January 28, 2012

SAN SABA - Receipts totaled 1330 head. The buyers were aggressively bidding in order to add to or replace some of the females on their ranches. Within the last 2 months several factors have caused a dramatic upswing in the market. The rain and warm weather across much of the drought area has provided additional grazing opportunities which has allowed a lot of the lighter calves being sold to put gain on at a much cheaper price causing a lot of the light calves to jump \$90 to \$100 a pound in the last 2 ½ months. Also, the weaker dollar has allowed our exports to grow dramatically and at the same time causing less imported meat entering the United States due to the higher cost. Also, the future market has continued to reach new highs and broke many records because of the drop in the beef cow numbers and the lowest calf crop since the 1950's. We have also seen packer cows back in the \$80.00 and lots of calves dollaring out at \$700 to \$1200 which has created a lot of optimism in the cattle market. Because of these factors, demand was strong on all the replacement females that were offered with the pairs, bred cows and bred heifers selling \$100 to \$300 a head higher with some pairs \$400 higher compared to the last replacement female sale. Buyers were on hand from Arizona. Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and all across Texas. A choice offering of pairs were on hand with the fleshier and pairs having a little more eye appeal bringing from \$1500 to \$2175 with one set of 20 fancy first calf Angus pairs selling for \$2725. The balance of the pairs sold from \$1200 to \$1500. Bred cows were also in good demand with the fleshier and long bred cows selling from \$1300 up to \$1990. The bred cows with a little less flesh and shorter bred went from \$1000 up to \$1300. Most of the bred heifers were long bred and brought from \$1200 up to \$1700 on 19 head of choice spring calving Angus heifers. A good offering of over 250 open heifers sold from \$820 up to \$1100 with one set of 15 fancy Angus heifers going for \$1275. The next replacement female sale will be Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 10:00am in San Saba.

Rep Sales:

Wayne Stein, 20 angus pair, 1st calf, 2725.00 Troy Fox, 4 angus pair, 1st calf, 2175.00 Walking Horse Resources, LLC, 6 brangus cows, LB, 1650.00 Walking Horse Resources, LLC, 12 brangus cows, LB, 1450.00 James Baize, 3 F1 pair, 2000.00 James Baize, 5 tigerstripe cows, LB, 1800.00 James Baize, 6 F1 cows, LB, 1775.00 Richard Lee, 24 brangus pair, 1st calf, 2050.00 2 B Land and Cattle, 19 angus heifers, LB, 1700.00 MK Ranch, 5 registered brangus heifers, LB, 1675.00 MK Ranch, 22 bmf heifers, LB, 1600.00 D & R Livestock, 9 brangus pair, 1575.00 Nolan Ryan, 12 black heifers, LB, 1470.00 Texas Stardance Cattle, 24 hereford cows, LB, 1390.00 Clayton Williams Ranch, 10 angus pair, 3 in 1, 2075.00 Clayton Williams Ranch, 16 angus pair, 2025.00 Clayton Williams Ranch, 9 angus cows, LB, 1500.00 Clayton Williams, Ranch, 10 angus cows, SB, 1210.00 Austin Wade, 5 maine cows, MB, 1990.00 Austin Wade, 3 maine cows, SB-MB, 1975.00 Fryar Cattle, 4 registered maine cross cows, LB, 1650.00

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Gerald Seeton, 22 brangus cows, LB, 1600.00

Ken Seeker, 4 brangus pair, 1600.00

Rock Bluff Ranch, 15 angus heifers, open, 1275.00

Stuart Peters, 15 bwf cows, LB, 1490.00

Stuart Peters, 19 angus cows, LB, 1500.00

Stuart Peters, 29 angus cows, LB, 1430.00

Bill Craig, DVM, 21 brangus heifers, LB, 1290.00

Ward Ranch, 20 brangus heifers, open, 1025.00

Brock Stanford, 5 black/bwf pair, 1st calf, 1525.00

Donald Mosley, 4 tigerstripe heifers, open, 1020.00

Darin Chick, 10 angus pair, 1800.00

SP Ranch, 18 angus cows, LB, 1525.00

Holcomb Farms, 6 angus cows, LB, 1675.00

Holcomb Farms, 10 angus cows, LB, 1600.00

Holcomb Farms, 8 black/bmf pair, 1525.00

Huntland Properties, 27 angus heifers, open, 950.00

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Tommy Dan Turner, 6 bmf cows, LB, 1370.00

BR5 Ranch, 4 angus pair, 3 in 1, 1800.00

BR5 Ranch, 4 angus cross pair, 1550.00

BR5 Ranch, 8 angus cows, LB, 1500.00

Plateau Ranch, 3 bwf pair, 1575.00

RS Ranch, 23 brangus cows, LB, 1410.00

RS Ranch, 10 bwf cows, LB, 1350.00

John Evridge, 5 brangus cows, LB, 1440.00

Files Farms, LLC, 13 beefmaster cows, LB, 1375.00

Utley Cattle Company, 5 tigerstripe heifers, open, 1180.00

Johnny Bratton, 5 bwf pair, 1400.00