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The Gardiner Angus Ranch 44th Spring Sale Confirms Demand for Value-Added Genetics

The constant thread that runs through every Gardiner Angus Ranch sale is the rock-solid foundation of commercial cow-calf producers that, along with GAR, collectively become reliant upon each other to make beef better. The first Saturday in April has become synonymous with education, quality and customer service.

Over 500 bidders from 35 states, Canada and Mexico competed throughout the day for 772 lots of registered and commercial Angus. At 9 AM sharp, the bidding began on Lot 1, GAR Fireproof, arguably one of the most exciting young sires to sell since GAR Home Town. Fireproof is a new-age genetic package with extraordinary potential to improve populations of beef cattle. Fireproof is sired by GB Fireball 672 out of Chair Rock Sure Fire 6095, the dam of GAR Home Town, the high use sire in the Angus breed in 2022. Mike Relk, MI-HUD Angus Ranch, Kuna, Idaho, was determined and outlasted fierce competition to own GAR Fireproof on a winning bid of \$450,000.

Lot 152, the top selling bull in the younger bull category, attracted many friends throughout the week leading up to the sale. G A R O G 831G offers elite genetics from birth to end product. Randall Grimmus, Grimmus Cattle Co., Hanford, Calif., paid \$45,000 to add to 831G to his tremendous herd sire battery.

Jorgan Beck, Munson Angus Farm, Junction City, Kan., selected Lot 2, GAR Home Town 6041, a full brother to GAR Home Free, one of the high selling bulls in the 2022 spring sale and paid \$24,000. Lot 151, the lead-off bull in the 16-to-18-month old bulls, son of Home Town, L1591, sold to Gary Tanner, Tanner Farms, Ellisville, Miss., for \$20,000. Bill Boyer, Boyer Brothers Angus, Perryville, Mo., and Ronald Fox, Plains, Kan., each paid \$19,000 for Lot 3 and Lot 162, respectively. Lot 25, Home Town 1264J, stacked for elite marbling and muscle, sold to Charles Henderson, Vienna, Mo., for \$18,500.

Three bulls, Lots 15, 32 and 166, sold to John Michael Fierer, Fort Worth, Texas, and Rex McCloy, McCloy Family Farm Partnership, Morse, Texas, on winning bids of \$17,000 each. Galen Reece, Sawyer, Kan., outlasted the competition to own two Transcendent sons, Lots 219 and 168, on winning bids of \$16,500 and \$16,000. One of the most progressive commercial cow-calf operations in America and longtime GAR customer, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, Okla., selected Lot 175, GAR Transcendent 41B, on a winning bid of \$16,000. Another progressive commercial cow-calf producer and GAR customer, Brian Walt, Collyer, Kan., selected Lot 189, GAR Home Town M2008, and paid \$16,000 to own him.

John Michael Fierer had studied his catalog and selected Lots 16, 17, 66 on winning bids of \$15,500 and \$15,000 each. Select Sires selected Lot 33, GAR Home Town 6971, and paid \$15,000 to own him. Commercial cow-calf producers and longtime GAR customer, Rob and Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin, Kan., selected Lots 154 and 194 and paid \$15,000 each. Sellard Farms retain ownership and set a new record for USPB premiums in 2022. Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, patiently waited until deep into the bull sale to select Lot 365 for \$15,000.

Lot 28, GAR Hometown 138D, sold to John Michael Fierer on a winning bid of \$14,500. Three bulls sold in the \$14,000 range. Lots 169, 197 and 210 sold for \$14,000 each to Tim Rietzke, Coldwater, Kan.; Jim Vich, Locust Grove, Okla., and John Michael Fierer, respectively.

The female portion of the auction was equally as competitive as the bulls. A few years ago, Gardiner Angus Ranch began the practice of selling every current donor. One hundred young donors were offered in the sale. The high selling donor was GAR Home Town 1901. She ranks in the upper percentiles across all production traits plus elite end product merit. Steve Hillhouse, Hillhouse Angus, LaGrange, Texas, had the winning bid of \$50,000. Bryan Fisher, JB Farms, LLC, Clarksburg, West Va., selected Lot 438, an outstanding Quantum daughter, and paid \$49,000. Theo Costas, TPC Angus, Richland, Miss., added Lot 440, GAR Home Town 1981, to his donor pen on a winning bid of \$40,000. John Michael Fierer paid \$39,000 to own Lot 439. Two donors, Lots 435 and 441, sold to Bryan Fisher, JB Farms LLC and George Simpson, Hazelton, British Columbia, Canada, for \$37,000 each, respectively. JB Farms LLC, selected Lot 442 and paid \$36,000. Longtime GAR customer and friends, Maplecrest Farms, John and Joanie Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, selected Lot 457, GAR Identified R121, to add to the Maplecrest donor pen on a winning bid of \$35,000. Two female lots, donor 446 and 555, top selling bred cow, sold for \$33,000 each to John Michael Fierer and Jonathan Perry, Deer Valley Farm, Fayetteville, Tenn., respectively. Fierer also added another donor to his load on a winning \$26,000 bid for Lot 433. Philip Gleason, Legacy Farms, Trussville, Ala., selected

an elite Home Town donor, Lot 448, to add to his ET program paying \$25,000. Alex Williams, Johnson City, Tenn., outlasted the competition to own Lot 462, GAR Identified N811, for \$24,000. Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Florida, selected Lot 460 and paid \$22,000. Steve Hillhouse and Richie Longanecker, each paid \$21,000 for Lots 432 and 563, respectively. John Michael Fierer selected another elite Transcendent daughter to add to his purchases, Lot 434, and paid \$20,000.

