

51st 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 by a committee of qualified cattle producers. Bulls that do not score a C grade or higher are sifted from the sale.

One hundred forty six bulls representing nine breeds sold for an overall average of \$1,779 at the 2007 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale toppers were lot #126 an (A-) graded Braford bull consigned by Greenview Farms of Screven, GA and lot #148 an (B+) graded Brangus bull consigned by Little Creek Farms of Alachua, FL sold for \$4,500 each. Additionally, lot #62 an (A-) graded Angus bull offered by Express Ranches of High Springs, FL sold for \$4,100. Lot #64 an (A-) graded Angus bull consigned by Express Ranches of High Springs, FL brought a price of \$3,800.

Lot numbers #145 (B+) and #149 (B) out of the Little Creek Farms consignment sold for \$3,700 each. Other Bulls bringing a price over \$3,000 included: lot #45 an (A) graded Angus consigned by Robert Delozier of Mebane, NC brought a price of \$3,600; lot #53 out of the Express Ranches consignment sold for \$3,400 and lot #133 a (B) graded Brangus sold by Double C Farms, Inc of Marshallville, GA for \$3,200. In addition, 9 bulls sold for between \$2,600 and \$2,850 and 19 bulls brought a price of between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

This year one **A** graded bull sold for \$3,600. Sixteen **A-** bulls brought an average price \$2,481. Fifty-one **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$1,987, thirty-seven **B** graded bulls averaged \$1,757 and twenty-two **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,339. Eight **C+** bulls averaged \$1,231. The eleven **C** graded bulls sold for an average of \$977.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 49 Angus sold for an average of \$1,926
- ⇒ 18 Red Angus sold for an average of \$967
- ⇒ 6 Braford sold for an average of \$2,033
- ⇒ 2 Brahman sold for an average of \$2,300
- ⇒ 20 Brangus sold for an average of \$2,318
- ⇒ 26 Charolais sold for an average of \$1,892
- ⇒ 16 Hereford sold for an average of \$1,431
- ⇒ 8 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$1,388
- ⇒ 1 Simmental sold for \$1,600

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: **Double C Farms**, Marshallville, GA; **G&M Cattle Co.**, Ocala; **Tony Yeomans**, Ocala; **Rocking K Ranch**, **Frank Smith**, Weirsdale. We hope to see all of you again January 8th, 2008 for the 52nd Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation**.