

Double Creek Farms



Double Creek Farms Angus operation started in 1990 when a group of F-1 Angus Braham cross cows sold through our livestock commission, of the 60 cows that were 8-9 years old every cow was functionally productive with no udder or eye problems. This was largely attributed to Angus genetics.

We got into the registered Angus business to raise true F-1s. After a few years raising F-1s we went totally to registered cows and a very promising bull market. Mike's past history as a commercial cattle buyer for Capitol Land and Livestock and our ownership of Meridian Livestock Comm. Co gave us a vast relationship with livestock producers and sale barns for marketing our bulls.

Being true Texans we wanted to be able to produce the best. Therefore we decided to purchase some of the best cows available. We purchased P200 in 2004 as the top selling open heifer in the Inaugural sale of Limestone LLC in Perkins, OK. We added several high performing donors to our flush program over the next few years. Basin Lucy 3859 is our latest donor. These challenging economic times have made better managers of us all. Our Donor cows represent the best we have to offer the industry not just a cow we personally like. We continue to flush and raise embryo calves. We have a spring production sale the first Sat in May each year. We have a fall and spring bull sale as well as a select few consignment sales and private treaty sales throughout the year.

Bull and heifer development are one of the keys or obstacles in any breeders program. These past few years we have been using a silage program to develop our bulls and heifers to bring them to maturity without getting them too fat and avoiding the other problems associated with it. The bulls and heifers are fed a 70-80% silage, 20 % feed ration when grazing is not abundant. When grazing is good we hand feed supplement. This keeps them growing to their potential as well as gentling them down. A gentle bull is easy so sell.

There is always a need for good breeding bulls. The CAB group made Angus beef the preferred brand for the housewife. The demand for Angus beef at the grocery store directly impacted the cattle industry. Angus calves have always sold good across the market. The CAB advertising success pushed the demand for Angus calves to the top of the cattle market where it remains today. This enabled Double Creek Farms to sell a large number of Angus bulls, private treaty for many years.

Lately we have had joint venture marketing with Parker Friedrich Marketing and Consulting. Production quality consignment and dispersal sales are being produced at an affordable price. We provide the facility and labor and Parker and Roger provide the management and marketing aspects. Call Mike or Parker for more information about this service.

Mike is currently a director on the Texas Angus Board. He was a board member of the Bosque County Tax Appraisal Board for 15 years. He is an advocate for the rights of farmers and ranchers and actively opposes the unfunded or underfunded mandates of the Texas Animal Health Commission. Although we are proponents of a trich program in Texas we do not believe it is handled with the best interest of the cattleman in Texas. Barbara currently serves as a board member on the North Bosque Emergency Medical Services and the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. We have a sale every Tuesday at Meridian Livestock Commission Co and continue to raise Angus cattle with the help of our son Matthew.

Matthew and his wife Sarah live in Bosque County and our daughter Courtney is in Dallas.