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Date: 4/12/10 Contact: Debbie Norton @ (785) 354-8596 Ext. 114 Graphic Arts of Topeka, Inc. EMAIL: deb@gathh.com The following information is being provided for your convenience in reporting the recent Gardiner Angus Ranch Production Sale.

SUBJECT: GARDINER ANGUS RANCH SALE REPORT

2010 GARDINER ANGUS RANCH 31st ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE

The 31st Annual Spring Production Sale will likely be remembered as one of the strongest bull sales on record at Gardiner Angus Ranch. Sustainable predictability and added value throughout the food chain continues to bring a high percentage of repeat customers back each year for this annual event. This year 262 buyers from 32 states made the trip for the 31st Annual Sale.

The use of proven, high accuracy sires, disciplined breeding and extensive data have eliminated, as much as possible, genetic unpredictability. Lot 1, GAR Progress, is the result of a half-century of disciplined breeding. He recorded an IMF ratio of 127, RE ratio of 112, a +1.09 MARB and a \$B Value of +\$72.01. Progress is a son of Predestined out of one of the great cows in the history of GAR, GAR Objective 2345. When the gavel fell after intense bidding, one-half interest in GAR Progress sold to Zoar Valley Angus Farm, Gowanda, NY, for \$180,000. Zoar Valley Angus joins GAR as a partner with Select Sires in GAR Progress.

Next in the ring and second high-selling bull, Lot 2, GAR Twinhearts 8418, the #1 \$Beef Index, non-parent bull of the Angus breed, sold to Twin Hearts Ranch, Broadus, MT, for \$42,000. 8418's data is equally as impressive recording a YW EPD of +136, IMF ratio of 138 and a +\$79.93 \$B. Subsequent to the sale, this son of Objective was leased to Accelerated Genetics. Lot 4, GAR Predestined 7698, full brother to GAR Progress, sold to Steve Stratford, Pratt, KS, for \$16,000. Two bulls, Lots 7 and 25, GAR Chair Rock Objective K318 and GAR Predestined 7938, each sold to Sexing Technologies, Navasota, TX, and Willow Creek Angus, Stephenville, TX, for \$15,000. Another GAR Chair Rock bull, K548, a 5050 son, recorded a 123 RE ratio, YW ratio of 112 with a +69.59 \$B value, sold to Lynn Cowden, Skellytown, TX, for \$14,000. Long-time friend of Gardiner Angus Ranch, Donnell Brown, R.A. Brown Ranch, Throckmorton, TX, had the winning bid on Lot 26, GAR Predestined 5588, at \$13,000. Longtime GAR customer, Virgil Lawlis, Bastrop, TX, took home another GAR Progress full brother with his purchase of Lot 11, GAR Predestined 7088, for \$12,000. Lots 9 and 37, sold to Jim Brinkley, Milan, MO, and Joe Waggoner, Jackson, MS, for \$11,000 each. John Adams, Adams Ranch, Plains, KS, purchased Lot 71, a low birth, high growth Objective son, for \$10,500. Four bulls, Lots 6, 19, 34 and 72 sold for \$10,000 to Box W Ranch, Lipan, TX, Harry Laws, Bueche, LA, John Adams, and Glen Gisclair, Cut Off, LA, respectively. Seven bulls sold for \$9,000 each to Glen Gisclair, Glen and Lou Briscoe, Tucumcari, NM, Gary Wilson, Burwell, NE, Bryan Sims, Palestine, WV, Kent Cooper, Mt. Pleasant, TX. Thaine and Anita Schickedanz, Fargo. OK, and Mule Creek Ranch, Wilmore, KS. Fletcher Ranch, Lakin, KS, had the winning bid of \$8,500 on Lot 103, GAR MC Objective J8180. Seven bulls, Lots 3, 16, 38, 39, 44, 89 and 106, were purchased for \$8,000 by six buyers. The bulls were purchased by Joe Mayer, Guymon, OK; Lon Byars, Vernon, TX; Glen Gisclair; Lynn Cowden; Jack Boyer, Perryville, MO; and Clarence Yanke, Sunray, TX. Lots 15, 73 and 129 were purchased by George Hoffman, Letart, WV; Frank Turner, Mobile, AL; and Snake Creek Ranch, Ashland, KS, for \$7,500 respectively.

