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SUBJECT: Gardiner Angus Ranch's 37th Annual Sale Begins the Next Chapter

Progress is a product of change and an illustration of sustainability. Progress is evolutionary and spans generations. History is a wonderful reference tool, but only of value if used in the context of moving forward. The 37th Annual Gardiner Angus Ranch Spring Production Sale officially opened the next chapter with the dedication of the Henry & Nan Gardiner Marketing Center. The weekend signaled the completion of the state of the art cattle handling facility and multi-purpose marketing center and museum. The museum, while historically documenting Gardiner Angus Ranch, is intended to provide the proper context for the performance movement that ultimately connected predictable beef production to the consumer through the use of disciplined breeding, science and technology.

A large crowd, representing the Ashland community, Clark County, and the beef industry gathered Friday evening to celebrate the beginning of the next chapter of progress at Gardiner Angus Ranch. Dr. Dan Thomson, Jones Professor of Veterinary Medicine and host of RFD-TV's "DocTalk", entertained the crowd with "real world" discussion about the role of beef producers in the global conversation relative to supplying the planet in the next quarter-century.

At 9:00 AM sharp, Lot 1 entered the ring. GAR Method, arguably the most important son of GAR Momentum to date, sold at a rapid-fire pace for \$112,000 to The Method Syndicate. GAR Method ranks in the top 1% of the Method Genetics database for MPI, QPI and ROI. He is the first sire in the history of GAR selected using the Method Genetics dynamic, single-step system. The Method group includes Travis Bunch, Surrency, Ga.; Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio; Ogeechee Farms, Wadley, Ga.; Windy Brick Farm and J&M Cattle Co., Hillsboro, Ohio; and Van Beek Ranch, Pollock, S.D. Method is leased to Select Sires.

Dennis Garwood, Green Valley Cattle, Atkinson, Neb., and Clay Schaack, Schaack Ranch, Wall, S.D., teamed up to purchase Lot 6, GAR Prophet 5034. 5034 is a +16 for calving ease, top 1% for marbling and top 1% for all three Method Genetics indexes, MPI, QPI and ROI. This impressive sire prospect sold for \$45,000.

A January yearling, Lot 254, GAR Momentum J5012, captured considerable attention. His ultrasound scan required a second look with an actual IMF % of 11.22, supported by a +1.31 marbling, +1.16 ribeye and top 1% \$Beef. Aaron Arnett, Sexing Technologies, Navasota, Texas, and Steve Hillhouse, LaGrange, Texas, outlasted the competition to partner on J5012 at \$31,000.

Two outstanding beef producers teamed up to purchase Lot 3, GAR Sure Fire 7384. 7384's +1 marbling and ribeye ranks him in the top 2% of the Angus breed. His 3-1-1 ranking for Method indexes MPI, QPI and ROI earns special status among the breed's elite young prospects. Rex McCloy, Morse, Texas, and Jimmy Richardson, Richardson Cattle Co., Carlsbad, N.M., had the winning bid of \$30,000

for 7384.

Two bulls, Lots 4 and 63, sold to Dale Long, Long Ranch, Gate, Okla., and Greg Young, Keytesville, Mo., for \$21,000 each, respectively.

Each year, it's rewarding and humbling to recognize the acceptance of Gardiner Angus Ranch genetics by some of the best commercial producers in America. Long time customer, friend and professional beef producer, John Adams, Adams Cattle Co., Plains, Kan. bested the competition to own Lot 107, GAR Momentum 8054, for \$20,000.

Lot 8, a GAR Prophet son with an adj. IMF of 7.99%, +126 YW EPD and across the board 1% for all three Method Genetics indexes, sold to Greg Young for \$16,000. Another astute beef producer, friend and customer, Joe Mayer, Mayer Ranch, Guymon, Okla., won the race for Lot 137, selling for \$16,000. Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Fla., patiently waited to own Lot 265 for \$16,000.

