



## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### SUBJECT: Gardiner Angus Ranch 11<sup>th</sup> Fall Annual Bull Sale Signals New Beginning

Gardiner Angus Ranch's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bull Sale was a good example of new beginnings simply serving as a beacon of progress. The 2015 fall sale cattle are the first volume offering to sell with industry driven, commercial indexes designed by the scientists at Method Genetics. The new indexes for maternal production (MPI), quality pounds (QPI) and retained ownership income (ROI) were provided on each lot, along with the traditional American Angus Association EPDs and index values.

The three high selling bulls were sons of GAR Prophet. Lot 2, GAR Forecast, is out of the record selling GAR Progress 830. GAR Forecast sold to John Downs, Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla., for \$50,000. A full brother, Lot 251, GAR Professional, sold to Sexing Technologies, Navasota, Texas, for \$37,000. Lot 254, another GAR Prophet son, GAR Prophet 7244, out of GAR Daybreak 1610, sold to Randy Criner, Esparto, Calif., for \$32,000.

Joe Waggoner, Waggoner Cattle Co., Jackson, Miss., had the winning bid on Lot 277, GAR Sure Fire 6404, for \$21,000. GAR Oracle, Lot 18, was purchased by Doug Dalton, Dalton's On The Sycamore, Richmond, Va., for \$18,000. GAR Oracle is an excellent combination of calving ease, growth and end product merit.

Two bulls brought \$16,000 each. Lot 1, GAR Predictor sold to Sexing Technologies. GAR Predictor earned top 1% in the three Method Genetics indexes for MPI, QPI and ROI. In addition, he ranked in the top 1% CED, WW and YW EPDs. Lot 259, GAR Prophet 6514, sold to long-time customer Tommy Cartrite, Sunray, Texas. 6514 all ranks in the top 1% for MPI, 2% for QPI and 1% for ROI as well as top 1% for WW, YW and REA EPDs.

Two more GAR Prophet sons sold for \$15,000. Lot 135, GAR Prophet N5714 sold to Mike Roller, Purdy, Mo. Lot 253, GAR Prophet 6604 sold to Sawyer Creek Farms, Springfield, Mo. Both bulls rank in the top 1% for MPI, QPI and ROI.

Lots 146 and 349 sold for \$14,000 each to Chris Hoffman, Lindsborg, Kan., and Joe Mayer, Mayer Ranch, Guymon, Okla. Nine bulls, Lots 5, 15, 17, 20, 46, 74, 144, 184 and 280 each sold for \$13,000 to Means Ranch Co., Van Horn, Texas; Long Ranch, Gate, Okla.; Larson Angus Ranch, Sharon Springs, Kan.; Manuel Gonzalez, Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila, Mexico; Chris Hoffman; Bill Nix, Canadian, Texas; and Gonzalo Balza, Whitesboro, Texas.

Two bulls, Lot 250, GAR Prophet 6164, and Lot 301, GAR Ten X D4255, sold for \$12,500 to Yanke Farms, Sunray, Texas, and long-time GAR customer, Joe Mayer, respectively.

Seven bulls, Lots 22, 39, 140, 186, 187, 274 and 279, sold in the \$12,000 range to Harry Wells, Marfa, Texas; Manuel Gonzalez; Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio; Travis Nutsch, Hamilton, Kan.; Michael Mertz, Eldorado, Texas; and Chris Hoffman.

Ten bulls, Lots 12, 23, 102, 136, 155, 188, 193, 271, 276 and 308, sold for \$11,000, to professional commercial producers. Six GAR Prophet sons, two GAR Progress sons, a GAR Composure and GAR Ten X sons sold to Circle K Farms, Lebanon, Va.; Means Ranch; Travis Nutsch; Tommy Cartrite; Michael Mertz; Chris Hoffman and Mayer Ranch.

Five bulls sold for \$10,500. Lots 69, 177, 268, 292, 341 sold to Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala.; Bryan & Carol Switzer, Bucklin, Mo.; Sam Harrell, Claude, Texas; and Allen Angus, Graham, Texas.

**Volume Bull Buyers:** Gibson Ranch, Paducah, Texas; Tim Thatcher, Pueblo, Colo.; John Mazoch, Bueche, La.; S&J Ranch, Iowa Park, Texas; Ken & Dixie Welch, Baird, Texas; Y Bar Ranch, Tilden, Texas; Chris Hoffman, Lindsborg, Kan.; Southfork Land & Cattle Co., Forrest, Miss.; and Michael Mertz, El Dorado, Texas.

**Volume Registered Females:** Sawyer Creek Farms, Springfield, Mo.

**Volume Commercial Females:** Bouvier Farms, Larose, La.; Circle K Farms, Lebanon, Va.; Bravo Cattle Co., Amarillo, Tex.; Andy Sherrerd, Wayne, Okla.

The Method Genetics indexes are derived from an exclusive database of performance records, pedigree and genomic information collected from Method Genetics (MG) customers, Gardiner Angus Ranch and GAR customers. The indexes are unique and provide a valuable benchmarking tool for GAR customers. The MG indexes closely reflect industry price trends. The retained ownership income (ROI) index is derived with a complete production system approach from conception through carcass endpoints. Buyers embraced the new tools and were quick to incorporate the information as they sought to enhance their ability to make informed buying decisions.

The original Gardiner Angus Ranch sale facility has hosted 36 spring and 11 fall sales. Since 1980, a total of 11,586 bulls have been sold for a \$4,328 average. More than 9,176 registered females, averaged \$3,435, and 1,849 commercial females have passed through the ring. Next spring, the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Production Sale will be held in the new Henry & Nan Gardiner Marketing Center. This state of the art sale facility and marketing center will signal yet another new beginning and the next generation at Gardiner Angus Ranch.

#### Notes of Interest:

- One hundred fifty buyers from 24 states purchased 612 head of cattle in 4.5 hours.
- 150 GAR Prophet sons average \$8,395
- 234 GAR Prophet, GAR Progress and GAR Sure Fire sons averaged \$8,033 and represented 49% of the sale offering.

### Sale Total & Averages

#### Registered Bulls

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
11	Two-Year Old Bulls	\$68,000	\$6,182
115	17-20 Mo. Old Bulls	956,000	\$8,313
100	15-16 Mo. Old Bulls	\$743,750	\$7,437
256	Fall Yearling Bulls	\$1,777,000	\$6,941
<b>482</b>	<b>Total Bulls</b>	<b>\$3,544,750</b>	<b>\$7,354</b>

#### Registered & Commercial Females

37	Bred Females	\$201,250	\$5,439
93	Bred Commercial Heifers	\$252,300	\$2,713
<b>612 Lots</b>		<b>\$3,998,300</b>	<b>\$6,533</b>