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The Gardiner Angus Ranch 45th Spring Sale Sets New Record for Quality & Value Appraisal

Beef production across all sectors, in every geographic location and in all environments is complex. Quality and value are often difficult to objectively appraise and quantify, considering the production diversity across the country. After 45 annual spring sales and the volumes of data, from more than five decades of disciplined genetic selection through many market cycles, validate both quality and value through objective appraisal. Over 563 bidders from 31 states and Mexico competed throughout the day for 670 lots of registered and commercial Angus.

In every sale at Gardiner Angus Ranch, the Lot 1 designation is a position earned by the analysis of phenotype, genomic data and well-established benchmarks for calving ease, early growth, maternal function, moderate stature and end product merit. The benchmarks are non-negotiable criteria focusing on multi-trait excellence. GAR Powercat met or exceeded every criterion and earned the Lot 1 position for the 45th Annual Spring Production Sale. Powercat offers particular interest as an outcross alternative for use on Home Town, Transcendent, Fireball, Apex and Dual Force daughters in herds across the country. Bill Wasden, Millen, Ga., was determined to be the last bidder. As the gavel fell on Lot 1, Wasden's purchase of Powercat set a new record for Lot 1 bulls at Gardiner Angus Ranch, selling for \$520,000. Longtime customer and fellow seedstock producer, Steve Hillhouse, Hillhouse Angus, LaGrange, Texas, had the winning bid on Lot 2, GAR Peerless, at \$75,000. Transcendent and his progeny are building an incredible legacy of multi-trait excellence and producing cattle with the capacity to grade Prime. Peerless semen will be available soon through Market Makers Beef, a division of Ashland Vet Center.

Joe Chadic, Graft Farms, Ennis, Texas, paid \$40,000 to own Lot 14, GAR Breakthrough 4185. This bull checked all the boxes with his +18 CED, top percentile rankings for growth, marbling and muscle, while ranking in the top 20% of the Angus breed for \$Maternal and top 1% Method Genetic QPI and ROI. Randall Grimmus, Grimmus Cattle Co., Hanford, Calif., selected Lot 4, GAR Transcendent G2643 on a winning bid of \$37,000. G2643 was one of the highest marbling EPDs in the sale, along with top 1% Method Genetics QPI and ROI. Lot 160, GAR Wildcat A1172, was Troy Vollmer's, Vollmer Angus Ranch, Wing, N.D., selection and he paid \$35,000.

Two bulls, Lots 7 and 216 sold for \$26,000 each to Tanner Wethington, Nazareth, Texas; and Grimmus Cattle Co., respectively. Longtime commercial cow-calf producer Bill Boyer, Boyer Bros. Angus Farm, Perryville, Mo., whose goal has always been to produce Prime beef, selected Lot 180, GAR Home Town W203 on a winning bid of \$22,000. Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms, LLC, Baxley, Ga., paid \$21,000 for Lot 108, GAR Breakthrough 4230.

Two bulls, Lots 17 and 28 sold for \$20,000 each to Dale Long, Long Ranch, Gate, Okla.; and James Denny Lillard, Louisville, Tenn., respectively. Three bulls, Lots 151, 203 and 293 sold for \$19,000 each to Benjamin Soto, 2 Bar C Cattle Co., Luling, Texas; David Mullinix, Burlingame, Kan.; and Darold Tomscheck, Sunburst, Mont., respectively. Dale Long added Lot 19 to his purchases, paying \$18,000.

Five bulls sold for \$17,000 each. Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, Okla., selected Lot 444, GAR Captain 4220, an outcross and the last bull in the offering with the winning bid of \$16,500. Six bulls sold for \$16,000 each to six different buyers. Eight bulls sold to six different buyers from five states for \$15,000 each.

The female portion of the sale offered the largest offering of registered females to sell with elite multi-trait excellence for calving ease, growth, maternal function and end-product merit. The donors ranked in the top 15% of the Angus breed for calving ease, top 1% for marbling, \$B, \$C and top 8% for Method Genetics ROI. Steve Hillhouse, an astute seedstock producer that always recognizes genetic excellence, paid \$115,000 for GAR Transcendent 72. This tremendous Transcendent X Home Town daughter had many friends, and her video was viewed more than 390 times. Watch for great things to come from this young donor. Hillhouse, determined to win the day, paid \$70,000 for Lot 530, the high selling bred heifer in the sale. A new partnership, Pleasant Valley Farms, Shelbyville, Tenn., and Sam Smith, Wadley, Ga., selected Lot 633, GAR Transcendent 372, the high selling bred heifer in the sale on a winning bid of \$45,000. Good friends and GAR cooperators Travis Bunch, Surrency, Ga., and Ogeechee Farms, Wadley, Ga., selected donor Lot 459, GAR Kansas 1802, for \$25,000. Benjamin Soto, 2 Bar C Cattle Co., and B&B Cattle, Kyle, Texas, selected Lot 500, the high selling 3-N-1 to sell on a winning bid of \$25,000.

