



## Carcass Traits among our Top Five Priorities

### Maternal Traits – Growth Traits – Carcass Traits – Eye Appeal – Functional Ability

Carcass data on our herd is collected by ultrasound, CHB carcass contests and data collected at the packing plant on feedlot cattle. Ultrasound is the basis of the herd's carcass EPDs. It is adjusted to one year of age and is the best predictor of an animal's breeding ability. The accuracy can be compared to that of the Milk EPD. Over time, it will make a significant improvement to a breed and an individual herd. We do caution against putting too much emphasis on any one trait without taking into consideration the effect it has on the other traits. We are proud to report that we have enough carcass data to have Carcass EPDs on our entire cow herd. Half of our Herd Sires have carcass accuracy levels of .6 or higher on the national sire summary.

**2002**

*3 of the Top Ten Carcasses in the 2002 SD State Fair Carcass Contest were raised by Rausch Females.*

**2001**

- Reserve Champion 4-H Division • 3 steers in top 6 in Futurity show • Grand Champion Futurity Show
- 2 steers in top 10 CHB carcass contest • 2 class winners in Steer Special (All in S.D.)
- Reserve Champion Steer Special • 2 of the top 6 carcasses in the Montana state CHB carcass contest



**2000**

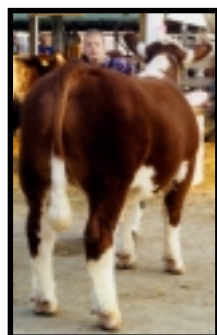
Live Wt. 1,320  
Hot Wt. 756 lbs.  
Choice, YG 1.99  
Back Fat, .25  
REA 14.7



**1999**

Live Wt. 1,290  
Hot Wt. 734 lbs.  
Choice, YG 1.5  
Back Fat, .29  
REA 16.2

Brent Mrnak showed these 2 full brother Rausch Steers successfully. The 2000 steer won champion at junior shows in ND, MT and SD. The 1999 steer won the Montana CHB carcass championship. Good job, Brent!



**1998**

Live Wt. 1,194  
Hot Wt. 717 lbs.  
Choice, YG 1.1  
REA 15.3  
Fat Depth .24

Congratulations to Crystal Schick, Miller, SD, for choosing and showing the 1998 SD State Fair CHB Carcass Champion that was out of a Rausch bull!



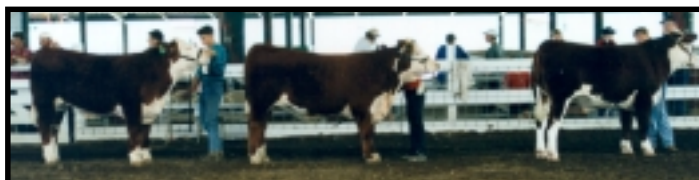
**1997**

Hot Wt. 796 lbs.  
Choice, YG 2.4  
REA 13.6  
Back Fat .32

Adrienne Logue of Volin showed the 1997 SD State Fair CHB Carcass Champion that was bred here at Rausch Herefords!

**1996**

SD State Fair CHB Carcass Contest – 3 Rausch Steers Among Top 8



Montgomery County Iowa purchases from 20 to 30 club calves annually from Rausch Herefords. 4H members draw lots, keep records, show the steers and collect carcass data through the CHB program to earn over all champion.



Rausch Steers on feed in the Dwayne Lewis feedlot.

