

57th 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.

Sixty-eight bulls representing seven breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,650 at the 2013 Ocala Bull Sale sponsored by the Marion County Cattlemen's Association. This year's sale topper was lot #18 an (A) graded Braford bull consigned by Greenview Polled Hereford Farms of Screven, GA sold for \$6,000. One other Braford bull: Lot #19, an (A-) graded bull also consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords received a price of \$5,900. Lot #38 an (A-) Charolais bull consigned Triple B Charolais of Lebanon, TN brought a price of \$4,000. Lot #61 an (A-) graded Limousin offered by Capote Cattle Company of Okeechobee, FL brought a price of \$3,900. Lot #40 an (A-) graded Charolais out of the Triple B consignment brought \$3,800. Lot #6 a (B-) Angus bull from the Florida Horse Ranch consignment of Jacksonville, FL received a price of \$3,700. Lot #17 a (B) graded Angus bull offered by The Thomas Six Ranch of Branford, FL brought \$3,400. Lot #20 a (B+) graded Brahman bull consigned by Sal Diorio of Ocala, FL and lot #49 an (A-) graded Hereford bull offered by long-time consignor William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN received a price of \$3,300 each. Lot #54 a (B+) graded Hereford also from the William Woodard & Sons consignment and lot #14 a (B-) graded Angus bull consigned by R&A Angus of Mebane, NC both brought a price of \$3,100. Lot #73 a (B+) graded Polled Hereford consigned by Greenview Polled Hereford Farms and lot #52 an (A-) graded Herford from the William Woodard & Sons consignment brought a price of \$3,000 each. The following three bulls brought \$2,900 each: Lot #69 a (B+) Polled Hereford out of the Greenview Polled Hereford Farms consignment, lot #37 an (A-) Charolais from Triple B Charolais and lot #30 a (B) graded Charolais from Little W Farm of Lebanon, TN. Three other bulls: lot #75 a (B) Lim-Flex offered by McKinney Farms Limousin of Starke, FL, lot #74 a an (A-) Polled Hereford from the Greenview

consignment and lot #5 a (B-) Angus out of the Florida Horse Ranch consignment brought \$2,800 each.

In addition, eight bulls sold for a price \$2,800 and eight other bulls received a price of \$2,700. Fourteen bulls of various breeds brought prices of \$2,500 to \$2,650 and twenty bulls sold for prices from \$2,000 to \$2,400.

This year's only **A** bull sold for \$6,000. Fifteen **A-** graded bulls sold for an average price of \$3,190. Thirteen **B+** bulls sold for an average price of \$2,546, twelve **B** grade bulls averaged \$2,508 and twenty-one **B-** graded bulls averaged \$2,371. Six **C+** bulls averaged \$2,216.

Breed highlights include:

- ❖ **14 Angus bulls averaged \$2,636**
 - Top Selling Angus \$3,400
- ❖ **2 Braford bulls averaged \$5,950**
- ❖ **4 Brahman bulls sold for \$2,625**
 - Top Selling Brahman \$3,300
- ❖ **14 Charolais averaged \$2,636**
 - Top Selling Charolais \$3,900
- ❖ **1 Percentage Charolais Record bull sold for \$2,700**
(3/4 Charolais X 1/4 Hereford)
- ❖ **15 Hereford bulls averaged \$2,570**
 - Top Selling Hereford \$3,300
- ❖ **4 Lim-Flex bulls averaged \$2,075**
 - Top selling Lim-Flex \$2,800
- ❖ **1 Limousin bull sold for \$3,900**
- ❖ **13 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$2,346**
 - Top Selling Polled Hereford \$3,000

The Marion County Cattlemen's Association would like to THANK everyone who had a hand in making this sale possible. A special THANK YOU to our volume buyers: **Buddy Hiers**, Dunnellon, FL., **G&M Cattle Co.**, Ocala, FL., **Raymond Land**, Branford, FL., **Richard Pacetti**, St. Augustine, FL., **Frank Smith**, Oxford, FL and **Jimmie Smith**,

Lorida, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 14th, 2014 for the 58th Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**