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The following information is being provided for your convenience in reporting the recent Gardiner Angus Ranch Production Sale.

SUBJECT: GARDINER ANGUS RANCH SALE REPORT

2005 Gardiner Angus Ranch 26th Annual Production Sale

A lifetime of beef production, 26 annual sales, four generations of consistent management and, still today, a firm commitment to the original goal of perpetual genetic improvement place Gardiner Angus Ranch among a very small circle in today's cattle industry.

On April 2, 343 buyers from 37 states and Mexico recognized the value of GAR genetics and were among the 1055 in attendance to make the sale another milestone at Gardiner Angus Ranch. The sale grossed \$6,252,350 on 881 lots.

Horton Angus Ranch, Westlake, TX, purchased Lot 1, GAR Preeminent, for \$185,000. Preeminent is a perfect example of the value of planned matings. Ranking in the top 5% for CED, CEM and top 10% for BW, this son of Whitestone Precision H141 out of 2409 offers some amazing end product numbers. He ranks in the top 1% of the breed for IMF, RE and %RP. Kelly Plemmons, Battiest, OK, paid \$15,000 to add Lot 3, GAR 1407 New Design 7723 to his program. Near the end of the bull offering, Oak Hill Angus, Eutaw, AL, took home GAR Pinnacle 8523 for \$15,000. 8523 is the #2 ranked non-parent bull of the entire Angus breed for both \$B and %IMF. Lot 4, a New Design 1407 son out of GAR 1019, commanded lots of attention with Everyn Baumgardner, Gurdon, AR outlasting all contending bidders at \$13,000. Kyle Lane, Mascot, TN, had the winning bid at \$12,500 for Lot 85, an impressive son of Precision out of GAR New Design 2609. Lot 22 sold to Diamond W, Fayetteville, TX, for \$12,000. Parker Friedrich, Andy Bower and Callaway Farms teamed up to purchased Lot 2, GAR Prominent, a full brother to Preeminent, for \$11,500. Four outstanding young sires, Lots 7, 9, 14 and 25, sold for \$10,000 each to Leon Stauffer, Yates Center, KS, Phelps Creek Angus, Brookneal, VA, Tim Meier, Hitchcock, OK and Dornak Misty Creek Ranch, Shiner, TX.

Approximately 4 hours after the sale began, the first female sold. Lot 450, GAR 1407 New Design 102, a full sister to GAR Integrity, sold to Vintage Angus, Modesto, CA for \$110,000. Hinkle's Prime Cut Angus, Nevada, MO added 2 tremendous 2536 donors to their program with the purchase of Lots 445 and 443 for \$100,000 and \$70,000 respectively. Lot 445 , an Expectation daughter, ranks in the top 1% of the Angus breed for WW, YW, RE, \$F and \$B. Lot 443 out of Rito 616 also ranks in the top 1% among all Angus dams for WW, YW, %IMF, \$F and \$B. Lot 456, an EXT daughter that goes back to 5H11, sold to Galaxy Beef and Riverbend Farms for \$75,000. Prospect Hill Farm, Pine Plains, NY, paid \$70,000 for another of the top donors in the sale. GAR Precision 81 is a maternal sister to Lot 1, Preeminent, and is the #3 %IMF cow in the breed. Riverbend Farms, Idaho Falls, ID, had the winning bid for Lot 453, an impressive 036 daughter out of 2168, at \$55,000. Prospect Hill continued to add strength to their donor program with the purchase of Lot 458 for \$50,000. Sterling-Hunter, Bath, MI, purchased Lot 446, GAR 616 Rito 211 for \$45,000. Also adding donors to their programs are Flying M Ranch, Danville, AR, and Clyde Moore, Whiteville, NC, paying \$42,000 and \$40,000 respectively. Sunny Valley Farms, Yorkville, IL, Danny Lynn, Mexico, MO, and Blake Sherrod, Birmingham, AL, added donors to their already strong Angus

seedstock operations with their purchases of Lots 448, 455 and 473 each at \$35,000.

