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Record Day at Gardiner Angus Ranch's 39th Annual Spring Production Sale

Consistent industry signals are critical benchmarks for seedstock production. For more than three decades, the beef industry has consistently signaled that quality matters. We have a price discovery system in the market to determine value. And, there is opportunity to capture that value throughout the supply chain. The 475 bidders that competed throughout the day recognized the importance of generations of discipline to a simple commitment—the unwavering use of high accuracy, progeny proven sires.

A perfect illustration of the GAR discipline was Lot 1, GAR Phoenix, representing 10 generations of progeny proven genetics. Phoenix's sire, GAR Sure Fire, is one of the most proven current sires in the Angus breed with more than 120 carcass records, more than 1,000 ultrasound records and more than 100 daughters in production. Winter Family Ranch, Dodge City, Kan., was the most determined bidder, paying \$130,000 for one-half interest and no possession in GAR Phoenix. Winters will partner with Select Sires and Gardiner Angus Ranch on this exciting young sire with proven genetic potential.

Lot 2, GAR Inertia, generated a lot of interest prior to the sale. His sire, GAR Momentum, has rightfully earned a place in Angus history as a proven sire that passes on across-the-board excellence for all the traits of economic importance. His dam, GAR Prophet 2984, would become one of the high selling donors for the day. John Cushing, Jetset Angus Ranch, Flower Mound, Texas, James Branham, Grand Terra Farms, Miami, Okla., and ABS Global, Deforest, Wisc., won the competition to own GAR Inertia for \$70,000.

ST Genetics, Navasota, Texas, had the winning bid to own Lot 23, GAR Sure Fire R676, for \$32,000. Lot 3, GAR Momentum 6706, attracted plenty of bidders determined to own a young sire with a multigenerational pedigree of proven performance in the pasture, through females, as well as end product merit. Leon Horton, Four Stars Ranch, Clarksville, Texas, outlasted the competition to own Lot 3 for \$30,000.

Phil Belko, Grimmus Cattle Co., Visalia, Calif., studied the catalog and paid \$27,000 to own Lot 45, GAR Momentum 5366. Tad Melton, Daltons on the Sycamore, Richmond, Va., and Leon Horton purchased Lots 5 and 123, for \$20,000 each, respectively. Long time customer and contending bidder on Lot 2, Joe Mayer, Mayer Ranch, Guymon, Okla., had the winning bid to own Lot 7, GAR Sure Fire 7086, for \$19,000. Two more long time GAR customers, Randy Bayne, Protection, Kan., and Dale Long, Long Ranch, Gate, Okla., took Lots 8 and 24 back to their ranches for \$18,000 each, respectively. Grimmus Cattle Co. added to their purchase with Lot 43, GAR Momentum 6116, for \$16,000.

Repeat customer Jeff Gower, Soaring Eagle Angus, Springfield, Mo., and Troy Vollmer, Wing, N.D., paid \$15,000 each to own Lots 9 and 54, respectively. Four bulls, Lots 12, 19, 20 and 131, sold for \$14,000 each to Manuel Gonzalez, Mexico;

Danny Poole, Texline, Texas; Terry Bradshaw Angus, Thackerville, Okla.; and James Skelton, Skelton Beef Co., Guymon, Okla.

Nine bulls sold for \$13,000 to eight buyers from five states. Four bulls sold for \$12,000 each. Fifteen bulls sold in the \$11,000 to \$11,500 range to 13 buyers representing eight states. Fourteen bulls sold in the \$10,000 to \$10,500 range to 13 buyers from six states and Mexico.

The female portion of the sale began with the same electric enthusiasm as the bull sale. Lot 475, GAR Prophet 2984, had attracted interest from many of the Angus breed's most elite seedstock producers. At the end of the competition, she sold to Jim Hagale, Sawyer Creek Ranch, Manchester, Mo., on a winning bid of \$65,000. Her full sister, next in the ring, was the second high selling donor, selling to Steve Rooney, Rooney Angus Ranch, Chippewa Falls, Wisc., for \$55,000.

Bidders and buyers found exciting genetics throughout the females. Steve Hillhouse, LaGrange, Texas, and Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio, teamed up to purchase the high selling 3-N-1 pair, Lot 487, for \$35,000. Watching online, Trey Gum, Woodside Farms, LLC, Clearbrook, Va., outlasted fierce competition and paid \$32,000 to own Lot 566, GAR Early Bird N985, the high selling bred cow.

Lots 448 and 449, two outstanding Early Bird daughters, sold to Dan and Patricia Bergith, Lylester Ranch, Martell, Neb., and long time customer Theo Costas, TPC Angus, Jackson, Miss. Lot 448 sold for \$25,000 and Lot 449 sold for \$23,500. Another repeat customer, Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Fla., won the race to own Lot 477 for \$22,000. Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala., selected Lot 456, GAR Prophet 1805, to add to his donor herd, with a winning bid of \$19,000.