Chris Hoffman, Lindsborg, Kan., paid \$15,000 to own Lot 124, GAR In Sure AB455. Two bulls, Lots 10 and 321 sold to Tim Dewey, Dewey Ranch, Cimarron, Kan., and Berry Bortz, Preston, Kan., for \$14,000 each, respectively. Each year, the proceeds from one bull, Lot 10, is donated to the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship and Lecture Series at Kansas State University. Special thanks to Tim Dewey for his purchase of Lot 10.

Five bulls sold in the \$13,000 range to four different buyers. Lots 5, 55, 68, 70 and 156, sold to Means Ranch Co., Van Horn, Texas; Gene Wagner, Concordia, Mo.; JLB Ranch, Dallas, Texas; and Chris Hoffman, respectively. Gene Wagner added to his load with the purchase of Lot 123 for \$12,500.

Eighteen bulls steadied the pace early on at \$12,000, selling to Yanke Farms, Sunray, Texas; Dewey Ranch; H.G. Adams, IV, Plains, Kan.; Corey Baker, Baker Ranch, Toronto, Kan.; Scott Sprengler, Deer Creek Ranch, Bryant, Wis.; Alan Jett, Jett Ranch, Laverne, Okla.; Gene Wagner; HG Land & Cattle Co., Offerle, Kan.; JLB Ranch; Larry Jones, Holcomb, Kan.; Jerry Maas, Maas Angus Farms, Quincy, Ill.; Edward McIntyre, Spearman, Texas; Mayer Ranch; Mel-ton Keller, Junction, Texas; and Billy Hefley, Briscoe, Texas.

Continuing at a steady pace, 13 bulls sold for \$11,000, selling to Means Ranch; Ray Farnsworth, Farnsworth Angus Ranch, Fort Duchesne, Utah; Galen Reece, Sawyer, Kan.; Greg Spears, Allen Angus/Scenic Point, Graham, Texas; Cooper and Katie Hurst, Hunt Hill Cattle Co., Woodville, Miss.; Jim Vich, Locust Grove, Okla.; Blake Junell, 611 Ranch, Claude, Texas; Karl Gillespie, Franklin, N.C.; Roger Giles, Giles Ranch Co., Ashland, Kan.; Tim Rietzke, Coldwater, Kan.; Chris Hoffman; Long Ranch; and Ginger and Sherry Wilson, Bandy Acres Farm, Irvington, Ky.

Five more bulls in the \$10,500 range sold to JLB Ranch; Tim Lust,

Lust Angus, Aber-nathy, Texas; James D. Lillard, Louisville, Tenn.; Ross Humphreys, San Rafael Cattle Co., Tuscon, Ariz.; and Galen Reece. Thirty-eight bulls sold in the \$10,000 range.

The female portion of the auction attracted another full house of bidders. The top two high selling females were purchased by Brian Bell, Square B Ranch & Cattle Co., Warsaw, Mo. Lot 412, GAR Ingenuity 2523, deserves the attention she commanded throughout the day. She sold for \$30,000. Lot 421, GAR 5050 New Design 823, combines double digit CED, top 2% \$Beef and top 2% for Method Genetics MPI, top 1% for QPI and ROI and sold for \$23,000. Brent and Tonya Huwa, Huwa Cattle, Roggen, Colo., outlasted the competition to own the high selling 3-N-1 pair selling for \$23,000.

Richie Longanecker paid \$22,000 to own Lot 673, GAR Prophet 454. Lot 703, another top GAR Prophet daughter, sold to Burnis Coleman III, Graniteville, S.C., for \$20,000. Jim and Sherry Brinkley, Milan, Mo., and Mark Rohr, Hays, Kan., teamed up to purchase donor Lot 441, GAR 5050 New Design 2583, for \$19,000.

A powerful GAR Anticipation daughter, Lot 664, earning top 1% in all three Method Genetics indexes, sold to Gary Taylor, Taylor Angus Farm, Arlington, Tenn., for \$18,500.

