

39th Annual Research Symposium & Annual Meeting

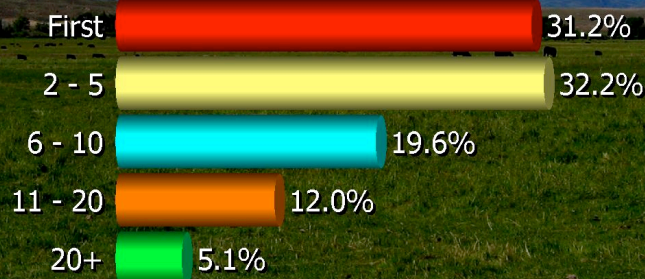
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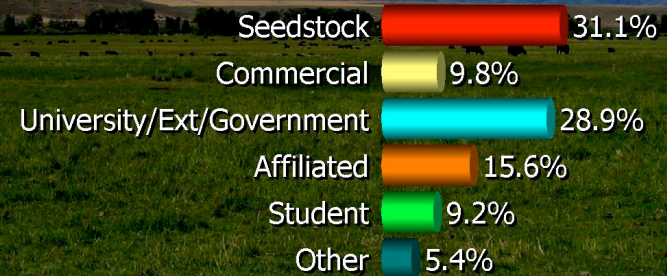
Dr. Tom Field
Colorado State University



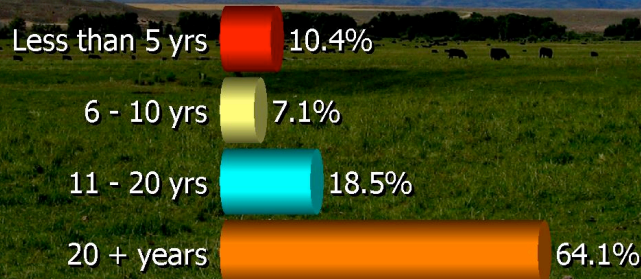
How many BIF conferences have you attended?



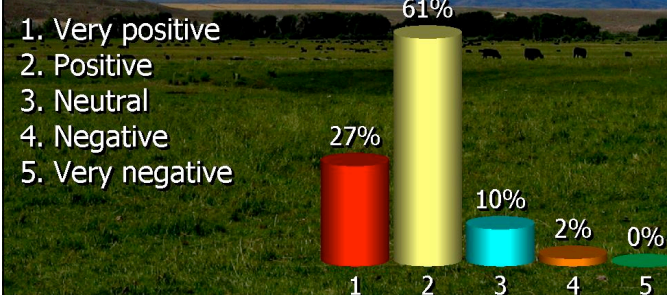
What is your affiliation with the beef industry?



How many years have you worked in the beef industry?



What is your view of the future of the cattle industry?



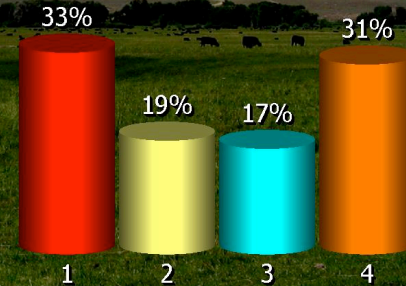
What was the most significant breakthrough in genetic improvement?

1. Widespread use of artificial insemination
2. Individual animal genetic predictions (EPD)
3. Incorporation of ultra-sound into genetic estimates for carcass traits
4. Development of indices
5. Widespread use of crossbreeding



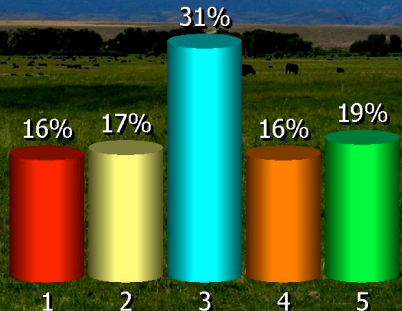
If you are a seedstock or commercial cow-calf producer what percentage of your annual disposable income is generated by your beef cattle operation?

