

Jim Gosey Update

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After I retired at the end of 2005, I concentrated on expanding our small herd of Red Angus cows and developing our pasture near Valparaiso. Built 2 ¾ miles of barbed wire fence and 1 ½ miles of electric cross-fence plus a rod corral from scratch in two summers. So I am qualified for the Summer Olympics in fencing ! The cattle operation has truly been enjoyable, lots of work but lots of satisfaction too. We sold our cows in a dispersal sale at Wahoo Livestock on Nov. 20. The sale exceeded our wildest expectations, our mature cows av. \$6,048, our bred heifers av. \$5,708 and our heifer calves av. \$3,536. If you wish to look at our sale cattle, go to our website and hit the link to DV Auction to see the video links and sale catalog. Although we have had bull sales in the Spring we had never sold females so that and the current beef market contributed to a really great demand for our females. In the future we will use our grass to develop and breed commercial heifers for sale as bred heifers and perhaps will do some embryo transfer work. I still have our 2014 bull calves, so will have one more bull sale on April 4.

Linda and I continue to enjoy our five granddaughters (ages 14 to 7), two of which live in Lincoln and the other three near Laurel. If we had known grandchildren were so much fun, we would have had them first. They seem to grow up much too fast, but we are blessed to be close enough to take part in their school and church activities and programs. The Lincoln girls are into cheer competitions, volleyball and basketball , while the Laurel girls do all the farm & 4-H activities (including showing calves) and take piano, voice and gymnastics lessons. The Laurel granddaughters also have some really nice Red Angus heifers !

Linda and I enjoy relatively good health with only the predictable winter cold or sinus infection to give us a reason to complain. Linda says my hearing is going but I figure if thats all that goes, i'm pretty darn lucky. We don't travel much unless you count the 18 miles to the pasture and an occasional trip to some place exotic like Seward ! I try to coordinate all my travel to coincide with a bull or cow sale, Linda fails to see the wisdom in this. I still enjoy an occasional trip to the An. Sci. Dept. to visit but have developed a group of "new" friends from neighbors in the Raymond and Valparaiso area. This is especially enlightening for a ex-Extension specialist as I have found out where the real production/management advice comes from, plus have lately learned a lot about how football coaches, athletic directors and university chancellors should do their jobs. I have come to appreciate why our local coffee shop is affectionately called the "Wind Tunnel". Great entertainment and it's free !

Call or visit anytime (well, not "anytime" but you know what I mean).

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