Despite this hands off approach, the most common word people use to describe our cattle is “gentle”. I tag and weigh every calf alone, and our cattle work calmly and quietly on foot, horseback, or ATV.

## Why Salers/Optimizers?

1. Heterosis-There is no easier way to add pounds and hybrid vigor than through crossbreeding.
2. Longevity-Salers are tough, long lasting, structurally sound, well haired for winter, and are a perfect fit for a low input grazing operation.
3. Maternal Traits- The Salers cow is an excellent mother with large pelvic girth and well documented calving ease, paired with reproductive efficiency.

We have been using some Salers and Optimizer (50/50) bulls for the last 20 years and the difference it has made on our herd is significant. On the bull side we have found the Salers bulls to be exceptionally hardy with a lower tendency to fight than our Angus bulls. We routinely use Salers bulls up to 7 and 8 years of age with excellent results, keeping replacement costs low. We challenge the bulls nutritionally, wintering old and young bulls together on pasture and protein tubs with no hay to ensure only the hardest genetics remain in the herd.

On the maternal side is where the Salers truly stand out. They have excellent longevity and fertility and are very well suited to a low input, high efficiency operation. We have many cows at 12-15 years old, running with the “big bunch” on only winter grass and 5 lbs of hay. A true “maintenance free” breed, they have exceptional toughness, performing equally well in tough mountain terrain and the dry hills northeast of Big Timber. Our Salers influenced herd stands ahead of the pack for conception rate, and we carefully select for udder and foot quality that will let your cows take care of themselves for years to come and work for you, not the other way around.

## Genetic Trait Explanation

The bulls have been tested using Neogen Igenity Beef, which uses the same genetic markers used to enhance EPDs in registered herds. DNA from a hair or blood sample is used to predict genetic variation in cattle on a variety of commonly measured traits. The results are shown on a simple 1-10 scale, where 10 is the highest genetic potential for a trait and 1 is the lowest.





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TFR 4-204

DOB: 4/23/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
85		691		104		3.18
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	4/10	6/10	5/10	7/10	5/10	7/10

- A thick, powerful bull whose dam comes from a long line of cows that bring in steers that tip the scales in the fall.
- Very large scrotal circumference. Excellent foot structure.



2

TFR 9-784

DOB: 4/11/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
88		683		102		3.24
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
4/10	4/10	6/10	8/10	8/10	5/10	6/10

- Out of an older dam that has been performing well in the herd for almost a decade.
- If you want a more traditional angus look and a bull with a powerful, deep body this is calf to keep your eye on.
- Straight Angus.



3

TFR 5-776

DOB: 4/16/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
80		662		99		2.95
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	7/10	6/10	5/10	5/10	9/10	7/10

- Dam is a younger cow that is really finding her place in the herd.
  - Very framy, low birthweight, and an angular front end should make for a good heifer bull that will produce calves that weigh up in the fall.
- Heifer Bull Potential**





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**TFR 9-9**

DOB: 5/2/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
84		661		99		3.13
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	5/10	4/10	7/10	6/10	5/10	6/10

- This older dam is well known in our herd for bringing in soggy steer calves with eye appeal every year.
- This is her 8th calf and she has never missed a beat.
- This bull is sired by one of our best performing 3/4 Salers bulls and will bring great vigor to your herd.
- Great foot structure and extremely gentle disposition.



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**TFR 5-78**

DOB: 4/1/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
85		683		102		3.07
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
6/10	8/10	5/10	7/10	8/10	7/10	6/10

- A thick built bull out of a young and very promising cow.
- This larger framed bull has an excellent disposition and great foot structure.



**6**

**TFR 8-556**

DOB: 4/24/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
82		710		106		3.3
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	6/10	5/10	5/10	6/10	6/10	7/10

- This is a long ribbed bull that will bring lots of growth to your operation and sire calves that can take care of themselves.
- Stands on excellent feet.

**Heifer Bull Potential**





**7**

TFR 5-92

DOB: 4/10/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
87		687		103		2.92
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
6/10	5/10	4/10	6/10	6/10	6/10	6/10

- An attractive bull with a lot of rib.
- His young dam looks to have an excellent udder and weans heavy calves.



**8**

TFR 2-176

DOB: 4/23/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
80		662		99		2.97
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
4/10	6/10	6/10	7/10	6/10	5/10	7/10

- He should be a sure-shot heifer bull with birthweight and calving ease numbers that match his correct build.

**Heifer Bull Potential**



*Dam of Lot 7*



**9**

TFR 11-474

DOB: 4/4/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
82		652		98		2.91
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
4/10	7/10	7/10	7/10	8/10	5/10	6/10

- A nice AI bull out of DV Full Measure, one of the breed's most exciting new sires that looks to perform well on heifers.
- Very gentle with a nice topline.

**Heifer Bull Potential**



*Dam of Lot 9*





# 10

**TFR 9-487K**

DOB: 4/29/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
88		684		103		3.17
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	4/10	4/10	7/10	6/10	7/10	7/10

- Out of one the the best older cows in the herd, this bull should sire calves to make great cows for years to come.



# 12

**TFR 4-9**

DOB: 4/22/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
87		666		100		3.17
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
3/10	5/10	7/10	6/10	8/10	8/10	5/10

- Dam is an outcross angus cow from the Lewis ranch.
- Straight angus.



# 11

**TFR 11-490**

DOB: 4/3/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
85		679		102		3.28
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
5/10	5/10	6/10	6/10	6/10	6/10	8/10

- Dam is out of a cow family with over 10 females in our herd right now.
- This bull is moderate Framed with a deep rib.







# 13

TFR 4-718

DOB: 5/3/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
85		687		103		3.08
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
4/10	5/10	8/10	7/10	5/10	6/10	5/10

• If you're breeding for longevity, this bull has the goods. • His 15 year old dam is the definition of reliability and the kind of cow that makes you money year after year.

• She is the dam of one of our herd bulls.

• A very moderate bull with excellent feet and good udders in his pedigree.

# 14

TFR 11-571

DOB: 4/29/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
89		608		91		2.91
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
2/10	5/10	8/10	6/10	6/10	8/10	7/10

• Moderate framed bull with a good hip and a straight topline.







# 15

TFR NT41

DOB: 4/12/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
81		588		88		2.6
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
3/10	6/10	7/10	6/10	6/10	6/10	8/10

- AI Son of Shipwheel Chisum, a great cow making bull from a Montana operation.

- This bull should be good for heifers.

**Heifer Bull Potential**



# 16

TFR 4-560

DOB: 4/23/19

Birth Weight		205 Weight		Weaning Ratio		ADG
79		585		88		2.66
BW	WW	CED	DOC	HP	MILK	STAY
4/10	4/10	6/10	7/10	7/10	4/10	6/10

- An eye appealing heifer bull with 1/2 Saler blood to bring calves that come easy, start strong, and take care of themselves.

**Heifer Bull Potential**







*Notes*