The top selling donor, GAR Predestined 3826, a GAR Predestined daughter out of a Grid Maker dam, ranks among the top 150 dams of the Angus breed for \$Beef. If her production record as a young donor is an indication of her future, it is a bright one. 3826 sold to Evans Farms, Stephenville, TX, for \$45,000. Lot 332, GAR Predestined N736, another high selling donor, sold to Southern Cattle Company, Marianna, FL, for \$35,000, Deer Valley Farm had the winning \$20,000 bid to own Lot 346, GAR Objective 3216. A \$17,000 final bid by Mashburn Farms, Lindsay, OK, bought Lot 352, GAR Predestined 2786. Blackstone Farms, Nick and Roxanne Hull, Stoughton, WI, purchased Lots 349, GAR Predestined 3646, and Lot 345, GAR 111 Rito 416, with winning bids of \$13,000 and \$11,000 respectively. GAR Allied Producer, Chair Rock Ranch, Shawnee Mission, KS, added to their growing herd of high accuracy donors with the purchase of Lot 341, GAR Yield Grade N366, for \$12,000. Another GAR Allied Producer, Dale Jackson, J3 Ranch, Oakdale, CA, outlasted the competing bidders to own Lot 344, GAR Objective R146, for \$10,000. Two more donors, Lots 335 and 340 sold for \$9,000 to Jay Tinter, Marietta, GA, and Virgil Lawlis. Shepherd Hills Cattle Company, Lebanon, MO and Blackstone Farms purchased Lots 347 and 351, respectively, for \$8,000. Four outstanding donors sold to four top Angus operations for \$7,000. Lots 334, 336, 337 and 339 sold, respectively, to Goode Angus, Pampa, TX, Dan Strong, Olathe, KS, Bridges Angus, Lexington, GA and J-Buckle Ranch, Willow, OK.

GAR Allied Producer, John and Bonnie Slocombe, BJ Angus, Manhattan, KS, paid \$12,000 to own the top selling pair, Lot 366, GAR Retail Product L1216. L1216, a 1407 daughter, sold with her 8/30/09 heifer calf at side and rebred to GAR Predestined. Lot 370, a Rito 111 daughter and Lot 394, a Predestined daughter, sold to Putney Enterprises, Gladbrook, IA and Brian and Brandi Walker, Cameron, MO, for \$10,000, respectively. Lot 409, GAR Objective 2237, sold with her 8/09 heifer by Big Eye, to Oak Tree Angus, Morris, IL, for \$7,000. Parker Ranch, Eddie and Karen Parker, Waurika, OK, and James Lisonbee, Roosevelt, UT, each paid \$6,250 to own Lots 393 and 447, respectively. Five pairs, Lots 378, 386, 389, 404 and 426 each sold, respectively, to Andrew Azcarraga, Collbran, CO, Ronnie Glover, Elgin, OK, Steve Jorstad and Troy Thomas, Harrold, SD. Donald Osbourn, Clarksville, TX paid \$5,750 to own Lot 390. Repeat buyers, Putney Enterprises and Virgil Lawlis each paid \$5,500 to own Lots 381 and 387, respectively. The demand for pairs kept the bidding active as repeat customers Robert Carnahan, Marshfield, MO and Boyd Beef Cattle, Mays Lick, KY took home Lots 365 and 374 with winning bids of \$5,250. Eight pairs sold for \$5,000 to repeat buyers Joe Waggoner, Ronnie Glover, Dale Inman, Childress, TX, Brian and Brandi Walker, Donald Osbourn, Oak Tree Angus and Putney Enterprises.

Maplecrest Farms, John and Joanie Grimes, Hillsboro, OH, also GAR Allied Producers, had the winning bid on an exceptional Rito 111 X 1407 daughter, GAR 111 Rito 1566 at \$24,000. 1566 is a maternal sister to 2345, and sold bred to GAR Progress. Two Objective daughters, Lots 461 and 463, sold to Travis Clayburn, Duchesne, UT and Gary Taylor, Lakeland, TN for \$6,000. Henry "Bubba" Bamberg, Bamberg, SC paid \$4,500 to own Lot 457, GAR Retail Product L376. Five more bred females sold for \$4,000. Lots 459, 486, 487, 497 and 522 sold to Blackstone Farms, Mark and Susan Jones, Amarillo, TX, Putney Enterprises, Beal Cattle Enterprises, Blackburg, VA and Brandons Ranch, Shawnee, OK.

