



Ranching is a very *simple business*.  
The hard part is  
*keeping it simple*.

Greetings, far and wide from a windy, dry and warm New Year. Probably the most consistent news here in Northern Beef Country is how much of our real estate has traveled to the Dakotas. We are reaching out to friends and customers out there to work on negotiating its return. . .

One of the highlights of our Fall was hearing over and over again from our circle of producers who were weaning the most consistently heavy calves they could remember, in spite of the challenging environments of this year's grazing season. We love these conversations, not only because we are committed to our customers' success, but also because we are working to build a style of cattle that can always convert the resources they are given into efficient performance. When conditions are leaner, they build frame and capacity, and then when their forage base improves they can capitalize at astonishing rates. Compensatory gain is another important tool to have in a tough year and at Open Gate, we always prioritize building cattle who have a lot of pedal to work with. Harness it at the right time and they will blow the doors off.

We were also pleased to get carcass data back on our 2024 feeder heifer crop. This type of data is such a wild, moving target lately, with the national low cattle inventory and cheap feed driving the industry to longer feeding periods and heavier slaughter weights. However, a basic 2025 comparison revealed some solid data for us. Late 2025 heifer hot carcass weights were averaging as high as 889#. Our girls landed at 841#, with a hot yield on the high end of average at 64%. Translation: good yield, without extreme finished carcass size.

Our Prime and Choice percentage was 87.96% (industry average is 85%) netting a premium of \$55.01 per head. Interestingly, the side effect of the consistent trend of heavier carcass weights for 60 years running (!!!) has also led to an increase in Yield Grade 4s and 5s; now at 24%. Which we all know is waste. Our girls managed no 5s, and only 2 YG 4s out of 77 head. That's 4.6%. Which is the target we steer the bus for: red meat, high yield, less waste.

Considering this is the bottom third of our heifer crop, we are thrilled that they can stand up to and exceed industry averages, be profitable, and shine a light on the foundation values we have tried to pursue and stabilize in our genetic program. What we market to you, is Seedstock that comes from Maternal Excellence, and females that stand on their own merit for profitability in the Beef sector.

Finally, you may notice that the Average Daily Gain on the Bulls is significantly higher than usual: 3.99# per day compared to our usual rate of 3.33 #. We just wish to reassure you that we did not push the Bulls harder, or change their ration in any way. We just happened to have a consistently open, mild feeding period from the very first week we weaned. No wet weather or mud, and very few cold snaps. The result is persistent, mid range gain, like driving 55 mph for 24 hours a day. It gets you there.



We hope you will find them as soundly and excitingly developed as we do.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to the Ranch, for our first Sale at home . . . been a long, long time coming and we are excited.

Stay safe. Keep at it.  
May your hay yards stay full.

