

What is a Pathfinder?

To become a Pathfinder cow, she must have at least 3 progeny with an average weaning ratio of 105. A cow must have a regular calving interval and her first calf must be born close to the average calving date of the herd. These requirements, along with others, make the “Pathfinder” name a prestigious honor. Once a Pathfinder, always a Pathfinder, although a cow may not meet the qualifications each year to be included in the current year’s report. A bull must have at least 5 Pathfinder daughters in one year to become a Pathfinder sire. Pathfinder cows or bulls are designated by the “#” symbol in pedigrees.

In the 2009 Pathfinder Report, Hoover Angus Farm is home to 54 Pathfinder cows and 3 Pathfinder bulls: SA Neutron 377 with 50 Pathfinder daughters, Roth Famous 1006 with 9 Pathfinder daughters, and H&K Neutron 377 X3 with 5 Pathfinder daughters.