

## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cattle Sale Report NMSU Horse Farm - Mesilla Park, NM**

Cattle buyers from New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, and Chihuahua, MX gathered to purchase seed stock from students, staff, and faculty of NMSU April 25, 2009. Eleven Angus bulls sold for an average of \$1,610 and 19 Brangus bulls sold for an average of \$1,852. A young Brahman bull sold for \$800. Eleven yearling Angus and Brangus heifers sold for an average of \$800. Bulls from the NMSU 1<sup>st</sup> generation Brangus breeding program that were  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brahman x  $\frac{3}{4}$  Angus were the high selling group averaging \$1,908.

Calving ease bulls bred for desert rangeland were in high demand. Luna A Ranch of Wilcox, AZ purchased the high selling Brangus bull (\$3,600). He had an adjusted birth weight of 72 lbs and birth weight EPD of (-0.9). Three bulls tied as the high selling Angus bull (\$2,300; lots 1, 5, and 7). Buyers were Branch Ranch of Lovington, NM, Rafter T Ranch of Wagon Mound, NM, and University Nevada Reno. The feature bull of this group (Lot 1) had already birthed a calf crop averaging 68 lbs, yet the bull himself had a 583 lbs weaning weight, 36.5 cm scrotal circumference, and a marbling score of low choice.

Conniff F Cross Farms of Las Cruces, NM purchased three Angus heifers, with lot 37 bringing the most price (\$1,300). She was an AI progeny of DDA Fahren 21X. Alex Wright of Chaparral, NM purchased the high selling Brangus heifer, lot 40 for \$1,150. She was a 5<sup>th</sup> generation female bred for desert rangeland and her paternal grand-dam was a Summit award winner.

Volume buyers were: Stuart Taylor of Reno, NV (n = 4); George Rauch of Carlsbad, NM (n = 3); Darcy and Gary Ely of Wilcox, AZ (n = 3); Nony Navar of El Paso, TX (n = 3), and Clint Ruebush of Animas, NM (n = 3). Catalogue and video of the animals can be viewed at:

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/anrs/annual-cattle--horse-sal.html>