The Open Gate Crew

## 2026 BULL SALE OFFERING

LOT	TATTOO	SIRE	% SM	BW	CE	WW	YW	MB	RE	\$API	\$TI	Start Wt.	ADG
1	NL172	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/4	89	13.4	101	161	0.68	0.81	150.4	100.0	918	4.08
2	NL206	CONNEALY COMMERCE	3/8	99	13.5	102	160	0.64	0.83	151.3	99.6	962	3.86
3	NL208	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/4	96	13.6	101	165	0.57	0.95	147.2	95.6	910	3.44
4	NL162	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/4	89	15.1	104	172	0.67	0.82	159.7	103.1	958	3.43
5	NL218	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/8	102	13.0	101	161	0.52	0.89	142.9	94.6	912	4.03
6	NL236	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/2	92	14.0	96	153	0.52	1.10	143.0	93.8	902	5.01
7	NL239	CONNEALY COMMERCE	3/8	100	11.4	105	164	0.66	0.68	143.7	99.2	948	2.68
8	NL209	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/4	92	12.0	94	151	0.60	0.82	141.3	91.9	890	3.22
9	NL223	CONNEALY COMMERCE	3/8	95	12.5	92	146	0.55	0.87	139.0	89.7	880	3.60
10	NL174	CONNEALY COMMERCE	3/8	85	14.8	98	159	0.61	0.97	153.8	99.0	868	3.30
11	NL179	CONNEALY COMMERCE	5/16	92	14.1	94	156	0.67	0.89	152.5	96.0	856	3.62
12	NL169	CONNEALY COMMERCE	3/8	88	14.9	94	151	0.67	0.84	155.7	97.0	828	3.85
13	NL168	CONNEALY COMMERCE	1/4	88	15.1	104	167	0.65	0.89	157.2	101.9	974	4.01
14	ND213	OMF EPIC	7/8	90	10.8	83	124	0.34	0.77	143.0	86.5	866	3.93
15	NC979	OMF EPIC	3/4	82	12.2	86	131	0.23	0.66	135.6	85.5	960	3.99
16	NH390	CLEMSON ELITE	5/8	89	10.0	95	158	0.47	0.81	143.9	93.4	1005	4.33
17	NG340	CLEMSON ELITE	7/8	97	8.4	103	163	0.03	0.95	125.7	87.6	942	3.86
18	NJ539	CLEMSON ELITE	7/8	81	10.6	89	141	0.34	0.77	138.1	89.1	882	4.54
19	NE481	CLEMSON ELITE	3/4	79	11.3	87	134	0.26	0.73	139.2	86.0	888	4.13
20	NE556	CLEMSON ELITE	3/4	89	10.9	86	136	0.30	0.78	138.0	85.3	872	4.23
21	NH454	CLEMSON ELITE	7/8	80	12.6	81	132	0.28	0.84	142.2	83.9	854	3.82
22	NE440	CLEMSON ELITE	3/4	82	13.0	82	132	0.24	0.83	134.1	83.9	888	4.43
23	NZ437	CLEMSON ELITE	5/8	82	10.2	71	115	0.46	0.64	133.1	78.6	744	3.87
24	NF723	DV WALL STREET	7/16	91	12.3	106	176	0.47	0.60	155.2	98.6	1010	4.44
25	NE548	DV WALL STREET	3/8	81	16.2	95	167	0.94	0.35	157.6	94.2	962	4.53
26	NE437	DV WALL STREET	3/8	88	14.5	94	157	0.42	0.58	148.9	90.8	910	4.03
27	NJ613	DV WALL STREET	7/16	70	13.2	78	130	0.58	0.66	152.7	87.0	836	3.58
28	NH412	DV WALL STREET	7/16	79	12.4	75	120	0.61	0.52	148.1	84.3	784	3.65
29	NA562	DV WALL STREET	3/8	80	13.5	75	130	0.61	0.50	147.8	84.0	796	3.56
30	ND323	DV WALL STREET	3/8	79	12.0	89	144	0.45	0.60	144.2	88.3	964	3.65
31	NF994	DV WALL STREET	3/8	84	12.1	83	140	0.56	0.55	146.8	87.1	838	4.14
32	NJ117	DV WALL STREET	1/4	87	10.8	92	149	0.59	0.67	147.8	92.2	870	4.29
33	NJ630	HOOK'S EAGLE	3/4	89	10.2	97	149	0.41	1.12	152.9	96.0	1050	4.67
34	NH328	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	94	8.9	98	152	0.45	1.11	153.1	97.4	1005	3.86
35	NJ609	HOOK'S EAGLE	1/2	99	6.8	99	157	0.45	1.07	140.0	92.9	960	3.71
36	NL180	HOOK'S EAGLE	5/8	81	8.8	103	163	0.41	1.05	145.1	98.3	996	4.15
37	NK973	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	85	10.4	95	144	0.31	1.14	142.7	94.1	924	3.21
38	NK870	HOOK'S EAGLE	3/4	85	8.0	93	141	0.36	1.03	141.6	91.4	944	4.46
39	NK858	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	88	10.0	92	142	0.35	1.22	148.7	93.0	912	3.25
40	NK874	HOOK'S EAGLE	3/4	84	10.4	92	142	0.48	1.13	150.0	94.9	956	4.12
41	NG129	HOOK'S EAGLE	5/8	84	11.3	91	140	0.48	0.97	152.9	92.7	740	3.25
42	NK920	HOOK'S EAGLE	5/8	89	9.8	89	138	0.42	1.08	141.7	89.5	848	3.43
43	NK881	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	84	11.8	89	133	0.37	1.19	151.0	93.2	882	3.86
44	NH474	HOOK'S EAGLE	1/2	81	12.8	87	142	0.55	0.83	157.1	92.0	882	3.74