1. Less than 25%
2. 26-50%
3. 51-75%
4. More than 75%



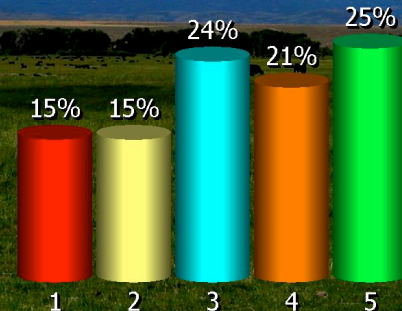
If you are a seedstock breeder, how many cows on inventory in your herd?

1. Less than 50
2. 51-100
3. 101-250
4. 251-500
5. More than 500



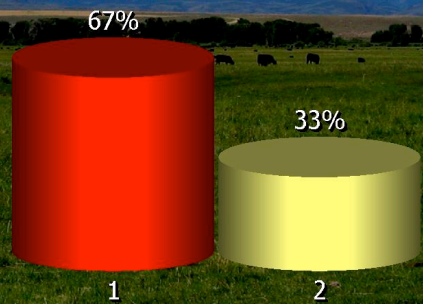
If you are a commercial breeder, how many cows on inventory in your herd?

1. Less than 50
2. 51-100
3. 101-250
4. 251-500
5. More than 500



Do you retain ownership through the feedlot phase on at least a portion of your cattle or your customer's cattle?

1. Yes
2. No

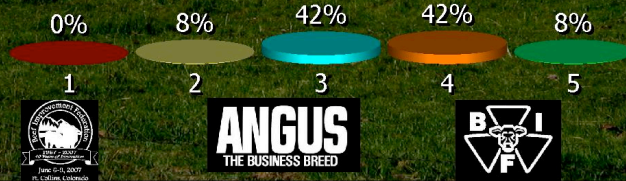


Kent Andersen
Executive Vice President
North American Limousin Foundation



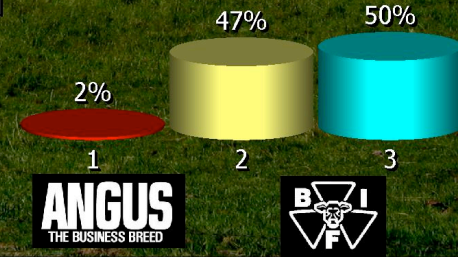
Do you have the selection tools needed to reliably make desired genetic improvement?

1. No, not for most traits
2. No, not for some traits
3. Neutral - Yes for some, but no for other traits
4. Yes, for most traits, no for a few
5. Yes, for nearly all traits



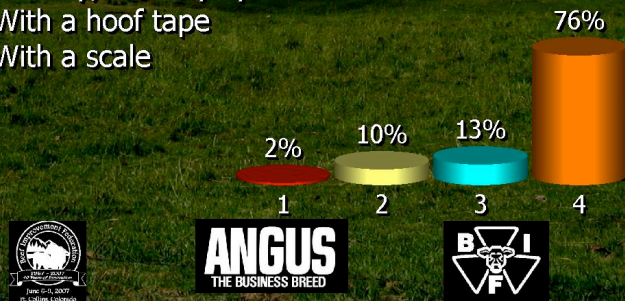
Do you know your within herd genetic (seedstock) / phenotypic (commercial) trends for key traits?

1. No, I don't monitor genetic/phenotypic trends within my herd
2. Somewhat - I've got a "gut-feel" for the trends, but don't routinely calculate
3. Yes, I routinely quantify and monitor specific genetic/phenotypic trends in my herd



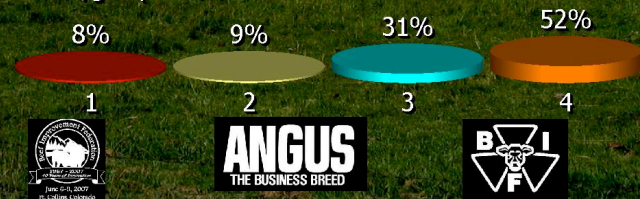
How do you most commonly collect birth weight data?