John Downs, Southern Cattle Co., found Lot 541, GAR 5050 New Design 8, and paid \$26,000, making her the top selling bred heifer. Maplecrest Farms struck again with the winning bid of \$18,000 for Lot 691X, an impressive Predestined daughter with a %IMF ratio of 108, REA ratio of 118, a MARB EPD of +1.01 and a +65.62 \$Beef. Dale Jackson, J3, added two more bred heifers to his load with Lot 547 selling for \$10,000 and Lot 558 selling for \$6,750. J3 also had the winning bid of \$10,000 for an open Objective daughter, Lot 545. Chair Rock Ranch added Lot 567 to their selections, selling for \$6,500. Burnis Coleman III, Graniteville, SC, selected Lot 539, another Predestined X Retail Product combination bred to B/R New Day 454 and paid \$6,000 to own her. Oak Tree Angus added another purchase to his load with his purchase of Lot 549 for \$5,500. Philip Gleason, Springville, AL and Don and Lee Robbins, Grand Bayou Farms,

Dubach, LA, purchased Lots 537 and 594 for \$5,000 respectively.

True to tradition, the open spring ET heifers generated considerable excitement. Southern Cattle stayed late and kept the bidding strong with the final bid of \$17,000 to own Lot 722, GAR Predestined 9D02. A young female that is a top 1% of the breed female "across the board", 9D02 is destined to become a great donor. Hinkle's Prime Cut, Nevada, MO, claimed GAR 28 Ambush L119, Lot 692, with a winning bid of \$7,500. BJ Angus found Lot 710, GAR Retail Product G59, and outlasted all competitors with a winning bid of \$7,250. Grand Bayou Farms continued to add to their young Angus operation with a high quality selection in Lot 693, full sister to Lot 692, selling for \$6,500. Four open spring ET heifers sold for \$5,000 to Putney Enterprises, Robert Carnahan and Hillhouse Angus, La Grange, TX.

Strong demand for both bulls and females continued throughout the day. The sale was completed in six hours.

Volume Buyers—Bulls:

Mertz 09 Ranch, El Dorado, TX; Johnson Ranches, Amarillo, TX; Triangle H Cattle & Grain, Garden City, KS; W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon, TX; Lynn Wright, Zigler Ranch, San Antonio, TX; Lynn Cowden, Skellytown, TX; Jimmy Richardson, Carlsbad, NM.

Volume Buyers—Registered Females: Terry Bradshaw, Thackerville, OK; Persimmon Creek Angus, Sharon, OK; Beal Cattle Enterprises, Blackburg, VA; Oak Tree Angus, Morris, IL; Brady Jarvis, Bremen, KY; Parker Ranch, Waurika, OK; Hillhouse Angus, LaGrange, TX.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Seth Belstle, Fayette, MO; William Tuttle, Baton Rouge, LA; Randy Browning, Appleton City, MO; Randy Pourciau, Jarreau, LA; George Newman, Abilene, TX; Dan Strang, Valley Falls, KS; Kent Cooper, Mt. Pleasant, TX; Bill Freeman, Cunningham, TN

Additional notes of interest:

- 5% of the bulls sold for \$10,000 or more
- 37% of the bulls sold from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- 59% of the bulls sold from \$3,000 to \$5,000
- 33% of the total sale offering consisted of commercial females

2010 GARDINER ANGUS RANCH 31st ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE TOTAL/AVERAGES Registered Bulls

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
297	18 mo-old bulls	\$1,743,750	\$5,871
	Registe	red Females	
24	Donor females	\$263,500	\$10,979
96	Cow-calf pairs (3N1)	405,500	4,224
73	Bred cows	256,500	3,513
109	Bred heifers	364,250	3,342
10	Open 18 mo. old heifers	28,250	2,825
34	Spring ET heifers	131,750	3,875
	Comme	rcial Females	
70	Bred commercial cows	111,450	1,592
253	Bred commercial heifers	372,175	1,471
	Registered	Quarter Horses	
4	Registered Quarter horses	7,350	1,837
970 Lots		\$3,684,475	\$3,798