This Home Town dam safe in calf to Lot 1 GAR Powercat, and her Transcendent heifer calf, posting +2.15 marbling and +1.26 REA, and top 1% MG ROI, is the objective confirmation of quality and value in volume throughout the sale.

The Bunch-Ogeechee partnership also selected Lot 470, GAR Dual Threat 602, to add to their respective donors paying \$24,000. Stephanie Clark, Riverhill Farm, Fountain Inn, S.C., had the winning bid on Lot 517, another impressive Home Town daughter with her Transcendent heifer and bred back to Powercat. Longtime customer, Lyman Marion Ramsay, Ramsay Cattle Co., Grand Bay, Ala., selected donor Lot 476 and paid \$22,000. Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms, LLC, Baxley, Ga., paid \$19,500 to own bred heifer Lot 639. Lots 447 and 634 sold for \$18,000 each to John Michael Fierer, Cross F Ranch, Fort Worth, Texas; and Ramsay Cattle Co., respectively.

GAR cooperators Robin Wilson, Rocking W Angus, Jefferson, Ga., and Phillip Gleason, Legacy Farms, Trussville, Ala., joined forces and paid \$17,000 for donor Lot 466. Joe Waggoner, Waggoner Cattle Co., LLC, Carthage, Miss., also paid \$17,000 for Lot 494. Pleasant Valley added Lot 549 to their purchases on a winning bid of \$15,500. Four females, Lots 478, 480, 501 and 527, sold for \$15,000 each to Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio; Brian Kirkes, Kirkes Black Angus Ranch, Talihina, Okla.; Karry Dunn, DFC Dunn Four Ranch, LLC, Plano, Texas; and Greg Myers, Myers Circle Farm, Elkton, Ky., respectively.

The 45th Annual Spring Production Sale hosted one of the largest crowds to date for the Friday evening discussion and the auction on Saturday. The professionalism of the entire marketing team, including Colonel Rick Machado, Colonel Joel Birdwell and Colonel Eddie Burks and all livestock representatives resulted in a historic weekend at Gardiner Angus Ranch.

Notes of Interest:

A total of 904 head sold to 264 buyers from 31 states and Mexico.

563 bidders were registered to bid in person, on LiveAuctions.tv, and Superior.

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Joe Chadic, Graft Farms, Ennis, Texas; Britt Claxton, Millen, Ga.; Charles Ferguson, Ashby, Neb.; Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms, LLC, Baxley, Ga; Caskey Cattle Co., Owingsville, Ky.; Rex McCloy, McCloy Family Farm Partnership, Morse, Texas; Josh McKinney, McKinney Land & Cattle, May, Okla.; Louis Gardner, Claremore, Okla.; Don Montgomery, Montgomery Properties, Azle, Texas; Mark Pearson, Arete Ranch LLC, Spearman, Texas; Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, Okla.; Ryan Shotkoski, Shotkoski Hay Farms Partnership, Lexington, Neb.; Bob Young, Young Land & Cattle, Seymour, Texas.

Volume Buyers—Reg. Females: Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms; Bryan Foushee, Boerne, Texas; Aaron Sachs, Sachs Farms, Springfield, Mo.; Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas; Enrique Garcia, Santa Elena Ranch, Arteaga, Coahuila, Mexico; Robin Ham, Ham Cattle, Sweetwater, Texas; Travis Sherfick, Sherfick Cattle Co., Wakeeney, Kan.; Steven Smith, Ovalo, Texas; Jeff Wilkerson, Wilkerson Cattle Co., Marlow, Okla.; David Beasley, Creal Springs, Ill.; Nick Rippy, Pleasant Valley Farms, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Christine Elaine Biggs, Tri-County Vet Clinic, Seymour, Tenn.; Mike Kitchell, Lazy K Acres, McAlester, Okla.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Keith Daffron, Daffron Cattle Co., Flippin, Ark.; Aaron Sachs, Sachs Farms; Robin Wilson, Rocking W Angus; Rob & Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin, Kan.; Paul & Renee Green, Elk City, Okla.; Allen Garrett, Garrett Farms, Statham, Ga.

SALE TOTAL & AVERAGES

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
236	20-month-old registered bulls	\$3,034,000	\$12,856
136	16-18-month-old registered bulls	1,487,500	\$10,938
372 Lots	Total Bulls	\$4,521,500	\$12,154
48	Donor Heifers	\$605,000	\$12,604
26	3-N-1 Pairs	294,500	11,327
53	Bred Cows	512,500	9,670
142	Bred Heifers	1,138,500	8,018
269 Lots	Total Registered Females	\$2,550,500	\$9,481
641 Lots	Total Registered Lots	\$7,072,000	\$11,033
6	Bred Commercial Cows	\$21,000	\$3,500
232	Bred Commercial Heifers	\$914,500	\$3,942
238	Total Commercial Females	\$935,500	\$3,930
670 Lots (905 Head)	Overall Sale Total	\$8,007,500	\$9,173