

## **ALL BREED COMMERCIAL FEMALES AVERAGE \$1271 AT HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO**

A large audience of cattle producers from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Alabama assembled in Houston on Saturday, March 6, 2010, for the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's All Breed Commercial Female Sale. 473 heifers sold for an average price of \$1,271.14 to 50 different buyers.

The heifers were judged on the day before the sale. Bill Crain of Pearsall, Jim Watts, Jr., of Houston, and Charles Hoppe of Gause served as the three-judge panel. The overall champion pen of heifers was consigned by H&M Cattle Company of Wharton. These ABBA Golden Certified Brahman x Polled Hereford females with calves at side sold for \$3,500 each to Jim Watts, Jr. The H&M females were also the champion F1 Brahman crosses. The champion pen of Brahman females was consigned by the Schwartz Family's Triple S Ranch of Brenham. They sold for \$2,350 each to the Thatcher Family Trust of Crystal City.

Jasik Hay Farm of Pleasanton entered the overall champion pen in the Brangus division. These 24 month old females with calves at side were also the champion Brangus pairs and sold to Louis Pearce of Houston for \$1,700 each. Mr. Pearce is a former president and chairman of the board of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and founder of this sale. The champion bred Brangus heifers were consigned by Center Ranch of Centerville. Louis Pearce purchased these females for \$1,250 each. Rounding out the Brangus division, a pen of five yearling heifers consigned by Leroy Baron's LB Farms of Brenham topped the open heifers. They sold for \$1,250 each to Larry Herd's IC Cattle Company of Bryan.

Champion Ranch of Centerville consigned the overall champion pen of heifers in the English/Continental division. This pen of five Hereford-Brangus cross females sold for \$1,500 each to Dr. Patrick Breen of Florence. They were also the champion cow-calf pairs in their division.

The champion bred heifers in the English/Continental division were entered by Center Ranch of Centerville. These two year old Angus-cross heifers sold to Lynn Melton of Grand Saline for \$1,200 each. Emanuel Glockzin's EG Land and Livestock of Bryan consigned the champion pen of English/Continental open heifers. This pen of five 16 month old Hereford x F1 Braford heifers sold for \$1,050 to Perry Wilson of Citronelle, Alabama. Dr. Lee McKellar of Mount Pleasant was the volume buyer with 38 females purchased.

The All Breeds Livestock Sales Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo conducted the female sale. The Committee is grateful to its Senior Industry Contributor, Capital Farm Credit, who provided funds for exhibitor premiums, hospitality for buyers and sellers, and

overall expense defrayment. Bradley Hodde of Brenham won a pair of Justin boots in a post-sale drawing from among the heifer buyers.

Committee Chairman W.F. Gonzales of Freeport remarked, "Current cattle market conditions and widespread rainfall obviously have Gulf Coast cattle producers optimistic about the year ahead. The Committee is proud of the opportunity to help our consignors showcase their females and merchandise them to a wider audience"

Doak Lambert of Coppell was the auctioneer. The sale grossed \$601,250 and was managed by Port City Stockyards Company of Sealy.

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