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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Gardiner Angus Ranch 46th Spring Production Sale Results

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46th Annual Gardiner Angus Ranch Spring Production Sale Raises the Bar for Elite Angus Genetics

The months and weeks leading up to any seedstock operation's auction is a furious mix of hard work, years of planning and hopefulness, knowing much is out of our control. The past 45 spring sales at Gardiner Angus Ranch laid a rock-solid foundation for the future and the success of the 46th sale is a testament to the next 45 years. As final comments were made and the auction began promptly at 9 AM, more than 500 buyers had registered to compete for 893 head of registered bulls and females and elite commercial heifers.

Lot 1, GAR Beacon, a young sire that gained lots of attention as a population changing, multi-trait outcross was as popular sale day as the weeks leading up to the sale. After several minutes of competition on the seats, on the phone and online, Mike Relk, MI-HUD Angus Ranch, Kuna, Idaho, had the winning bid of \$200,000. Lot 158, GAR Fireman, set the pace for the GAR Fireproof sire group, selling to Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio, for \$36,000. Two GAR Grid Maker L1071 sons, Lots 37 and 40, sold to Jason Faria, FB Genetics, Dumas, Texas, and Aaron Allen, Holton, Kan., for \$27,000 and \$24,000, respectively.

Lot 28, GAR Wildcat 363G, an impressive E & B Wildcat son out of a Home Town donor, was selected by Genex CRI, Shawano, Wisc., paying \$22,500. Longtime GAR customer, Tommy Cartrite, Sunray, Texas, outlasted the competition to own Lot 7, GAR Grid Maker 11695, on a winning bid of \$22,000. Two bulls, Lots 43 and 199, each sold for \$20,000 to Kevin & Marta Milliken, Lebanon, Mo., and James Coffey, Branch View Angus, Hustonville, Ky, respectively. Three bulls, Lots 38, 51 and 156 sold for \$19,000 each to Greg Spears, Allen Angus/Scenic Point, Graham, Texas; Jason Faria; and James Coffey, respectively. Three bulls, Lots 15, 175 and 330 sold for \$18,000 each to friend and neighbor, Jeff Kay, Ashland, Kan; Bill Wasden, Millen, Ga.; and Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, Okla., respectively.

Progressive commercial cow-calf producers have always been the foundation at Gardiner Angus Ranch. Twenty-eight bulls sold in the \$15,000 to \$17,000 range to GAR repeat, elite cow-calf producers that retain ownership on their calves and capture the value of their investments throughout production. Forty-seven more bulls sold in the \$13,000 to \$14,500 range, selling to commercial cow-calf producers focused on improving their cow herd genetics and creating high valued marketing options.

The 46th sale featured a tremendous group of donor cows, signaling the final recovery from the Starbuck Wildfire that claimed many of the donor cows in 2017. Lot 461, GAR Sunbeam 332, is a phenotypically stunning young cow ranking in the upper percentiles of the Angus breed for all the traits of economic importance. Woody Folsom, Circle F Farms, LLC, Baxley, Ga. and Steve Hillhouse, LaGrange, Texas, joined forces and outlasted fierce bidding, paying \$200,000. Another partnership including Woody Folsom; Ogeechee Farms, Athens, Ga; Travis Bunch, Surrency, Ga; and CAM Ranches, Crawford, Ga., formed to own Lot 481, GAR Incentive 1143, paying \$65,000. Lot 470, GAR Transcendent 2661 returned to Hillhouse Angus on a winning bid of \$50,000. Lot 469, GAR Sunbeam 122, is a two-generation outcross with a +2 marbling and 10.31% IMF. Steve Judy, Four Sons Farm, Cynthiana, Ky., paid \$32,000 to own this elite donor. Another partnership of outstanding seedstock producers, Philip Gleason, Legacy Farm, Trussville, Ala. and Robin Wilson, Rocking W Angus, Jefferson, Ga., outlasted the competition to own Lot 498 on a winning bid of \$30,000.