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45	NJ631	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	88	8.8	86	134	0.40	1.16	146.0	90.2	832	3.32
46	NJ536	HOOK'S EAGLE	PB	71	12.8	85	131	0.39	0.95	155.2	93.4	810	2.97
47	NK895	HOOK'S EAGLE	7/8	86	10.2	83	126	0.27	0.96	134.2	86.4	874	3.68
48	NJ566	HOOK'S EAGLE	1/2	85	10.3	79	127	0.44	0.98	138.3	85.3	814	3.67
49	NH334	EZAR GETTYSBURG	3/8	87	11.1	104	171	0.89	1.31	163.1	105.3	970	3.97
50	NH487	EZAR GETTYSBURG	1/4	89	13.1	88	143	0.96	1.09	155.6	97.7	952	4.35
51	NK827	DV GROWTH FUND	3/4	98	10.2	111	179	0.52	0.66	143.5	99.3	1025	4.98
52	NJ677	DV GROWTH FUND	7/16	90	9.5	103	166	0.35	0.76	134.2	91.8	930	4.05
53	NH483	DV GROWTH FUND	1/4	89	13.4	98	162	0.52	0.68	147.8	95.0	888	2.83
54	NG127	DV GROWTH FUND	1/2	87	13.0	100	166	0.24	0.69	135.7	89.9	876	4.66
55	NG110	DV GROWTH FUND	1/2	78	14.8	98	161	0.24	0.70	141.2	90.8	870	4.75
56	NE505	DV GROWTH FUND	3/8	81	14.6	84	135	0.28	0.69	133.0	82.4	920	4.74
57	NA526	DV GROWTH FUND	1/4	79	15.5	77	129	0.32	0.65	135.8	80.5	836	3.81
58	NE622	DV GROWTH FUND	3/8	82	13.3	86	138	0.31	0.65	131.7	83.2	978	4.77
59	NE99	DV GROWTH FUND	3/8	80	12.5	101	168	0.39	0.87	145.6	95.0	878	3.16
60	ND498	M4 ALPHA	3/4	95	8.9	88	138	0.55	0.81	153.0	91.5	1010	3.58
61	NJ799	CCR POUNDER	3/4	94	7.3	100	162	0.22	0.80	136.5	90.0	1010	4.14
62	NF806	CCR POUNDER	1/2	95	9.2	89	143	0.27	0.73	137.4	84.4	1025	3.40
63	NF575	CCR POUNDER	5/8	90	9.5	89	144	0.43	0.50	143.0	87.0	1070	4.61
64	ND500	CCR POUNDER	3/4	87	12.0	86	143	0.17	0.63	140.4	82.9	944	4.27
65	NB436	CCR POUNDER	5/8	92	7.9	86	136	0.32	0.56	135.0	83.0	1070	4.23
66	ND522	FRITZ ANVIL	1/2	86	10.8	88	130	0.08	0.60	123.0	79.0	1085	4.77
67	NK866	KCC JUDGE	1/2	105	5.2	97	153	0.36	0.75	131.5	86.6	992	3.50
68	NL953	CCR LAUNCH	1/2	78	12.9	84	132	0.52	0.58	136.9	89.9	984	4.14
69	NK878	CDI HOMETOWN	7/8	92	6.6	86	136	0.40	1.18	133.0	88.1	852	4.18
70	NG102	TJ COWBOY UP	7/8	89	10.1	99	149	0.10	0.64	131.8	88.3	948	3.79
71	NB647	TJ COWBOY UP	1/2	91	5.9	90	140	0.44	0.51	130.3	84.6	856	3.91
72	NF745	TJ COWBOY UP	3/4	84	8.1	85	132	0.21	0.61	134.5	82.6	790	3.14
73	NF997	TJ COWBOY UP	1/2	97	6.9	81	125	0.43	0.51	122.2	79.7	878	4.31
74	NC867	TJ COWBOY UP	9/16	86	8.9	77	120	0.31	0.50	122.0	76.9	802	3.56
75	NF778	TJ COWBOY UP	5/8	86	10.3	74	109	0.38	0.50	134.6	79.3	858	4.10
76	NJ702	TJ COWBOY UP	7/8	99	7.6	82	121	0.32	0.66	118.8	79.5	788	3.80
77	NH346	OLF OTIS Y43	7/8	94	11.5	89	141	-0.10	0.89	128.6	78.8	862	3.85
78	NF828	OLF OTIS Y43	3/4	86	12.9	88	136	-0.04	0.75	128.0	79.9	830	3.19
79	NH400	OLF OTIS Y43	9/16	81	15.2	85	137	0.05	0.63	142.5	79.6	878	4.12
80	NF805	BOBCAT BLUE SKY	1/2	90	13.4	95	150	0.49	0.79	145.3	93.0	1055	3.98
81	NK862	OG LEVERAGE	3/4	88	9.7	102	157	0.47	1.09	147.8	97.4	1010	3.45
82	NK858T	OG LEVERAGE	5/8	89	9.9	100	153	0.42	1.05	148.6	95.4	1000	4.78
83	NL947	OG LEVERAGE	1/2	87	9.8	96	149	0.46	0.98	144.8	92.4	920	4.00
90	MC843	JB651	3/4	81	6.9	80	124	0.32	1.06	130.8	81.3	1215	5.33
91	MD207	JB651	5/8	87	5.8	90	146	0.20	0.77	124.5	81.2	1215	6.46
92	MF854	JB651	5/8	86	7.0	82	132	0.29	0.75	126.9	77.3	1195	4.98
93	MC842	JB651	9/16	82	6.7	77	122	0.28	0.75	121.9	76.6	1165	6.11
94	MC182	JB651	3/4	86	5.1	80	123	0.22	0.69	118.5	76.3	1135	5.48