The accuracy and simplicity of the Method Genetics database and benchmarking EPDs and indexes have helped to quantify high-valued commercial females since its launch in 2014. This sale featured 347 bred commercial females selling in 10 head groups complete with Method Genetics EPDs and Indexes. Robin Wilson, Rocking W Angus, Jefferson, Georgia, purchased two, 10 head groups on a winning bid of \$4,700 per head. William Holst, Heavy Horn Ranch, Prescott, Wisconsin, selected two groups and paid \$4,400 per head. Two groups sold for \$3,300 per head to James Branham, Grand Terra Farms, Miami, Okla., and Mike Peterson, Poverty Flats Enterprises, Sedgwick, Colo.

Gardiner Angus Ranch has bred Quarter horses for decades. Good ranch horses are used daily on the ranch. On occasion, a horse that has been used extensively as a ranch horse and, also in the fiercely competitive NCHA cutting events, is offered for sale. Brian Winter, Winter Family Ranch, Dodge City, Kan., purchased GAR Quannah Parker, on a winning bid of \$26,000.

The 44th Annual Spring Production Sale hosted a full house for the Friday evening panel discussion and the auction on Saturday. The professionalism of the entire marketing team, including Colonel Rick Machado, Colonel Joel Birdwell and Colonel Eddie Burks and all livestock representatives resulted in a historic weekend at Gardiner Angus Ranch.

Notes of Interest:

A total of 1,081 head sold to 264 buyers from 35 states, two Canadian provinces and Mexico.

517 bidders were registered to bid in person, on LiveAuctions.tv, and Superior.

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Len Mertz, Mertz 09 Ranch, San Angelo, Texas; Jesse Luckie, Snake Creek Ranch, Ashland, Kan.; Louie Gardner, Claremore, Okla.; Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms, LLC, Baxley, Ga.; John Michael Fierer, Fort Worth, Texas; Joe Austin, Cienega Ranch, Willcox, Ariz.; Britt Claxton, Millen, Georgia; Marisa and John Kleysteuber, K Ranch, Garden City, Kan.; Sean O’Day, Grizzly Creek Land & Cattle, Fortuna, Calif.; Jason Vickrey, Bar V6 Ranch, Claremore, Okla.; Tyler Woolfolk, Woolfolk Ranch, Protection, Kan.

Volume Buyers—Reg. Females: Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas; Enrique, Garcia, Santa Elena Ranch, Arteaga, Mexico; Christine Elaine Biggs, Tri County Veterinary Clinic, Seymour, Tenn.; Calen Bailey, Hannibal, Mo.; Jeff Beasley, Beasley Angus, Creal Spring, Ill.; John Ilgenfritz, Old Monroe, Mo.; Jerry Maas, Maas Angus Ranch, Quincy, Ill.; Shawn Sagrera, Sagrera Farms, Ethel, La.; Daryl Sales, Sales Farms, Valley Falls, Kan.; Randall & Michelle Spare, RMS Cattle LLC, Ashland, Kan.; Dustin & Jennifer Tackett, Terraced Acres Ranch, Dover, Ark.; 4 Rings Angus; Thackerville, Okla.; Brian Walt, Collyer, Kan.; Michael Stafford, Prineville, Ore.; Jason Henderson, Henderson Farms, Falkville, Ala.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: William Holst, Heavy Horn Ranch, Prescott, Wisconsin; Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala.; The Stockman’s Market, Visalia, Calif; Rocking W Angus, Jefferson, Ga.; John Morehead, Morehead Ranch, Ft. Towson, Okla.; Kody Lindsay, Heflin, La.

Sale Total & Averages

| Total Lots | Category | Gross | Average |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 184 | 20-month-old registered bulls | \$1,982,000 | \$10,772 |
| 190 | 16-18-month-old registered bulls | 1,571,500 | \$8,271 |
| 374 Lots | Total Bulls | \$3,553,500 | \$9,501 |
| 100 | Donor Heifers | \$985,250 | \$9,853 |
| 17 | 3-N-1 Pairs | 134,500 | 7,912 |
| 86 | Bred Cows | 490,750 | 5,701 |
| 156 | Bred Heifers | 872,500 | 5,593 |
| 359 Lots | Total Registered Females | \$2,483,000 | \$6,916 |
| 733 Lots | Total Registered Lots | \$6,036,500 | \$8,235 |
| 1 | Registered Quarter Horse | \$26,000 | \$26,000 |
| 9 | Bred Commercial Cows | \$24,750 | \$2,750 |
| 338 | Bred Commercial Heifers | \$1,004,250 | \$2,971 |
| 347 | Total Commercial Females | \$1,029,000 | \$2,965 |
| 772 Lots (1,081 Head) | Overall Sale Total | \$7,091,000 | \$6,560 |