

## **Ocala Bull Sale Changes Date & Adds Quality Replacement Heifers**

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale will be held at noon on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014** at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala. Quality replacement Heifers will also be offered. Buyers are welcome to preview the animals Monday through Wednesday (until sale time).

Grading will take place beginning at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 27. 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.

All cattle entered in the Heifer Sale will be pre-screened on the farm by a designated screener. Weaned open heifers (10-14 months), bred yearlings and bred two year olds (only exposed once in a defined breeding season) will be offered. After arrival at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, but prior Wednesday's sale all heifers will be evaluated for: temperament, obvious physical defects and minimum weight. Heifers must be from a single ranch (minimum of three head per ranch) and are recommended to be polled or dehorned (and healed). Additional requirements include: uniform lots by breed type, age color and pregnancy status. Suggested age and minimum weight: Open Heifers 10-14 months (650+ lbs.); Bred Female: 24-36 months (800+ lbs.). Maximum age is 36 months. If you are interested in consigning heifers, please contact one of the committee members (see our ad in this magazine for phone numbers).

### **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale Report**

Fifty-seven bulls representing eight breeds sold for an overall average of \$3,088 at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale sponsored by the Marion County Cattlemen's Association. This year's January sale topper lot #29 an (A-) graded Brangus bull consigned by Little Creek Farms of Alachua, FL sold for \$5,900. Lot #65, an (A-) graded Polled Hereford bull consigned by Greenview Polled Herefords of Screven, GA received a price of \$4,600. Both Lot #12 a (B-) graded Angus consigned by Joe Johnson of Ocala, FL and Lot #63 an (A-) graded Polled Hereford offered by Greenview Polled Herefords received a price of \$4,300 each. Two Braford bulls Lots #22 (A) & #23 (A-) offered by the Greenview Polled Hereford Farms' consignment sold for \$4,200 each. Three other bulls, Lot #56 an (A-) Charolais from Triple B Charolais, Lebanon, TN and Lots #64 & #66

both (A-) Polled Herefords out of the Greenview Polled Hereford consignment received a price of \$4,000 each. Additionally, twenty-one bulls of various breeds sold for prices from \$3,000 to \$3,900.

This year's only **A** bull sold for \$4,200. Fourteen **A-** graded bulls sold for an average price of \$3,850. Ten **B+** bulls sold for an average price of \$2,950, sixteen **B** grade bulls averaged \$2,644 and thirteen **B-** graded bulls averaged \$2,892. Three **C+** bulls averaged \$2,833.

**Breed highlights include:**

- ❖ **10 Angus bulls averaged \$3,250**
  - Top Selling Angus \$4,300
- ❖ **4 Beefmaster bulls averaged \$2,325**
  - Top Selling Beefmaster \$2,800
- ❖ **3 Braford bulls averaged \$4,066**
  - Top Selling Brafords 2 @ \$4,200
- ❖ **17 Brangus bulls sold for \$3,082**
  - Top Selling Brangus \$5,900
- ❖ **11 Charolais bulls averaged \$3,110**
  - Top Selling Charolais \$4,000
- ❖ **4 Polled Hereford bulls averaged \$4,225**
  - Top Selling Hereford \$4,600
- ❖ **5 Sim-Angus bulls averaged \$2,420**
  - Top Selling Sim-Angus \$2,800
- ❖ **3 Simmental bulls averaged \$2,133**
  - Top Selling Simmental \$2,300

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: **Raymond and Jody Land**, Branford, FL.

**We hope to see you at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocala Bull Sale including Quality Replacement Heifers on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Oldest Graded Bull Sale in the Nation.**