

56th 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.

Fifty-six bulls representing seven breeds sold for an overall average of \$2,900 at the 2012 Marion County Cattleman's Association Annual Graded Sale in Ocala. This year's sale topper was lot #20 an (A) graded Braford bull consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords of Screven, GA sold for \$4,200. Two other Braford bulls: Lot #21, this year's only (A+) graded bull and Lot #22 (A) also consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords received prices of \$4,100 and \$4,000 respectively. Lots #38 & #39 both (A-) Charolais bulls consigned by Little W Farms of Lebanon, TN sold for \$3,800 and \$3,900. Lot #37 an (A) graded Charolais/Red Angus composite bull offered by Triple B Charolais of Lebanon, TN brought a price of \$3,700. Lot #45 an (A-) Charolais also out of the Triple B Charolais consignment brought \$3,600. One other (A-) graded Charolais from Little W Farms sold for \$3,500. Two (B+) graded bulls, Lot #4 an Angus consigned by Bamboo Road Farms of Marshallville, GA and Lot #47 a Charolais from Triple B Farms received prices of \$3,500 each. A (B-) graded Hereford offered by long-time consigner William Woodard & Sons of Springfield, TN sold for \$3,400. Two Angus bulls, Lot #5 (B+) and Lot #2 (A-) out of the Bamboo Road Farms consignment brought prices of \$3,400. Triple B Charolais received \$3,300 for Lot # 44 a (B+) graded Charolais. Greenview Polled Herefords Lot # 44 a (B+) graded Polled Hereford and Woodard and Sons Lot #65 a (B+) Hereford also sold for \$3,300 each. The following five bulls brought \$3,200 each: Lot #13 a (B-) Angus bull offered by Florida Horse Ranch of Jacksonville, FL.; Lots #32 (B+) & #33 (A-) both Charolais from Little W Farms, Lot #46 a (B+) Triple B Charolais and Lot #69 also a (B+) Charolais consigned by MOGO Charolais of Florence, AL.

In addition, five bulls sold for a price of between \$3,000 and \$3,100. Sixteen bulls of various breeds brought prices of \$2,500 to \$2,900 and twelve bulls sold for \$2,000 to \$2,400.

This year's only **A+** bull sold for \$4,100. Two **A** graded bulls sold for an average price of \$3,950. Ten other **A-** graded bulls averaged \$3,380. Twenty-four **B+** bulls sold for an average price of \$2,895, eight **B** grade bulls averaged \$2,463 and five **B-** graded bulls averaged \$2,780. Four **C+** bulls averaged \$2,200. Additionally, the only two **C** graded bulls in this year's sale also received an average price of \$2,200.

Breed highlights include:

- ❖ **14 Angus bulls averaged \$2,821**
 - Top Selling Angus \$3,500
- ❖ **3 Braford bulls averaged \$4,100**
 - Top Selling Braford \$4,200
- ❖ **2 Brahman bulls sold for \$2,400 each**
- ❖ **4 Brangus bulls averaged \$2,050**
 - Top Selling Brangus \$2,200
- ❖ **21 Charolais averaged \$3,005**
 - Top Selling Charolais \$3,900
- ❖ **1 Charolais/Red Angus composite bull sold for \$3,700**
- ❖ **6 Hereford bulls averaged \$2,966**
 - Top Selling Hereford \$3,400
- ❖ **5 Polled Hereford sold for an average of \$2,540**
 - Top Selling Polled Hereford \$3,300

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: **Michael and Brenda Boyd**, Bunnell, FL; **Risoli Cattle**, Madison, FL; **Rocking F Ranch**, Ocala, FL and **Brown Ranch**, Kissimmee, FL. We hope to see all of you again January 8th, 2013 for the 57th Annual Ocala Bull Sale, **The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation**.