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We hope 2015 greets you with lots of grass, fat cattle and prospects of another good year. Last year was definitely one to remember. With widespread moisture and record high cattle prices, many customers reported weaning unbelievably heavy calves and selling them for equally amazing prices.

We would like to invite you to our **19th Annual Manzano Angus Bull Sale, Tuesday March 17th at 1pm** at the ranch near Estancia. We are pleased to offer 120 yearling and two year old bulls. Attached is birth and weaning weight information on the sale bulls plus their initial EPDs.

Our cattle are designed to be profitable at weaning, with enough growth and carcass merit to add to that profit post weaning. Our selection for low birth weight, low maintenance cattle with rapid early growth has resulted in cattle that are well above breed average for the dollar weaning (\$W) and dollar energy (\$EN) indexes.

	Manzano Sale Bulls	Angus Breed Average	Difference
\$W	\$44.33	\$37.74	+6.59
\$EN	\$33.13	\$(5.40)	+38.53

This means the daughters of the average Manzano Angus bull would require almost \$40 less feed per year than the average Angus female.

All yearling Manzano Angus bulls in the sale were analyzed with a HD50K DNA test. The results of the test enhance the bull's EPDs by increasing accuracy and giving a more complete set of EPDs. Because the HD50K test provides carcass EPDs with comparable accuracies to ultrasound, we opted not to ultrasound the Manzano Angus bulls. The Webb and Bidegain bulls will have ultrasound data provided. A more complete set of EPDs will be available at [www.manzanoangus.com](http://www.manzanoangus.com) later in February or you can go to [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) and search by bull registration number. Catalogs will be mailed out the first week in March. All bulls will be fertility, Trich, and PI-BVD tested prior to the sale. For your convenience, we will feed sale bulls until Friday, March 27th at our risk and cost. Bulls can be picked up sale day or anytime between then and the 27th.

Currently, the bulls are on feed near Conchas, NM at the Cuervo Creek Ranch. The bulls are being fed a high forage, low concentrate ration in large traps, but they are still easy to access and lookers are welcome anytime. The bulls will be back in Estancia a few days prior to the sale. Once again we invited the Bidegain and Webb families to consign bulls to the sale. Genetically, the bulls are similar to ours with many bulls having Manzano sires and dams. We feel the extra bulls add depth and quality to the sale.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in our program. Please call if you have any questions about the information or any of the individual bulls. We are happy to assist you in your bull buying decisions.

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