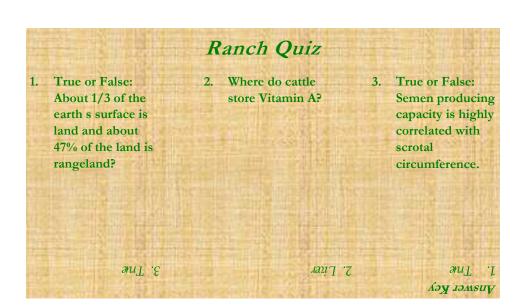
Events Calendar

Apr. 10 NC Angus Assoc. Out West Sale, Yadkinville, call 336-787-6222 Apr. 10 NC Hereford Field Day, Winston Salem call Phil 336-788-4677 Apr 10 Piedmontese Sale, Paris, Tn.; call 573-384-5685 Apr. 13 Forsyth Co. Cattlemen's Meeting, Winston Salem Apr 16 Va. Beef Expo, breeds selling—Angus, Tarentaise, Hereford, Simmental, Red Angus, Charolais & Composite Breeds Apr 24-25 Western Spring Fling Show, Fletcher, call 828-712-6225 May 1 NC Angus Spring Fever Sale, Reidsville, call 336-787-6222 Blue Ridge Classic Shorthorn Sale, Clemson, S.C. call 864-646-8293 May 1 May 24 Spring Stocker Sale, Chadbourne, 910-640-6605 Jun 4-6 NC Jr. Beef Roundup, Raleigh Jun 12-13 Southeast Regional Hereford Show, Waynesville Jun 16-17 NW Jr. Livestock Show, Winston Salem, call Shera 336-401-3183 Jun 29 NC 4-H Livestock Judging Competition, Raleigh Aug 14-15 SC Jr. Beef Roundup, Clemson, call 877-859-9121



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"The salivary glands of cattle. located beneath the tongue. produce 15-20 gallons of saliva per

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Year-Round Grazing

Here is a plan to implement year-round grazing. Keep in mind if continuous grazing is the current system, start SMALL.

Transitions from winter to spring

- Early fertilization on a couple of pastures can jump-start spring grazing.
- Overseed legumes in closely grazed
- Graze off winter weeds in Bermuda.
- Set up spring paddocks for early grazing.

Spring through summer

- Begin rotational grazing as early as possible.
- Don't fertilize more area than can be utilized.
- To favor legumes, control the grass canopy by graze/rest/graze.

Transition from spring to summer

- In mixed cool- and warm-season forage pastures, graze closely in late spring to release summer forage.
- Rotationally graze spring legumes to let the cattle spread the nitrogen across the pasture to boost forage growth in late spring and summer.

Summer through fall

- Rotational grazing will maintain forage availability longer into dry periods.
- Don't fertilize more acres than needed.
- Don't graze lespedeza or crabgrass too early or too short. (at least 8" tall).
- Keep bermuda rotationally grazed to maintain it in a vegetative stage.

Transition from summer to fall

In early August, graze some bermuda pastures short and fertilize for stockpiling for fall grazing. (stockpile can be grazed

Oct.-Dec.).

- In early September, graze fescue short and fertilize for stockpiling. (stockpile can be grazed Dec.-Feb.)
- In September, graze other Bermuda pastures short to prepare for interseeding winter annuals in late September or early October.
- Graze crabgrass, johnsongrass and lespedeza before frost.

Fall through winter

- Managing for stockpiled pasture is cheaper than feeding hay, but feeding hay for a short period in the fall may allow better stockpiled forage growth if other pasture runs short.
- Use temporary electric fence to stripgraze stockpiled pastures.
- Use lower-quality forage for dry cows and high-quality pasture or hay for weaned calves or lactating cows.

Transition from fall to winter

- Graze Bermuda and fescue short where annuals or clover will be planted in fall, then go to stockpiled pasture.
- Don't graze winter annuals too early. Wheat or ryegrass should be 8" tall before grazing.

Winter through spring

- · Strip-graze any remaining stockpiled pasture.
- Allow winter annual forages to reach 8" before grazing.
- Limit grazing to two days per week with hay to utilize the high pasture quality.

