



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Gardiner Angus Ranch 9<sup>th</sup> Early Bird Bull Sale Results**

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### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual GAR Early Bird Buyers Signal A Bright Future in Value-Added Beef Production**

Winter storm Fern, the first named winter storm of the year, wasn't strong enough to cool the anticipation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gardiner Angus Ranch Early Bird Bull Sale. Interest in the offering was palpable, beginning long before Monday, January 26. It heightened as beef producers recognized the quality and long-term value of the next generation of population changing genetics represented by GAR sires Fireproof, Apex, Home Run, Home Free, GB Fireside, GB Fireball and PEAK Stapleton.

The top three high selling bulls were sons of PEAK Stapleton. Lot 1, GAR Diligent, out of one of the great donors in GAR history, GAR Sunbeam 332, generated the interest due for a young sire destined to become an historic GAR legacy sire. As Colonel Joel Birdwell cried "sold," repeat buyer, Mike Relk, MI-HUD Angus Ranch, Kuna, Idaho, had the final bid of \$370,000. No stranger to Gardiner genetics, Randall Grimmius, Grimmius Cattle Co., Tulare, California, was a determined bidder on Lot 43, GAR Stapleton 5724, and had a winning bid of \$100,000. Third high-selling Stapleton son, Lot 13, GAR Nashville was one of the highest-ranking bulls in the sale for \$Beef and has a +106, top 1% for carcass weight EPD. Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio, selected Nashville and outlasted all competing bidders at \$67,000.

Five bulls sold from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Britt Claxton, Millen, Georgia, selected GAR Fireball E564 and paid \$35,000. Select Sires selected another tremendous Stapleton son and paid \$32,000 to own Lot 46, GAR Stapleton A364, an exceptional multi-trait package for marbling, muscle and red-meat yield. Lots 4, 45 and 367 sold for \$30,000 each to Jason Faria, FB Genetics, Dumas, Texas; William Herring, 111 Farms, Whigham, Georgia; and Tony Lopes, Precision Genetic Solutions, LLC, Gustine, California, respectively.

Lot 26 sold for \$29,000 to Tim Shick, Lodge Grass, Montana. Lot 373 sold for \$28,000 to Select Sires. Woody Folsom, Folsom Tamela, Baxley, Georgia, selected Lot 48, GAR Stapleton 5164 with a final bid of \$27,000. Four bulls sold for \$25,000 each—Lot 3 sold to Shawn Sagrera, Sagrera Farms, Ethel, Louisiana; Lot 12 sold to Woody Folsom; Lot 22 sold to Cody Duvall, Duvall Angus, Granada, Colorado; and Lot 54 sold to Bill Boyer, Boyer Brothers Angus Farms, Perryville, Missouri.

The demand for Stapleton sons continued as Lot 14 sold to Woody Folsom for \$23,000. Longtime GAR customers and progressive commercial cow-calf producers, Rob and Sylvia Sellard, Bucklin, Kansas, selected Lots 44 and 60 for \$22,000 and \$21,000 respectively. Three more Stapleton sons, lots 42, 47 and 146 sold for \$21,000 each, respectively to Josh McKinney, McKinney Land & Cattle, May, Oklahoma; Doug Peterson, Peterson Prime Angus Ranch, New Boston, Missouri; and Alan Jett, Jett Ranch, Laverne, Oklahoma. Twelve lots sold for \$20,000 each to nine different buyers.

#### **Notes of Interest:**

A total of 489 head sold to 141 buyers from 25 states and Mexico.

390 bidders were registered to bid in person, on LiveAg and Superior.

Even with inclement weather, 47% of the sale total was sold to buyers onsite and 53% sold online between two bidding platforms.

The sale was concluded in four hours and thirty minutes.

**Volume Buyers—Bulls:** Nathan Bunting, Lazy Spade Ranch, Red Bluff, Calif.; Mike Gibson, Gibson Ranch, Paducah, Texas; Jim & Cheryl O'Brien, Mullen, Nebraska; Jeff Decker, Decker Ranch, Lovington, New Mexico; Ryan Shotkoski, Shotkoski Hay Farms Partnership, Lexington, Nebraska; Karen Van de Graaf, Midvale Cattle Co., Sunnyside, Washington; Rob & Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin, Kansas; David Dean Cattle Co., Ft. Davis, Texas; Josh McKinney, McKinney Land & Cattle, May, Oklahoma; Silas “Doug” Campbell, Yesterday’s Valley Ranch, Inc., Bueyeros, New Mexico; Chad Rogers, Holdenville, Oklahoma; David Hilker, Hilker Ranch, Cimarron, Kansas; Crossroads Cattle Co., Grove, Oklahoma; Britt Claxton, Millen, Georgia.

**Volume Buyers—Commercial Females:** Jeff Bosma, Spring Canyon Ranch, Sunnyside, Washington; Allen Garrett, Garrett Farms, Statham, Georgia; Aaron Graft, Graft Farms, Dallas, Texas; Kyle Spivey, Patriot Enterprises of Georgia, LLC, Douglas, Georgia; Jerry Wrinkle, JNK, Hartsville, Tennessee.

**Sale Total & Averages**

Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
20	20-month-old registered bulls	\$295,500	\$14,775
307	15-to-18-month-old registered bulls	\$4,676,000	\$15,231
327 Bulls		\$4,971,500	\$15,203
103	AI Bred Commercial Heifers	\$539,800	\$5,241
59	Bull Bred Commercial Heifers	\$306,650	\$5,197
162	Total Commercial Females	\$846,450	\$5,225
489 Head	Overall Sale Total	\$5,817,950	\$11,898