

# 54<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. 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.

One hundred fourteen bulls representing nine breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,037 at the 2010 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale topper was lot #117 an (A-) graded Charolais bull consigned by Triple B Charolais of Lebanon, TN sold for \$3,500. Lot #99 a (B+) Charolais consigned by Forrester Brothers of Troy, TN received a price of \$3,300. Lot #135 a (B) graded Hereford offered by long-time consigner William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN sold for \$3,200. One other (B) graded bull, Lot #17 from the Black Crest Farms; Sumter, SC consignment brought \$3,000. Two other bulls lot #134X a straight (B) graded Hereford consigned by William Woodard & Sons and lot #21 a (B+) graded Angus offered by Robert & Alice Delozier of Mebane, NC each received a price of \$2,900. Additionally, three other (B+) graded bulls: lot #136 a Hereford from William Woodard & Sons, lot # 111 a Charolais offered by Little W Farms of Lebanon, TN and lot #13 an Angus from the Black Crest Farms consignment sold for \$2,900 each. Fourteen bulls of various breeds brought a price of between \$2,500 and \$2,700. Forty-five bulls sold for between \$2,000 and \$2,600.

This year two **A-** graded bulls averaged \$2,900. Thirty-six **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$2,230, thirty-one **B** graded bulls averaged \$2,120 and thirty-one **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,884. Ten **C+** bulls averaged \$1,630. The four **C** graded bulls sold for an average of \$1,425.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 47 Angus sold for an average of \$2,085
- ⇒ 3 Balancer sold for an average of \$1,833
- ⇒ 1 Braford sold for \$2,600
- ⇒ 21 Brangus averaged \$1,885
- ⇒ 1 Braunvieh sold for \$1,800
- ⇒ 19 Charolais sold for an average of \$2,095
- ⇒ 14 Hereford sold for an average of \$2,379
- ⇒ 4 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$1,750
- ⇒ 4 Red Angus sold for an average of \$1,150

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: **Angelo's Ranch**, Dade City, FL.; **Circle Square Ranch**, Ocala, FL.; **G & M Cattle Co.**, Ft. McCoy, FL.; **Jody Land**, Branford, FL. and **Frank Smith**, Oxford, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**