

# 55<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.

Eighty-eight bulls representing eight breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,203 at the 2011 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale topper was lot #14 an (A-) graded Angus bull consigned by Black Crest Farms of Sumter, SC sold for \$3,400. Lots #106 & #109 both (A-) Polled Herefords consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords of Screven, GA received a price of \$3,200. Lot #50 an (A-) graded Braford also offered by Greenview sold for \$3,100. Lot #94 a (B+) graded Hereford offered by long-time consigner William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN sold for \$3,000. First time consignor, Bamboo Road Farms of Marshallville, GA received \$2,900 for Lot #59 an (A-) graded Charolais as did Forrester Bros. Lot #80 an (A) graded Charolais and Black Crest Farms Lot #12 an (A-) graded Angus. Another (A) graded Charolais, lot #81 offer by Forrester Bros. brought a price of \$2,800. Four other bulls also sold for \$2,800: lot #57 an (A-) Charolais from Bamboo Road Farms, two (A-) Braford lots #51 and #52 out of the Greenview consignment as well as lot #17 a (B) Angus offered by Black Crest Farms. Seventeen bulls of various breeds brought a price of between \$2,500 and \$2,700. Twenty-nine bulls sold for between \$2,000 and \$2,400.

This year, three **A** graded bulls sold for an average price of \$2,633. Thirty **A-** graded bulls averaged \$2,545. Twenty-three **B+** bulls brought an average price of \$2,228, twenty-three **B** graded bulls averaged \$1,946 and five **B-** graded bulls averaged \$1,580. Additionally, four **C+** bulls averaged \$1,425.

Breed averages were as follows:

- ⇒ 43 Angus sold for an average of \$2,133
- ⇒ 3 Braford sold for \$2,900
- ⇒ 2 Brahman averaged \$2,575
- ⇒ 21 Charolais sold for an average of \$2,079
- ⇒ 13 Hereford sold for an average of \$2,281
- ⇒ 1 Limousin sold for \$1,600
- ⇒ 4 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$2,950
- ⇒ 1 Simmental sold for \$1,600

The Marion County Cattleman's Association would like to THANK everyone who had a hand in making this sale possible. A special THANK YOU to our volume buyers: **Long Hammock Ranch**, Wildwood, FL.; **Perry Cattle Co.**, Belleview, FL.; **E.W. Cates**, Sparr, FL. and **Trouble Hagan**, Lake City, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**