



# Stock Report

**FEBRUARY 2022**

Featuring Our 2022 Cattleman's Advantage Bull Sale

## MATERNAL POWER

By Tom Wulff

**T**here is so much more to maternal genetics than just high "milk production!"

Over the past number of years there has been a huge drive in the Angus business to produce cattle narrowly focused on carcass traits or cattle with tremendous spread between birth and yearling, or in other words terminal traits! However, for many years at Van Dyke Angus, we have been driven to produce genetics with the ultimate Maternal Power. It is our belief that the commercial cattleman's bottom line is much more positively affected by Maternal Power than it is by terminal traits, and the following aspects of maternal power explain why:

### **Moothering Ability**

With a huge portion of cattle production happening in harsh environments, the value of a cow's ability and willingness to mother can't be overstated! In a few short hours in tough weather conditions, a calf can be lost and if mom isn't focused on making that calf get up and nurse, the result can be tragic. This one trait will lead to more calves weaned and sold and that means more profit!

### **Calving Ease**

Birth weight does contribute to ease of calving, but there are other factors that high maternal cattle provide that allow them to calve easier! Pelvic area, shape, and short gestation are all traits that maternal cattle bring to the game and help cattle to calve quickly and efficiently!

### **Fertility**

The most important maternal trait of all! For over 20 years, we have eliminated all cows from our herd that do not breed in the first 42 days of the breeding season, and trust me when I say that when we



**They better be able to mother calves in this environment!**

go to breeding cows in the spring, they get bred! We all know that the early-born calves are the ones that make the most money.

### **Carcass Quality**

Conventional wisdom with old-time cattle producers and historical cattle packers was always that high maternal genetics correlated to high quality carcass cattle! A recently study was performed by Iowa State University where researchers analyzed the results of more than two decades of selection on marbling in the university's 400 head cowherd. It compared marbling to maternal traits, and showed that high marbling cattle had little to no negative effect on positive maternal traits. My belief is that the premise of the study is taken from the wrong perspective! The study was published by Certified Angus Beef. Its purpose was to dismiss the concern among beef producers that have tunnel-vision focus on carcass EPD's and have lost focus on the overwhelming need for quality maternal genetics!

Our belief is great maternal genetics have always correlated strongly to exceptional carcass quality!

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**OUR MISSION:** Provide breeding stock that increases our customers profitability! We demand our cowherd calve in a 42 day season without exception. This one management strategy dictates that our cowherd become highly **UNIFORM, FERTILE & FUNCTIONAL!** These factors allow our customers to add significant **VALUE** to their programs!

We invite you to join us for our...

## Annual "Cattlemen's Advantage" Bull Sale

# FEBRUARY 24, 2022

## SELLING 150 BULLS!

12:30 P.M. at our ranch near Manhattan, MT

### Great Bulls can only come from Great Cows



**VDAR Cedar Wind 2031** Reg. 20011321  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +3 +3.8 +84 +141 +.86 +23 +77 +99  
 Sire: VDAR Cedar Wind 2031  
 Dam: VDAR Polly 9225  
 MGS: VDAR Showdown 7236



**VDAR Sonny Boy 6071** Reg. 20180775  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +6 +2.6 +58 +102 +1.13 +15 +41 +74  
 Sire: VDAR Sonny Boy 1194  
 Dam: VDAR Lucy 4148  
 MGS: VDAR Black Cedar 8380



**VDAR Gallatin 6511** Reg. 200180791  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +5 +2.4 +52 +100 +.17 +33 +57 +72  
 Sire: VDAR Gallatin 7586  
 Dam: VDAR Elluna 8128  
 MGS: VDAR Black Train 1243



**VDAR Resilient 2421** Reg. 20012573  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +8 +.8 +75 +136 +1.18 +24 +80 +95  
 Sire: Sitz Resilient 10208  
 Dam: VDAR Lass 8336  
 MGS: VDAR Showdown 7236



**VDAR Showdown 2501** Reg. 20011354  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +2 +2.9 +70 +118 -.29 +27 +69 +85  
 Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236  
 Dam: VDAR Polly 6231  
 MGS: VDAR Churchill 1063



**VDAR High Caliber 6001** 20185585  
 CE BW WW YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +6 +1.2 +57 +105 +.88 +33 +71 +99  
 Sire: VDAR High Caliber  
 Dam: VDAR Lass 4100  
 MGS: VDAR Cedar Wind 8111

### Featured Sires Include:

- VDAR Showdown 7236
- VDAR Cedar Wind 5126
- VDAR Gallatin 7586
- VDAR MAGA 3068
- VDAR Great Plains 4008
- VDAR High Caliber 8036
- VDAR Lone Peak 2157
- Wulff's EXT 6106
- VDAR Manhattan 1379

**Van Dyke**  
 Angus Ranch

### CATALOG

Available February 5th

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 mailed copy.

### VIDEOS

Available February 10

on YouTube at:  
"2022 VDAR Cattleman's  
 Advantage Bull Sale"

### ABSENTEE BIDDING

Can't attend in person?  
 Contact VDAR to  
 secure your bids or,  
 join us online.

