

# 52<sup>nd</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 by a committee of qualified cattle producers. Bulls that do not score a C grade or higher are sifted from the sale.

One hundred eight bulls representing eight breeds sold for an overall average of \$1,689 at the 2008 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale toppers were lot #131 and lot #130 both (A) graded Hereford bulls consigned by William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN sold for \$4,100 and \$4,000 respectively. Additionally, lot #35 a (B+) graded Angus bull offered by Express Ranches of High Springs, FL sold for \$2,600. Lot #139 an (A-) graded Polled Hereford bull consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords of Screven, GA brought a price of \$2,500. Twenty other bulls of various breeds sold for between \$2,000 and \$2,200.

This year three **A** graded bulls averaged \$3,367. Twenty-one **A-** bulls brought an average price \$1,866. Thirty-six **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$1,710, twenty-five **B** graded bulls averaged \$1,610 and twelve **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,434. Six **C+** bulls averaged \$1,350. The five **C** graded bulls sold for an average of \$1,220.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 48 Angus sold for an average of \$1,627
- ⇒ 4 Braford sold for an average of \$1,550
- ⇒ 2 Brahman sold for an average of \$1,950
- ⇒ 5 Brangus sold for an average of \$1,500
- ⇒ 21 Charolais sold for an average of \$1,864
- ⇒ 17 Hereford sold for an average of \$1,876
- ⇒ 10 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$1,440
- ⇒ 1 Simmental sold for \$1,350

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: **Julio “Tito” Umpierre**, Citra, FL; **Raymon Land**, Branford, FL; **Albert Roller**, Brooksville, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**