By: Beet





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Until next time...

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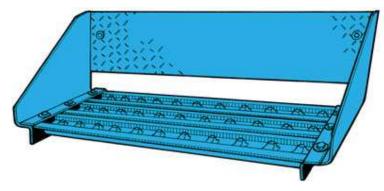




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Sturdy Step



"With the intent to make a replacement step for the driver's side of the manure spreader truck. I scanned the shop for the right material for the job. I nixed the idea of using expanded metal because it will bend under pressure in time. Then I saw a steel post sticking out of the scrap barrel. I cut the post into three sections to match the width of the existing step frame and mounted the sections with bolts. The new step is sturdy and an excellent grip for muddy shoes.

By: Farm Journal

Breed Profile Senepol

Color: Red Horns: Polled

Origin: Caribbean Island

Year Identified: 1954

Brought to US: 1977

Cow Size: 1000-1200 lbs.

Bull Size: 2216 lbs

Ave. Birth Wt.: 65-80 lbs

Ave. Weaning Wt: 617 lbs (bulls)

Ave. Yrlg. Wt: 1008 (bulls)

Ave Frame Score: 6

Ave. age of puberty: 8 months

Population: 14,000 +

Facts

- Breed developed by combining Red Poll and N'Dama.
- Bred for the following traits: early



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- Cows stay in production upwards of 15-20 years.
- "DNA Tenderness testing through Bovigen shows Senepol's predisposition for passing on their tenderness traits on to their progeny."

maturity, maternal efficiency, no horns, solid red color, definite heat tolerance and gentle disposition.

"USDA research indicates that Senepol have a greater immune response when compared to other beef breeds."



Very easy calving and huge calf

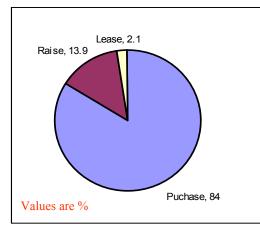
By: Oklahoma State Univ., American Senepol Assoc., Sacramento Farms

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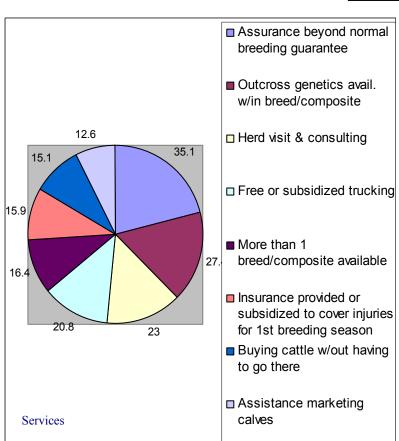
In late January, 17,405 respondents completed surveys representing 45 states. The majority (65%) identified themselves as commercial cow-calf producers. The following are some of the questions asked and answered on BEEF site:

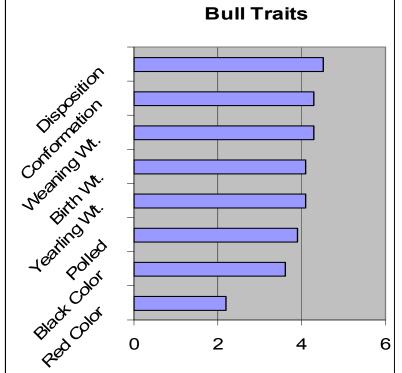
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1. What percentage of your bulls do you:



2. Seedstock services ranked in importance: (services chart)



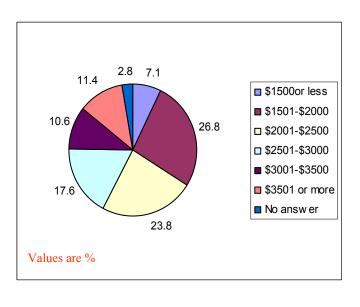


3. Various bull traits ranked in importance by bull buyers (1=not very & 5= very important) (chart above)

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4. Of the bulls you've purchased during the past 3 yrs., what's the average price paid? (below)



By: BEEF