

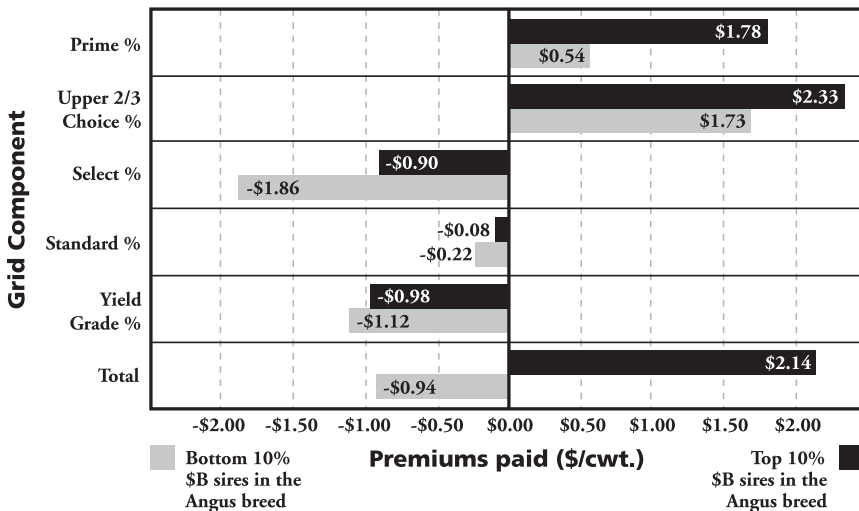
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Selection for \$B Makes Cents

Dollar-value indexes help producers improve several traits at once while maintaining balance among the others. Selecting for efficient, high-marbling calves does not set back other important production traits.

Calves from the breed's top 10% of Beef Value (\$B) sires earned higher quality grade premiums, lower yield grade discounts and performed better in the feedlot than sires among the breed's bottom 10% in \$B. The offspring performed without disrupting the maternal traits used to determine Weaned-Calf Value (\$W).

Grid Premium Comparison in \$B Progeny



Data represents 1,480 calves from the American Angus Association National Cattle Evaluation carcass database from 1996-2005.



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