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Gardiner Angus Ranch 4th Annual Bull Sale

September 29, in the midst of rising input costs, an unstable economy and the largest single day stock drop in Wall Street history, Gardiner Angus Ranch sold 214 bulls in a record 2 hours. The bulls sold to 88 buyers from 20 states, Mexico and South America on a near perfect fall day. The truest evaluation of anyone's product doesn't happen in the best of times. It happens during difficult times. The truest evaluation is based on proven quality, trust and a brand backed by unflappable integrity.

Alexandre Zadra, CRV Lagoa, Sao Paulo, Brazil, purchased the high selling bull, Lot 60, GAR MC Predestined J7003, with a winning bid of \$14,000. This Predestined son out of Maplecrest Rita 303 recorded the heaviest adjusted yearling weight of any bull in the sale. Lot 6, another Predestined son out of GAR Precision 1193 sold to Stan and Glenda Haag, Coffeyville, KS, for \$12,000. Lots 1 and 3 each brought \$10,000. Lot 1, GAR Objective N6217, ranked in the top 1% of the breed for WW, YW, Milk, \$W, \$F and \$B and sold to Virgil Lawlis, Bastrop, TX. Lot 3, GAR 5050 New Design M097, was one of the most balanced bulls in the sale and sold to Glen Gisclair, Cut Off, LA. Lynn Cowden, Skellytown, TX, purchased Lot 20, GAR Objective N5037, for \$8,500. Four bulls—Lots 9, 22, 32, and 35 sold for \$8,000 each to Dale Jackson, Oakdale, CA and Lynn Cowden, with Alexandre Zadra purchasing Lots 32 and 35. Three bulls—Lots 4, 62 and 63 sold for \$7,500 each to Kim Widner, Alpena, AR, Joe Mayer, Guymon, OK and Bryan and Carol Switzer, Bucklin, MO. Terry Bradshaw, Dallas, TX, Betty Flowers, Edwards, MO, and Chili W. Sinclair, Mt. Pleasant, TX, each paid \$7,000 to own lots 34, 76 and 77, respectively. Five bulls— Lots 28, 36, 118, 182 and 213 sold for an average of \$5,750 to Bravo Cattle Company, Amarillo, TX. Thirteen bulls sold in the \$6,500 range and another 13 sold for \$6,000. The market was quite steady with 25 bulls selling for \$5,500 and 22 bulls bringing \$5,000 each.

The sale bulls averaged in the top 15% of the Angus breed for calving ease, the bottom 41% (lighter BW) for birth weight while ranking in the top 20% of the breed for weaning weight. The

average yearling weight ranking places the group on the top 11% of the breed while ranking in the bottom 35% of the breed for yearling hip height. The \$Value index average of the entire offering places the bulls in the top 21% for \$W, top 15% for \$F, top 3% for \$G and top 2% for \$B. The offering ranks in the top 3% of the breed for marbling and top 4% for ribeye.

Many buyers on the seats represented diverse commercial beef production systems from cow-calf producers to cattle feeders to retained ownership operations.

Top Five Selling Bulls:

Lot 60: Alexandre Zadra, CRV Lagoa, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Lot 6: Stanley & Glenda Haag, Coffeyville, KS; Lot 1: Virgil Lawlis, Bastrop, TX; Lot 3: Glen Gisclair, Cut Off, LA; Lot 20: Lynn Cowden, Skellytown, TX.

Volume Buyers:

Charles Bird, Midland, TX; Alico, Inc., LaBelle, FL; Mertz 09 Ranch, San Angelo, TX; Latigo Cattle Co., Butler, MO; Merrill Ranch, Wilmore, KS; John Jackson, Quanah, TX; Reeves & Betsy Brown, Beulah, CO.

Bull Sale Total & Averages

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
214	18 mo-old bulls	\$988,750	\$4,620
1	Registered Quarter horse	2,500	2,500
Total		\$991,250	