Longtime GAR customer and friends of the Gardiner family, the John Grimes family, Maplecrest Farms, Hillsboro, Ohio, and Rocking W Angus each paid \$25,000 to own Lots 488 and 516, respectively. Samuel Smith, Wadley, Ga. and Ogeechee Farms selected Lot 504 to add to their elite registered cow herd, paying \$24,000. Juston Mitchell, 2S Angus, Joplin, Mo., won

the bidding competition on Lot 485, GAR Fireball 1883, with elite end product merit, 9.18% IMF and top 3% Method Genetics ROI, selling for \$20,000. Tanner Wethington, Nazareth, Texas, did his homework and assembled an impressive group of young donors. Lot 506, GAR Fireball 2933, is one of the unique donors with +2 marbling and over +1 REA, and +394 \$C, selling to Wethington for \$18,000. Chris Lorson, Lorson Angus Farm, Jersey Shore, Pa., added Lot 476, GAR Fireball 2253 to his impressive herd on a winning bid of \$17,000.

Adalaide Kline, a member of the Gardiner Angus Ranch intern cohort and now beef production program director, Colby Community College, Colby, Kan., is building a tremendous Angus herd and teaching students what makes money in the beef business. Adalaide selected Lot 524, a GAR Prophet K263 daughter with her GAR Fireproof heifer calf at side on a winning bid of \$16,000. Longtime GAR friend and customer, Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas, selected Lot 603, GAR Transcendent 2173, and paid \$15,500. Another impressive Transcendent daughter, Lot 468, sold to Karry Dunn, DFC Dunn Four Ranch LLC, Plano, Texas, for \$15,000.

Notes of Interest:

A total of 893 head sold to 235 buyers from 31 states.

501 bidders were registered to bid in person, and LiveAg and Superior online bidding platforms.

21% of all buyers were first time buyers in a GAR sale.

The final gavel fell on the 46th Annual Spring Production Sale in six hours and thirty minutes.

Volume Buyers—Bulls: Josh McKinney, McKinney Land & Cattle, May, OK; Jacob Dumler, Cimarron, KS; K Ranch, John and Marisa Kleysteuber, Garden City, KS; Jody Chism, C Bar C Cattle Co., Perryton, Texas; EdFarmer Beggs, Beggs Cattle Co., Fort Worth, Texas; Clayton Henry, Wichita Falls, Texas; Robert Lee, Lee Farms, Inc., Frederick, OK; Jesse Luckie, Snake Creek Ranch, Ashland, KS; Len Mertz, Mertz 09 Ranch, San Angelo, Texas; Mark Pearson, Arete Ranch LLC, Spearman, Texas; Rhett Radcliff, Radcliff Ranch, Forgan, OK, Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, OK; Ryan Shotkoski, Shotkoski Hay Farms, Lexington, NE; Thomas Stoddard, Louisiana Alligator Wholesale, Hackberry, LA; Norman Stovall, Santa Rosa Ranch, Graham, Texas; Tyler Woolfolk, Woolfolk Ranch, Protection, KS; Bob Young, Young Land & Cattle, Seymour, Texas

Volume Buyers—Reg. Females: Bill Schwartz, Amarillo, Texas; Steve Hillhouse, Hillhouse Angus, LaGrange, Texas; Mike Hubbell, Spearville, KS; Colby Community College, Adalaide Kline, Colby, KS; Travis March, Pass Christian, MS; Kevin & Marta Milliken, Lebanon, MO; Robin Wilson, Rocking W Angus, Jefferson, GA; Bill Freeman, Cunningham, TN; Christine Elaine Biggs, Tri County Vet Clinic, Seymour, TN.

Volume Buyers—Commercial Females: Darin Dickey, Cheyenne Wells, CO; Greg Spears, Allen Angus, Scenic Point, Graham, Texas; Hal Noble, Noble Farms, Evergreen, AL; Jordan Shearer, Laverne, OK.

Sale Total & Averages

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
156	16-18-month-old registered bulls	\$1,804,500	\$11,567
212	20-month-old registered bulls	2,503,000	11,807
368 Lots	Total Reg. Bulls	\$4,307,500	\$11,705
13	Donor Cows	378,000	\$29,077
39	Donor Heifers	426,500	10,936
12	3-N-1 Pairs	141,000	11,750
17	Bred Cows	118,500	6,971
137	Bred Heifers	944,300	6,893
218 Lots	Total Reg. Females	\$2,008,300	\$9,212
586 Lots	Total Registered Lots	\$6,315,800	\$10,778
31 Lots (296 Head)	Bred Commercial Heifers	\$1,189,300	\$4,018
617 Lots (893 Head)	Overall Sale Total	\$7,505,100	