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## **Synergy XI Sale showcases SimGenetics**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Synergy sale was held Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and saw 105 lots of SimGenetics average \$4,400. The sale, held at Smith Genetics, Giddings, Texas featured cattle from ten progressive programs and drew a multi-state crowd.

Topping the sale was half-interest in a purebred Simbrah pair from Smith Genetics. The donor cow was from the Smith Heartfelt-Priceless Cow Family. She sold bred to Smith RFI Go-To 708E, the 2018 International Reserve Grand Champion Bull. The purebred heifer calf at side was sired by Smith Satisfies. The pair was purchased by the Die Family, Bridge City, Texas for \$30,000.

Jadan Butler, Berclair, Texas purchased a polled, purebred Simbrah heifer for \$16,500 from Smith Genetics. The April heifer carried exclusive genetics, as she was sired by Smith Stout N Black and out of the Suave 298Z cow, who is considered one of the top 3/8 x 5/8 females in the breed. The female is a first generation Simbrah.

McCrary Farms, DeKalb, Texas and Reavis Farms, Mission, Texas, each paid \$7,500 to own a one-third breeding interest and one-third possession in Smith Fear Not 204F, a polled purebred Simbrah bull, also from the Smith Genetics program. The herd sire prospect was sired by Smith Have No Hear 909B.

Ronnie Reeves, Dale, Texas made the final bid of \$12,000 to own Smith Shiny Price, a member of Smith Priceless Cow Family and her heifer calf by Smith Born To Dare. The cow was sired by Smith Satisfies and was also from the Smith Genetics program.

Reavis Farms purchased a polled SimGenetics female, a three-quarter Simmental x one-quarter Angus female for \$12,000. The open female was sired by HPF Quantum Leap Z952 and out of a SVF Steel Force bred dam. The heifer was bred in the Smith Genetics program.

Terry Reagan was the auctioneer for the event. Volume buyers included McCrary Farms, Triple J Ranch/Fralise/Tortorice Family, Sour Lake, Texas

Participants involved in the sale included: Monte Christo Cattle Co., Mission, Texas; Hallak Ranch, Athens, Texas; Hensgens Bros., Rayne, Louisiana; Diamond RF Farms, Floresville, Texas; Burch Cattle Co., Hempstead, Texas; 7N Ranch, Donna, Texas; Triple J Ranch, McCrary Farms, Reavis Farms and Smith Genetics, Texas.

In addition to the sale the \$15,000 Synergy Showcase junior heifer show was held the following day and featured heifers from sale sponsors.

Judge, Dwight Sexton selected Olivia Mitchell's Smith Satisfies daughter as the grand champion purebred, sponsored by Smith Genetics. Mitchell received a banner, trophy cup and \$3,000. Lorelai Hill exhibited the reserve grand champion purebred, a Smith Satisfies daughter sponsored by Reavis Farms Inc. and she received a banner, trophy cup and \$1,500.

Braden Roehling exhibited the grand champion Simmental, a W/C Executive Order daughter, sponsored by Smith Genetics. He received a banner, trophy cup and \$250.

Hallie Hackett exhibited the grand champion percentage heifer, sired by Smith Entitled N Red, sponsored by McCrary Farms and Smith Genetics. She received a banner, trophy cup and \$500, while Isabel Tortorice exhibited the reserve grand percentage heifer, a PMS Rise up daughter from the Hallak program. She received a banner, trophy cup and \$250.

Harrison Smith served as the showmanship judge that saw buckles awarded to the top two in each division, as well as placings through tenth place from \$300-\$25. Travis Ellis won the 9 and under division of showmanship. Winners in the 10-11 age division were Charlee Bell, Gavin Hinckley, Julia Friedrich, Rory Die and Callie Heaton. Winners in the 12-13-year-old division included: Grant Hinckley, Hallie Hackett, Lane Guilbeaux and Braden Roehling. In the 14-15 age division, the winners were Braxton Butler, Natalie Ellis, Justin Majewski and Clarissa Ashworth. The competitive 16-year-old division were Zach Mills, Jacob Friedrich, Olivia Mitchell, Jadan Butler, Cameron Young. Back Trevor Jenkins, Gabrielle Barfield, Cynthia Ellis, Kasey Nabors, Cody LaBry and Shelby West.