Brent and Tonya Huwa, Huwa Cattle, Roggen, Colo., made Lot 686, GAR Sunrise 1916, the high selling bred heifer, paying \$18,500 to own her. Wink Farms, Panhandle, Texas, paid \$18,000 to own 3-N-1, Lot 489, Chair Rock Sure Fire 5122. Tad Melton and Huwa Cattle, paid \$17,000 each to own bred heifers, Lots 679 and 687, respectively. Huwas added to their purchases with another outstanding bred heifer, Lot 684, GAR Sunrise F366, for \$15,500.

The persistent Georgia duo of CAM Ranches and Ogeechee Farms added two tremendous donors to their Southern Synergy operations including the purchase of Lot 454, GAR Prophet N1225, for \$15,000. Brett Oelke, Oelke Farms, LLC, Hoxie, Kan., also paid \$15,000 to own Lot 480 donor, Chair Rock Sure Fire 4060. Oelke Farms and Donnell and Kelli Brown's, RA Brown Ranch, Throckmorton, Texas, each paid \$14,000 to own Lots 460 and 491, respectively. Three females, Lots 443, 462, and 589 sold for \$13,000 each to Brent Stedje, Gruver, Texas; Lyman Ramsay; and Ogeechee Farms and Luke Mason, Livingston, Tenn., respectively. Two bred heifers, Lots 668 and 693, sold for \$12,500 each to Rick Horton, Nevada, Texas, and 2 Bar C Cattle Co., Luling, Texas, respectively.

Two donors, Lots 445 and 481, sold for \$11,000 each to Terry Bradshaw Angus and Nick Hull, Blackstone Cattle Co., Stoughton, Wisc., respectively. Long time GAR customers and friends, Jimmy and Linda Richardson, Richardson Cattle Co., Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Jimmy and Glennette Goode, Goode Angus, Pampa, Texas, teamed up to purchase Lot 486 for \$11,000. Fred Smith Company Ranch, Clayton, N.C., selected Lot 670, to add to his growing family operations with a winning bid of \$11,000. Nine females sold for \$10,000 to seven buyers representing seven states.

Notes of Interest:

A total of 1,123 head sold to 245 buyers from 32 states, Canada and Mexico in eight hours and fifteen minutes!

Sale averages by most heavily used sires: GAR Sure Fire: 88 head averaged \$9,480; GAR Momentum: 103 head averaged \$8,704; GAR Prophet: 88 head averaged \$8,423; GAR 100X: 62 head averaged \$5,960; GAR Sunrise: 104 head averaged \$5,921; KCF Bennett Absolute: 98 head averaged \$5,418.

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Sam Harrell, Claude, Texas; Louie Gardner, Claremore, Okla.; Merrill Ranch, Wilmore, Kan.; Mark Pearson, Arete Ranch, Spearman, Texas; Don Montgomery, Azle, Texas; Mike and Beth Stanek, Red Sky Ventures, LLC, Omaha, Neb.; Chris Hoffman, Lindsborg, Kan.

Volume Buyers—Reg. Females: Terry Bradshaw Angus, Thackerville, Okla.; Leon Horton, Four Stars Ranch, Clarksville, Texas; Bryce Garner, Garner Cattle, St. John, Kan.; Darrell Lake, PPR, Dallas, Texas; Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas; Jimmy Sanders, Marshall, Ark.; Lyman Ramsay, Grand Bay, Ala.; Lynne Reynolds, Dallas, Texas; David Moberg, Abbeville, S.C.; Richie Longanecker, Big Timber Cattle Co., Lithia, Fla.; Aaron Sachs, Sachs Farms, Springfield, Mo.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Paul Dufrene III, Triple Son Ranch, Cut Off, La.; Steve Rooney, Rooney Angus Ranch, Chippewa Falls, Wisc.

Sale Total & Averages

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
269	20 month old registered bulls	\$2,219,750	\$8,252
131	16-18 month old registered bulls	694,250	\$5,300
400	Total Bulls	\$2,914,000	\$7,285
38	Donors	\$477,500	\$12,566
77	3-N-1 Pairs	524,250	6,906
84	Bred Cows	390,500	4,649
186	Bred Heifers	953,250	5,125
385	Total Registered Females	\$2,345,500	\$6,092
785	Total Registered Lots	\$5,259,500	\$6,137
22	Bred Commercial Cows	\$68,200	\$3,100
193	Bred Commercial Heifers	\$566,350	\$2,934
	1 Load Lot Commercial Heifers (51 hd)	\$110,050	\$2,158
266	Total Commercial Females	\$744,600	\$2,799
809 Lots	Overall Sale Total	\$6,004,100	\$7,422

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