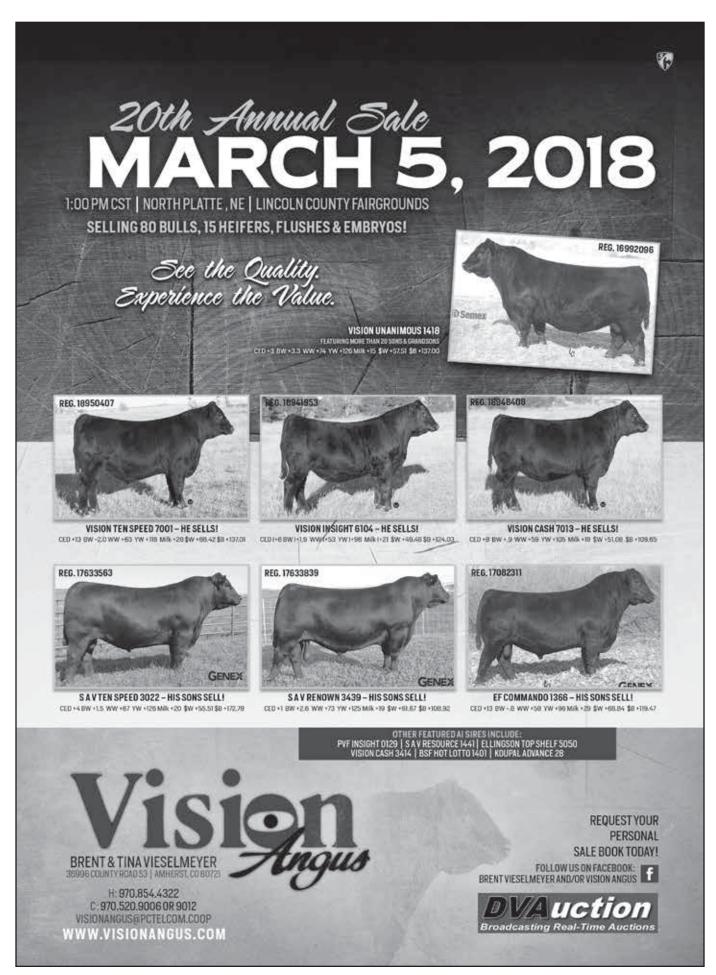
ANGUS Granddaddy of Door Prizes

Convention attendees take home more than \$100,000 in grand prize giveaways.



The Grand Prize Giveaway during the 2017 Angus Convention packed the stands with hopefuls. A gleaming black Cat 289 Compact Track Loader with a silver Angus decal and a Priefert and Tru-Test Complete Cattle Handling System sat front and center of the arena. More than 1,500 Convention attendees entered for their chance to take home the prizes; two won big.

Handling system

David Lutchka of Grass Lake, Mich., took home the cattle handling system, valued at \$27,000.

"I've never had this happen to me before," Lutchka said. "When I found out I was a winner, the only thing I could think was 'holy cow.' This thing will add to the operation by removing the wooden alleyway that we have. It'll make it safer, a little more efficient."

The handling system, donated by Priefert and Tru-Test, is designed for about 35 head. The corral features a solid sweep with a straight working alley, adjustable to one of four widths,







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leading to a Priefert Model S04 Squeeze Chute. The Tru-Test XR5000 Indicator, HD1010 load bars, scale mounting brackets and XRS2 eID stick reader are all part of the package and capture a wide range of animal information.

An added bonus is the new Tru-Test WaterWell automatic waterer, which can accommodate up to 100 head.

Loader

Northport, Ala., native Keith Ergle was the lucky winner of the one-of-a-kind, custom-built Angus Cat Track Loader, a \$90,000 piece of equipment.

"T'm a bit in shock," Ergle said.
"We really need the machine on our operation. We have an old machine that







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is really dilapidated, and it couldn't have come at a better time."

The Cat 289D, donated by Caterpillar, is versatile and helps producers to multitask with ease. The customized machine can move bales, clean pens, mix feed and more.

Giveaway sponsors Priefert, Tru-

Test and Caterpillar helped to create a memorable Convention for two very lucky Angus breeders.

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