

103 RANGE BULLS AVERAGE \$2725.24 AT HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

An enthusiastic audience of cattle producers from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama, and New Mexico assembled in Houston on March 3, 2010, for the 43rd edition of the All Breed Registered Range Bull Sale at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. 103 bulls sold to 56 different buyers for an average price of \$2,725.24, compared with 2009's average price per head of \$2,259.63.

Twenty cattle producers graded the 2010 sale offering the day before the sale. The overall highest-grading bull was consigned by C&M Herefords of Nara Visa, New Mexico. This 24 month old Hereford bull sold for \$3,800 to Dubina Rose Ranch of Schulenburg. Jeff Theiss' Rising Sun Ranch of Marquez consigned the top-grading Angus bull, which sold for \$3,000 to Rancho de Suenos of Houston.

Topping the Brangus class was a bull consigned by Eddie Blazek's Mound Creek Ranch of Leona. Jim McCord of Gause purchased that bull for \$3,500. Marti Charolais of Cleburne entered the highest-grading Charolais bull. Rounding out the class winners, Horsegate Ranch of Hempstead consigned the highest-grading Brahman, purchased by Paul DuFrene's Triple Son Farms of Cutoff, Louisiana, for \$4,100. John Malazzo of Caldwell and Tigner Ranch of Angleton each bought seven bulls to tie as the volume buyers of the 2010 sale.

Committee Chairman W.F. Gonzales of Freeport remarked, "The Committee is pleased with the outcome of this year's sale. After last year's tremendous drought, this winter's rains have cow-calf operators on the Gulf Coast optimistic for a good year. We remain grateful to our Industry Contributors, whose support of Gulf Coast cattle producers is especially appreciated in these tough economic times."

The All Breeds Livestock Sales Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo conducted the bull sale. The Committee appreciates its Senior Industry Contributor, Capital Farm Credit, who provided funds for exhibitor premiums, hospitality for buyers and sellers, and overall expense defrayment. John Malazzo of Caldwell won a pair of Justin boots in a post-sale drawing from among the bull buyers.

The sale grossed \$280,700 and was managed by Port City Stockyards Company of Sealy.

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