1. I do not collect birth weight data
2. Visually, with my eyeball
3. With a hoof tape
4. With a scale



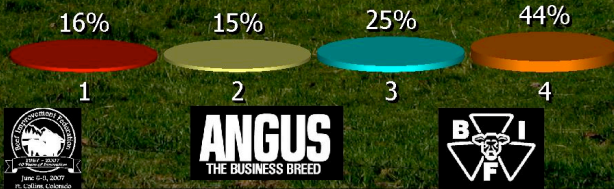
Which of the following best describes your use of ultrasound scan data in selection?

1. I do not use scan information when making selection decisions
2. I primarily use actual scan measures
3. I primarily use yearling adjusted scan measures/ratios
4. I primarily use interim carcass/scan EPDs that incorporate animal/group scan data



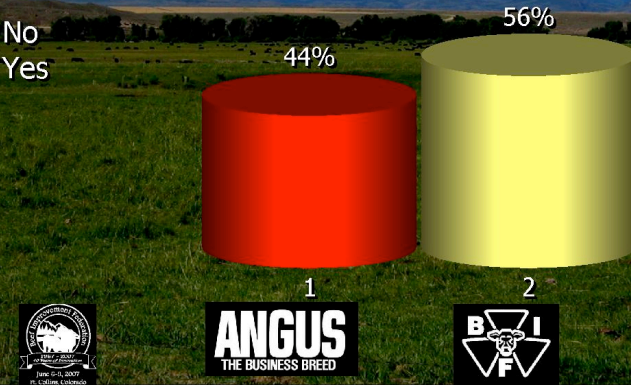
Which of the following best describes your efforts to have actual carcass data collected on your cattle?

1. Have never collected much
2. Collected some in the past but not much in recent years
3. I've begun collecting more lately
4. Have routinely collected significant amounts



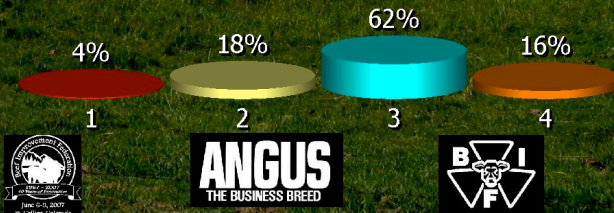
Do you currently produce (seedstock) / use (commercial) hybrid seedstock?

1. No
2. Yes



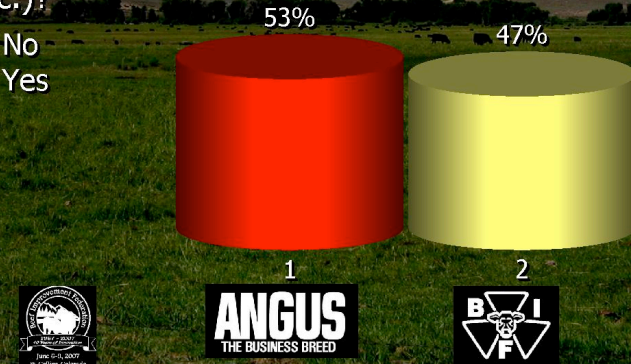
What do you anticipate regarding future production/use of hybrid seedstock?

1. Declining production/use
2. Stable but stagnant production/use
3. Increased production/use
4. Dramatically increased production/use



Have you tested (seedstock) /used (commercial) any of the DNA diagnostics for quantitative traits (marbling, tenderness, etc.)?

1. No
2. Yes



How comfortable are you with your understanding of DNA diagnostics for marbling and tenderness?

1. Uncomfortable - I don't understand these selection tools
2. Somewhat uncomfortable and confused
3. Somewhat comfortable, working knowledge
4. Comfortable - strong understanding