The cow-calf portion of the offering was also representative of the demand. Dennis Wilk, Essex, MA, purchased Lot 501, GAR New Design 591, an 036 daughter out of 2114, for \$47,000. 591 sold with her 8/14/04 heifer calf by GAR Retail Product at side and rebred to GAR US Premium Beef. DeBusk Angus, Powell, TN, paid \$27,000 for Lot 525, a 616 daughter that sold with her Retail Product heifer calf and rebred to GAR User Friendly. Buck LeBus, Lexington, KY, David Johnson, Quitman, AR and Leachman Cattle Co. of Colorado, Wellington, CO, each paid \$18,000 for three-in-one packages to add to their programs.

Maplecrest Farms and Boyd Beef Cattle had the winning bid of \$35,000 for Lot 601, the top selling bred 18-month-old heifer. Lot 600, an impressive 1407 daughter, came in a strong second in the bred heifers selling to Eagle Farm and Ranch, Brownell, KS for \$32,500. Richard Jeppesen, Howey in the Hills, FL paid \$27,000 for Lot 608, another excellent bred heifer. Goode Angus, Dreamcatcher and 2 Bar Angus partnered on Lot 612 at \$16,000 while Van Beek Ranch, Pollock, SD also paid \$16,000 for Lot 629. The 18-month-old open heifers were equally as strong with Gardiner Smith, Shelbyville, TN paying \$18,000 for Lot 607. John and Bonnie Slocombe, Manhattan, KS added to their herd with Lot 613 at \$15,000. Sunny Valley Farms took home Lot 822X, another super heifer at \$10,000.

John and Bonnie Slocombe paid \$18,000 for the top selling spring ET heifer, Lot 786, a 1407 daughter out of 2309. Glen and Tom Truckenbrod, Mendota, IL purchased the second high selling spring ET, Lot 794 at \$15,000. Elm Creek Cattle Co., Brashear, TX, and the team of Parker Friedrich and Blake Callaway purchased spring ETs, Lots 748 and 761 for \$11,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

After a long day, the bidding was still fierce for the commercial heifers. Trevor Hinkle, Nevada, MO purchased the top selling pen of heifers for \$3,600. Edwin Tritt, Bells, TN paid \$3,400 for the second high selling pen of heifers.

Tony Ault, County Line Angus, Seymour, IN purchased the top selling Quarter horse at \$4,500.

Volume buvers:

Females: Tony Ault, County Line Angus, Seymour, IN—registered females; Phelps Creek Angus, Brookneal, VA—registered females; David Simpson, Weatherford, TX—bred commercial heifers.

Bulls: Buena Vista Ranch, Buena Vista, NM; Rockin L Ranch, Nacogdoches, TX; TLW Land & Cattle, Oklahoma City, OK; Triangle H Land & Cattle Co., Garden City, KS; Robertson Farms, Sayre, OK.

Additional notes of interest:

There were 966 head in the sale counting the calves at side of 85 head. The sale was conducted in 7.5 hours.

90 lots sold for \$10,000 or more.

11 bulls out of 421 offered sold for \$10,000 or more.

2005 Gardiner Angus Ranch 26th Annual Production Sale Total & Averages REGISTERED BULLS

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
340	18-mo-old bulls	\$2,214,500.00	\$6,513.24
81	Spring ET yearling bulls	402,000.00	4,962.96
421 Bulls	REGISTERED FEMALES	\$2,616,500.00	\$6,215.00
43	Donor females	\$1,193,500.00	\$27,755.81
83	Cow-calf pairs (3 N 1)	769,000.00	9,265.06
23	Bred Cows	129,750.00	5,641.30
135	Bred 18-mo-old registered heifers	866,250.00	6,416.67
22	Open 18-mo-old registered heifers	119,500.00	5,431.82
63	Spring ET heifers	282,750.00	4,488.10
2	Spring calving pairs	12,000.00	6,000.00
371	Registered Females	\$3,372,750.00	9,093.67
83	Bred & open commercial heifers	\$248,600.00	2,995.18
6	Registered Quarter horses	14,500.00	2,416.67
881 Total Lots	-	\$6,252,350.00	\$7,096.88