

53rd 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. Buyers are welcome to preview the bulls on Monday (all day) and Tuesday (until noon).

Grading takes place beginning at 8:00 am on the day before the sale. All bulls are evaluated on weight, body 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 culled from the sale.

Eighty four bulls representing eight breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,019 at the 2009 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale topper was lot #22 a (B+) graded Angus bull consigned by Black Crest Farms of Sumter, SC, sold for \$3,800. Lot #12 an (A-) Angus also consigned by Black Crest Farms and lot #101 a (A-) graded Hereford consigned by William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN sold for \$3,400 each. Two other Angus bulls lot #23 a straight (A) graded bull consigned by Black Crest Farms and lot #31 a (B+) graded bull offered by Van Wagner Black Angus of Sparr, FL each received a price of \$3,100. Additionally, lots #13 (A-) and #15 (B+) both Angus bulls from the Black Crest Farms consignment brought a price of \$3,000 each. Thirteen bulls of various breeds brought a price of between \$2,900 and \$2,600. Nineteen bulls sold for between \$2,550 and \$2,000.

This year two **A** graded bulls averaged \$2,775. Twelve **A-** bulls brought an average price \$2,680. Twenty-seven **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$2,298, twenty-four **B** graded bulls averaged \$1,754 and eleven **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,482. Five **C+** bulls averaged \$1,310. The two **C** graded bulls sold for an average of \$1,450.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 27 Angus sold for an average of \$2,402
- ⇒ 3 Braford sold for an average of \$2,000
- ⇒ 1 Brahman sold for \$1,700
- ⇒ 2 Brangus averaged \$2,375
- ⇒ 19 Charolais sold for an average of \$1,913
- ⇒ 13 Hereford sold for an average of \$1,992
- ⇒ 6 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$2,200
- ⇒ 12 Red Angus sold for an average of \$1,275

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: **G & M Cattle, Co.**, FL; **Raymon Land**, Branford, FL; **Frank Smith**, Oxford, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 12th, 2010 for the 54th Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**