

The Advantages of Buying Our Two-Year-Old Forage Developed Bulls

Lasater Beefmaster® bulls grow out the way nature intended, on grass, so they're healthy, more athletic, and last longer than bulls that have been pushed on feed. True phenotypic differences can be seen when bulls have been developed on forage, so our buyers can trust what they're looking at. Bulls that demonstrate fleshing-ability when developed on forage pass these traits on to their daughters, resulting in easy-keeping cows. Bulls developed on forage have fewer problems with fertility and overgrown feet. Two-year-old bulls are able to handle a heavier work load, and they don't fall apart when they are put into service.

At weaning, the bulls are evaluated and any bull with an unacceptable weaning weight or faulty conformation is cut. This occurs in mid May. The bulls are then grown through the summer on native range with the only supplement being salt and mineral. In August, yearling weights and scrotal measurements are taken. At this time, those bulls that are to be used as herd sires for the Lasater Ranch are selected. Then the bulls are turned back out and roughed through the fall and winter on cake and range. Hay is fed only when deep snow cover requires it. In mid August the following year, weights, ultra sound data, and scrotal measurements are taken, and bulls are evaluated based on performance and conformation. Those that are deemed to be exceptional will then be eligible for our annual sale. Only the top half of the bull crop makes it into the offering for our production sale.