

been used as breeders is equal to that of steer beef.

Dairy type bulls from the heavier breeds such as Holstein and Brown Swiss will reach marketable weights of 900 to 1,000 pounds in a year's time and their feed conversion ratio is very favorable.

Veal or Baby Beef

I am starting to work into this kind of a program on my farm this fall. To begin with, we will take the bull calves and feed them out to about 200 pounds and sell them as veal. If the veal market should not prove satisfactory, these calves can be carried right on to dairy type baby beef and sold at weights around 500 to 600 pounds.

If feed costs are favorable and market conditions justify, they can go on still further to be sold as beef in the 1,000 pound class. Under this program all the bull calves produced from my herd can be sold to advantage and should increase the profit picture on the dairy farm.

In connection with this same feeding enterprise, dairy heifers that are being kept for replacements can be given the same kind of care and will be grown out to better weights and will come into the milking string in better condition than those which have received ordinary feed and care.

I find that much of the production potential of dairy cows is lost due to poor feeding and poor management during their first two years. In the past I have been contracting for the feeding and care of my replacement heifers and have been very disappointed in the manner in which I get them back.

The production of red meat as veal or as dairy type beef will add diversification and increase the profit potential under this new program.

Grant Creek Angus Gross \$26,000

1 2-year-old bull	\$1,025
15 bull calves average	311
60 heifer calves average	257
21 commercial heifer calves	152
6 mature cows average	295

THE MARBUTS of Grant Creek Ranch near Missoula brought out a set of Angus cattle of which all western Montana might be proud of in their "Scotch Black" sale, Dec. 2.

A near capacity crowd "skated" over icy roads, through snow and fog to attend the sale. Pete Krudde, Plains, purchased the top selling, and only 2-year-old of the sale at \$1,025. John Perkins, Deer Lodge, picked a bull calf at \$620 which had brought on spirited bidding.

Wells Andrews, Belt, was the largest buyer at the sale, selecting seven bull calves and 24 heifer calves, most of Prince of Red Gate breeding. There were other volume buyers, too, including Dick Rosignol, Lolo; Dr. J. A. Mier, Kalispell; Bill Wilson and Sy Corlett, Drummond; Jack Simmons, St. Regis; George and Larry Schoup, Tendroy, Idaho; H. H. Bitz, Box Elder; Joe Fields, Missoula; Allen Johnson, Kalispell; Leonard and William Saloman, Polson; Ken Phillips and Lloyd Smyth, St. Ignatius, and Jerald Layton, Ronan.

The Grant Creek Angus sale featured the breeding of Imperial Prince of Rowley through the six sons and grandsons of this Scotch bred bull owned by the Marbuts. These "Prince of Red Gate" bulls sired what many Angus authorities at ring side claimed to be one of the most uniform, high quality sets of Blacks to be put together in a single breeder herd in Montana.

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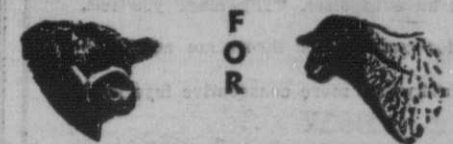
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