

Elk Creek Gelbvieh 14th Annual All Black Bull Sale
March 15, 2007
Belle Fourche, S.D.

32	Yearling Gelbvieh Bulls	\$2,464
6	2-Yr.-Old Gelbvieh Bulls	\$1,842

Elk Creek Gelbvieh hosted their annual all-black Gelbvieh Bull sale at Belle Fourche Livestock on March 15, 2007. The offering included yearling and two-year-old bulls and 35 known homozygous black bulls. At least 12 different sires were represented in the offering with a majority A.I.-sired.

Topping the sale was Lot 925S, sired by Jake out of Elk Creek's signature cow, ELK CK Crocus 925J. Brett Peterson of Cresbard bid \$4,900 to own this powerhouse yearling bull for his commercial operation. The Crocus 925J female produced the high selling female at the 2005 Iowa Beef Expo and a 2006 bull that went to Dobson Ranch in Oklahoma. She has posted weaning weight ratios on five calves ranging from 104 to 117.

Jeff Bush of Pierre bid \$4,300 to own an ELK CK Bronco grandson for his commercial operation. This bull posted an 81-pound birth weight, an 810-lb. weaning weight and a 1,357-lb. yearling weight.

Jamie Byrne, a long-time buyer of Elk Creek high performance bulls for his commercial operation, purchased Lot 054 at \$4,200 and Lot 821 at \$3,700. Lot 054, a Jake son, had the highest weaning weight in the sale at 894 pounds (ratio 121). Lot 821, a Bronco son, joined a full brother in service at Byrnes.

Three sons of ELK CK Crazy Horse 138P sold for \$3,500 each. These three bulls had an average WW EPD of 57, average YW EPD of 100 and FM EPDs of 27.92. Adkins Gelbvieh of South Dakota, Cerroll Gelbvieh of South Dakota and Pine Ridge Gelbvieh of Montana purchased these bulls. Twelve purebred producers purchased Elk Creek bulls for their operations.