

# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale

## “Report”

The Ocala Bull Sale is held each year on the second Tuesday of January at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala. Grading takes place beginning at 8:00 am on the day before the sale. Buyers are welcome to preview the bulls on Monday (all day) and Tuesday (until noon).

All bulls are evaluated on weight, condition, conformation, scrotal circumference and EPD's then assigned a grade from A+ to C. Bulls that do not score a C grade or higher are sifted from the sale.

One hundred twenty one bulls representing eight breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,082 at the 2006 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale toppers were lot #141 an (A) graded Hereford bull consigned by Woodard Hereford Farms of Springfield, TN and lot #1 an (A-) graded Angus bull consigned by Baker Farms of Troy, TN sold for \$3,900 each. Additionally, lots #139 an (A) graded Hereford bull out of the Woodard Hereford consignment, lot #10 an (A-) graded Angus bull offered by Double C Farms of Marshallville, GA and lot #31X a (B) graded bull from the Rafter G Bar Livestock Inc. of Groveland, FL sold for \$3,700 each. Lot #70 an (A-) graded Brangus bull consigned by Maranatha Ranch of Morriston, FL and lot #11 an (A-) graded Angus bull offered by Double C Farms brought a price of \$3,600 each. Thirteen other bulls sold for a price of between \$3,000 and \$3,500. In addition, 14 bulls sold for between \$2,500 and \$2,900 and 19 bulls brought a price of between \$2,100 and \$2,400.

This year three **A** graded bulls averaged \$3,500. Twenty-seven **A-** bulls brought an average price \$2,573. Twenty-nine **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$2,014, thirty **B** graded bulls averaged \$1,800 and twenty-four **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,896. Eight **C+** bulls averaged \$1,750.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 25 Angus sold for an average of \$2,880
- ⇒ 6 Red Angus sold for an average of \$1,766
- ⇒ 8 Brangus sold for an average of \$2,688
- ⇒ 6 Braford sold for an average of \$2,183
- ⇒ 34 Charolais sold for an average of \$1,817
- ⇒ 29 Hereford sold for an average of \$1,800
- ⇒ 12 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$1,575
- ⇒ 1 Simmental sold for \$1,800

The Marion County Cattleman's Association would like to **THANK everyone** who had a part in making this sale possible. A special **THANK YOU** to our volume buyers: **Braco Farms**, Floral City; **Little Everglades**, Dade City; **Plumley Farms**, Ocala; **Elsie Smith**, Lorida and **Frank Smith**, Weirsdale. We hope to see all of you again January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**