## OPEN GATE RANCH

121 8th Lane SW  
Fairfield, MT 59436

### 2026 SHOWCASE SIRES -



**CLEMSON ELITE 41J:**  
PB SIMMENTAL. Beautiful muscle expression and movement, with surprisingly consistent calving ease. Solid Simmental structure in a moderate frame.



**OMF EPIC E27:**  
PB SIMMENTAL. A highly proven, first-class package of fertility, sensible calving ease and performance. Long, strong and Simmental!



**CONNELY COMMERCE:**  
PB ANGUS. An impressive combination of awesome phenotype and impeccable structure, with inherent maternal excellence. Last year's sale offering of sons was well received, with consistently impressive carcass balance and eye appeal.



**DEER VALLEY WALL STREET:** PB ANGUS. A classic Angus profile boasting easy fleshing, beautifully uddered daughters with good feet and moderate mature size. Fancy! With all the carcass the industry needs. AKA a "cow maker."



**CCR POUNDER 2045F:**  
1/2 SM 1/2 AN. Extra length, capacity and frame, exceptional docility, and a long running reputation for consistency. These calves smoke down the middle of the road all day long.

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# Open Gate Ranch 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Sale

## Tuesday, March 24, 2026

1:00 PM (MT) • Fairfield, MT  
At the Ranch, 121 8th Lane SW, Fairfield, MT 59436

# 90 Bulls Sell

BLACK • RED • SIMMENTAL • SIMANGUS™

## Yearling and Fall Born BEEF Bulls

### 50 Open Heifers

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