



## ***2025 Piedmontese Bull Sale Report***

NAPA President, Tom Sperling, welcoming the guests and making pre-sale announcements from the auctioneers block at Burwell Livestock.

On April 26, 2025, NAPA presented the first ever Piedmontese Bull Consignment Sale which was held at Burwell Livestock Yards in Burwell, Nebraska and also carried online by DVAuction Service.

The “consignment format” was a dramatic shift from the Association’s earlier “select sale” format, where only a small number of the top performing yearlings from the GrowSafe Test were sold.

This was a larger and more diverse sale with a commercial focus including older virgin bulls, and some trait outlier yearling seedstock type bulls.

120 bulls were consigned.

After a few stubbed their toes, we arrived on sale day with 116 yearling and 2-year old bulls for auction.

There was a great crowd, all happy to see the rain that poured down most of the day! The morning was spent trying to select bulls in between rain showers, and placing semen pre-orders on the 7 “semen bulls” selected from this year’s offering.

[“Semen Bulls” refers to the NAPA breed improvement program whereby anyone in attendance can pre-order (on selected bulls) semen at a special discount price, with the proceeds going to the buyer of the bull.]

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There were some rather special semen pre-order buyers this year. Waylen, Maverick and Morissa Morgan walked up as keen youngsters, new members with their mother Sarah and grandparents Gordon & Kathy Fenske all of MOR-Dakota Piedmontese. Waylen, Maverick and Morissa were all given the opportunity select which bulls they wanted to pre-order semen on, to breed their heifers. They had saved up the money themselves for the project! All together, they pre-ordered 80 units on 4 different bulls. And they had to do the paperwork themselves too. What a great learning experience for these young breeders!

All together \$43,400.00 worth of semen was pre-ordered on the 7 semen bulls this year.

Two special guests from the Italian Piedmontese Association (ANABO-RAPI) were in attendance, Luca Gullino and Veronica Spalenza, both experts working on the selection of the Italian AI sires. They had come at the invitation of NAPA and Diego Barison of California Piedmontese specifically to see the North American Piedmontese methods of selection for feet, legs and movement in the breed. Diego toured them through a number of breeders herds and Dr. Scott Larson gave them a private tutorial with all the consigned bulls, prior to the sale, on how our Piedmontese bulls are scored at the Performance Test using the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) guidelines.

The Certified Piedmontese Beef brisket lunch was, as always, melt-in-your-mouth enjoyable – thanks to a top quality product, genetics and great preparation from Catering-By-Jill of Burwell.

Prior to the sale, NAPA President Tom Sperling welcomed the crowd and thanked Lone Creek Cattle Co. and Certified Piedmontese for their tremendous support of the event, and Tim Yoder of ROI Mineral for his sponsorship of product. Fifty-pound bags of ROI Mineral were awarded to the top bulls from the 74-head of yearlings in the GrowSafe Performance Test, as follows:

Best Feed-to-Gain in Test: LOT #99 Tag #8018 Tattoo TTK 410M

Consignor: Toni Silva, CA

Top Gain-per-Day-Age on Test: LOT #77 Tag #8067 Tattoo CUKA 01M

Consignor: Doug Cuka, SD

Largest Ribeye Size on Test: LOT #80 Tag# 8009 Tattoo RJB 9M

Consignor: Richard Brook, ID

Top Av-Daily-Gain on Test: LOT #117 Tag# 8035 Tattoo PE 42M

Consignor: Peter DenOudsten, Canada

Largest Scrotal on Test: LOT #103 Tag# 8036 Tattoo SLC 406M

Consignor: Brandon Whitesides, ID

A ‘special’ 50 pound bag was awarded to the “best beard” in the audience – going to Harley Nielsen of Minnesota.