Returning to the donor group, William Evans, Evans Farms, Inc., Stephenville, Texas, paid \$17,000 to own Lot 418. Three donors, Lots 413, 414 and 438, sold, respectively, to Nick Hull, Blackstone Cattle Co., Stoughton, Wis.; Hillhouse Angus; and Mark Zimmerman, Circle Z, Vandalia, Ill., for \$16,000 each.

Lot 450, GAR Daybreak 2233, sold to Bob Mashburn, Mashburn Farms, Lindsay, Okla., for \$15,000. Lot 437 donor was purchased by Michael and Frank Wink, Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas, for \$14,000. Jimmy and Glennette Goode, Pampa, Texas, and Jimmy Richardson part-nered on Lot 422 and outlasted the competition at \$14,000. GAR cooperator, Jay Tinter, Marietta, Ga., added to his donor pen with Lot 420 and had a winning bid of \$13,000.

Repeat buyers Brian Bell and Travis Bunch purchased Lots 415 and 725, respectively, for \$12,000 each.

Two females, Lot 492, a 3-N-1, and Lot 600, a bred cow, sold in the \$11,500 range to Beal Cattle Enterprises, Blacksburg, Va.; and Doug Peterson, Peterson Farms, Overland Park, Kan., for \$11,500 each. Two more females, Lots 419, a donor, and Lot 699, a bred heifer, sold to Brian Kirkes, Kirkes Black Angus Ranch, Talihina, Okla., and Robert Carnahan, Marshfield, Mo., for \$11,000 each, respectively.

Four females sold in the \$10,500 range to Kenny Hinkle, Hinkle's Prime Cut Angus, Ne-vada, Mo.; Mashburn Farms; Jared Jensen, Duschesne, Utah; and Lynne Reynolds, Dallas, Texas, for \$10,500 each. Eight females sold in the \$10,000 range.

Notes of Interest:

1. Two hundred thirty five buyers representing 35 states purchased 694 lots in 6.5 hours.
2. 74% of the bulls sold for less than \$10,000
3. 87 head sold online

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Brant Baca, Baca Ranches, Vega, Texas; Ventura Gutierrez, Cenizo Cattle, LLC, Eagle Pass, Texas; Louie Gardner, Claremore, Okla.; Rob. & Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin, Kan.; Sunview Ranch, Syracuse, Kan.; Jim Bosler, JLB Ranch, Dallas, Texas; Sam Hands, Triangle H, Garden City, Kan.; Kurt Whitney, Haviland, Kan.; Cooper & Katie Hurst, Hunt Hill Cattle Co., Woodville, Miss.; Mark Pearson, Arete Ranch, Spearman, Texas; Jack Shelton, Bravo Cattle Co., Amarillo, Texas.

Volume Buyers—Registered Females: Justin and Jodi Busenlehner, Fuzzy Creek Angus, Rowena, Texas; Josh & Barney Bray, Bray Angus Farms, Paris, Texas; Jim Glover, Glover Ranch, Atoka, Okla.; Todd Creason, 3C Cattle Co., Carrollton, Mo.; Pat Jurgens, Odell, Neb.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Arnold Natali, Lone Oak Farms, Iowa, La., Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala.

Sale Total & Averages

Registered Bulls

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
223	16-18 mo. old registered bulls	\$2,257,500	\$10,123
144	14-16 mo. old registered bulls	981,750	6,818
367	Total Bulls	\$3,239,250	\$8,826

Registered Females

44	Donors	\$396,000	\$9,000
46	Cow-calf pairs (3N1)	378,500	8,281
100	Bred registered cows	423,100	4,231
28	Bred 2 yr-old cows	164,500	5,875
88	Bred registered heifers	501,500	5,699
306	Total Registered Female Lots	\$1,863,600	\$6,090
25	Bred commercial cows	\$ 98,600	\$3,944
143	Bred commercial heifers	\$470,350	\$3,289
168	Commercial Females	\$568,950	\$3,387
691 Total Lots / 884 Head		\$5,671,800	\$6,822