

# Sydenstricker Genetics to Donate 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer

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The Angus Foundation announced that Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker, owners of Sydenstricker Genetics of Mexico, Mo., will donate the 2012 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell in January 2012 at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

SydGen Forever Lady 9525 is the special heifer chosen from the 78 fall-bred replacement heifers at Sydenstricker Genetics. She is the September 2009 daughter of SydGen 928 Destination 5420, who was co-owned with Spring Cove Ranch of Bliss, Idaho, and surfaced as perhaps the most popular son of 928. The female herself recorded the No. 1 weaning weight EPD, the No. 2 yearling weight EPD and the No. 1 \$B index at the time of selection. She also posted the highest adjusted IMF scan of the entire heifer calf crop at 8.79 percent IMF to ratio 143.

Expected to calve in September 2011, this heifer is bred to SydGen Dealer 9883, a son of SydGen Sure BET and maternal brother to SydGen Trust 6228. He was the \$14,000, second high-selling fall bull in Sydenstricker's 2010 production sale to Big Dry Angus Ranch, Jordan, Mont.; Eggers Stock Farm, Jackson, Mo.; and the Mike Kasten Beef Alliance, Millersville, Mo.

"Eddie and Connie Sydenstricker have been long-time supporters of the Angus Foundation, and it's truly an honor for our organization to further merit their confidence, endorsement and support through their donation of this outstanding Angus female," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "Sydenstricker Genetics needs no introduction to Angus breeders, as its program has a well-proven and enviable track record of producing breed-leading seedstock genetics. This outstanding phenotypic and genotypic female was selected from the heart of the Sydenstricker's powerful fall 2009 replacement females!"

Eddie Sydenstricker was the first president of the first state junior Angus association ever formed, and he's never forgotten his start — a start that's encouraged him to give back to the breed.

"The Angus breed has been very good to Connie and me, and our daughters Kim and Lee Ann, and giving back through the Angus

Foundation ensures that strong tradition of outstanding youth and education programs," Sydenstricker says. "2012 will mark our 60th year breeding Angus cattle, so this donation is a fitting way to kick off our diamond anniversary."

Ben Eggers, manager of Sydenstricker Genetics, says this elite heifer reflects the production goals of the operation and offers a balanced package to auction in 2012.

"This female exemplifies our mission statement, combining soundness and fertility with growth, productivity and superior carcass traits," Eggers says. "To add to her value, she will be the very first Foundation Heifer to sell with a calf already at-side."

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association



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that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

For more information on the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, contact Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or Sydenstricker Genetics at 573-581-1225.

The Angus Foundation was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to support Angus education, youth and research. To learn more about the Angus Foundation and the programs it supports, call the American Angus Association® at 816-383-5100 or go to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).