

**Early Dawn Buckhorn Ranches Complete Dispersal
November 3, 2007
Escalon, Calif.
Auctioneers: Rick Machado and John Rodgers**

613 Females \$1,712
20 Bulls \$2,812

A beautiful fall day greeted the crowd that gathered for the dispersal of the Early Dawn/Buckhorn Ranches cowherd and the 20-year partnership of Marcus Haney and Thomas Keating. This Gelbvieh and Balancer herd was one of the nation's largest Gelbvieh and Balancer® programs. The sale was active through a long day of selling cattle at a rapid clip under the direction of two former world champion auctioneers.

The bulls from this program have attracted favor from many progressive commercial programs in the west. A number of these programs were on hand to purchase their own base cowherd for their own future seedstock development. Early Dawn/Buckhorn will have the final dispersal of its entire yearling female and bull crop and two-year-old herd sires in March 2008. These sales will be held at their traditional locations of Caldwell, Idaho on March 5 and Yerington, Nev., on March 15.

The volume buyer was Ray Alger, owner of Ray Mar Angus, in Oakdale who purchased just over 300 head of females. Thomas Mathis of Waterford purchased 50 head of females to add to his growing Gelbvieh program. Marcus Haney will be consulting with the newly renamed Ray Mar Ranches in their seedstock operations.

Top selling lots included:

Lot 78: \$3,350—Pacific Freedom 308M, 2/28/02, by SLC Freedom 178F ET sold to Ray Mar Farms.

Lot 95: \$3,350—Early 435S, 4/3/06, by JGW Free Agent 318P, to Ray Mar Farms

Lot 116: \$3,300—Agent 359M, 8/12/02, by JRI Pld Free Agent, to Thomas Mathis, Waterford

Lot 552: \$3,300—Early 527 R, 8/15/05, by VLC Mr. P Fred sold to James Nunes Jr., Farmington

Lot 574: \$3,300—Jordan Diehl of Bradford, Ohio, bought Early 621R, 10/11/05, by VLC Prime Time 3143N

Lot 859: \$5,500—Balancer herdsire, Early Retail Pro 563R 8/30/05, by GAR Retail Product sold to Platt Ranch, Calexico

Lot 858: \$5,000—Balancer herdsire, Early Retail Pro 560R, 8/27/05, by GAR Retail Product also to Platt Ranch