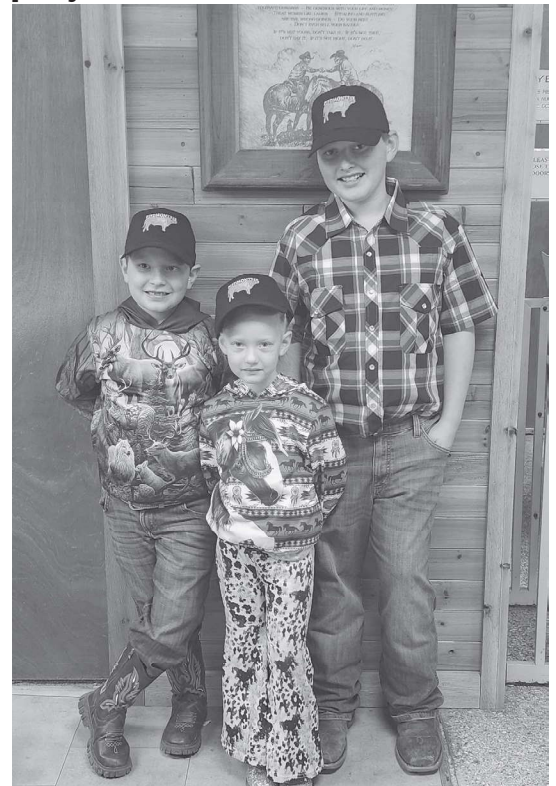
Another four bags of ROI Mineral were tagged for the 1st and 2nd high selling bull buyers and the 1st and 2nd high volume bull buyers.

Tom Sperling then called for a moment of silence to honor the untimely passing of long-time NAPA Director, Ken Silva of California.



Above: NAPA Director, Paul Harold, taking Semen Pre-Order contracts from Morissa Morgan.

Below: Waylen, Maverick and Morissa Morgan after placing all their semen orders.



Below: The Lot # 2 sale bull - TY Leo 265L as he went through the sale ring. This powerful 2 year old Naturalean had been selected as one of the “Semen Bulls” (there was \$5,880. of semen pre-ordered on him with proceeds going to the bull buyer). This bull was the 2nd high-seller overall at \$23,000.00 going to the Licking Brothers Inc. of Nebraska



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Then came the sale at 1 pm with the first seven lots being the “semen pre-order” bulls.

These bulls had been selected by Marlin Will for the Lone Creek commercial AI program from the complete group of 120 consigned sale bulls.

Bidding was strong on all seven and resulted in the high-selling bull - Lot # 7 - a yearling Fullblood from Toni Silva's 2TK Ranch in California, going to a new breeder, Daniel Crislip from Ohio for \$24,000.

The second high-selling bull was also a “semen bull” – Lot # 2 a two year old Naturelean consigned by Titus Yoder of Ohio selling to Licking Brothers Inc., of Nebraska for \$23,000.

The volume bull buyers of the day were Mike Smith of Idaho, taking 23 lots; the Licking Brothers Inc., of Nebraska who selected 11 bulls including the 2nd high-seller. Tim Anderson of Wyoming and Ryan Cone of Nebraska each went home with 7 new bulls.

The overall Sale gross was \$783,500.00 with an average of \$6,754.31 and the top 24 bulls averaged \$12,500. The average price spread between yearling and older bulls was basically \$1000 difference.

The majority of the bulls were purchased by Lone Creek commercial producers in the crowd and 19 bulls were sold to online bidders, with 119 bids taken online. 18 bulls went to NAPA seedstock breeders, of which 8 buyers were new members just getting their herds started!

The bulls then dispersed off to their new job sites in California, Iowa, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Wyoming, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota where they will be siring the next generation of seedstock and thousands of great commercial calves for Certified Piedmontese Beef.

NAPA extends our appreciation to all the consignors, the bidders and the buyers at this inaugural bull sale event and to Lone Creek Cattle Co. and Certified Piedmontese Beef for their continued support.

**Pictured left: Lot # 7 - TTK 434M - Shasta Mason - the high-selling bull overall at \$24,000.00**

**A Fullblood yearling, consigned by 2TK Ranch (Toni Silva) one of the “semen bulls” with \$8,120.00 of semen pre-ordered. - purchased by Daniel Crislip of Ohio.**