Watch and bid LIVE online:

**DVAuction**  
 Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions

[www.dvauction.com](http://www.dvauction.com)

- Create an account
- Apply for bidding 24 hours in advance
- Tune in on sale day, Feb 24th, 12:30 MT



**VDAR Cedar Wind 2141** 20011331  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +6 -.8 +55 +101 +.79 +33 +70 +79  
 Sire: VDAR Cedar Wind 5126  
 Dam: VDAR Rita 5313  
 MGS: Dars Walk On 4 Traveler 584



**VDAR Sonny Boy 6431** 20180763  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +9 +2.9 +58 +110 +.91 +38 +67 +88  
 Sire: VDAR Sonny Boy 6431  
 Dam: VDAR Beauty 9748  
 MGS: Hero 6267 of RR 2418



**VDAR Sonny Boy 6271** 20180773  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +10 +1.3 +59 +94 +.64 +26 +68 +52  
 Sire: VDAR Sonny Boy 1194  
 Dam: VDAR Chloe 5873  
 MGS: VDAR Stout 1623



**VDAR Sonny Boy 6411** 20180749  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +9 +.7 +43 +79 +.88 +24 +42 +67  
 Sire: VDAR Sonny Boy 1194  
 Dam: VDAR Elluna 5825  
 MGS: Wulffs Ext 6106



**VDAR Gallatin 2181** 20011333  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +7 +1.3 +54 +96 +.74 +20 +49 +46  
 Sire: VDAR Gallatin 7586  
 Dam: VDAR Rita 6219  
 MGS: Ginger Hill Treasure 233



**VDAR Gallatin 6591** 20180803  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +7 +1.8 +66 +119 +.07 +29 +69 +84  
 Sire: VDAR Gallatin 7586  
 Dam: VDAR Lass 8144  
 MGS: HA Yellowstone 4025



**VDAR Resilient 2171** 20013127  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +9 -.4 +72 +119 +.85 +29 +88 +86  
 Sire: Sitz Resilient 10208  
 Dam: VDAR Lucy 8302  
 MGS: VDAR Cedar Wind 8111



**VDAR Lone Peak 2311** 20150778  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +13 -.5 +51 +94 +.82 +34 +49 +89  
 Sire: VDAR Lone Peak 5157  
 Dam: VDAR Polly 8343  
 MGS: VDAR Showdown 7236



**VDAR MAGA 2461** 20011350  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +7 +2.6 +54 +103 +1.27 +21 +47 +80  
 Sire: VDAR Maga 3068  
 Dam: VDAR Miss Wix 7930  
 MGS: VDAR Churchill 1063



**VDAR Showdown 2581** 20011362  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +9 +.5 +56 +95 +.59 +23 +59 +82  
 Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236  
 Dam: VDAR Miss Wix 4377  
 MGS: VDAR Game Day 7061



**VDAR High Caliber 6291** \*20185684  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +6 +3.4 +55 +92 +1.52 +33 +61 +64  
 Sire: VDAR High Caliber  
 Dam: VDAR Lass 4100  
 MGS: VDAR Cedar Wind 8111



**VDAR Lone Peak 6221** 20180665  
 CE BW W/W YW SC Milk \$W \$F  
 +7 +1.5 +50 +96 +1.25 +21 +43 +81  
 Sire: VDAR Lone Peak 2157  
 Dam: VDAR Lass 9016  
 MGS: Crook Mt Hero 116



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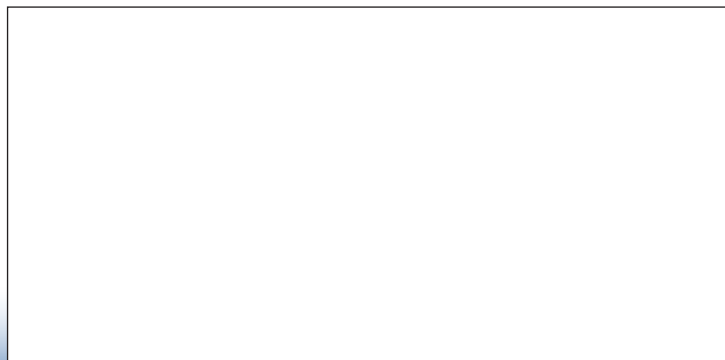
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### **Carcass Quality, Continued**

We may not agree that many of the so-called high quality carcass cattle of today are right for the industry, but we do believe great maternal cattle will make great carcass cattle!

### **Milk Production**

Obviously maternal cattle are good milking cattle, but, can cattle milk too much? The answer to that is yes! High-milking cattle can out-milk their environment, leading to a loss of flesh and an inability to breed early. An optimum level of milk production is what makes all of these other traits work!

Maternal Power at VDAR is designed to provide our customer, the commercial cattleman, with cattle that breed up at the highest level, calve more early-born calves, wean more total calves, and most importantly, make more **PROFIT!**



*See Inside to Preview Our . . .*

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