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61st ANNUAL 2004 LONGHORN AUCTION

The 61st annual public auction of Texas Longhorns will be held September 16, 2004, beginning promptly at 12:00 noon. The auction will be located at the Refuge corrals immediately north of the Refuge headquarters, 12 miles northwest of Cache, OK. The auction will be conducted by Dub Venable.

Approximately 138 animals have been selected for the auction, including: 1 bull, 9 mature cows, 7 mature steers, 63 bull calves, 58 heifer calves, 1 saddle horse, and 8 buffalo skulls.

All sale animals may be viewed at the Refuge corrals between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on September 15, 2004. Refuge staff will be available to answer any questions concerning sale animals. All adult longhorns selling are subject for registration with the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America (TLBAA), and the Cattleman's Texas Longhorn Registry (CTLR).

All adult animals except steers have been tested negative for brucellosis. Heifer calves have been vaccinated against brucellosis with RB-51 vaccine. All bull and heifer calves have been vaccinated against blackleg disease. Health certificates required for interstate shipment will be provided by a veterinarian following the auction. Prospective buyers should be familiar with THEIR state's requirements for importing cattle from Oklahoma.

Buyers or their agents must attend the auction in order to bid on animals. Personal checks, cashiers' checks, travelers' checks or cash will be accepted for payment for cattle following the auction.

Loading of cattle will begin immediately following the auction and will continue until 6:00 pm. All remaining cattle will be loaded between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm on the 17th. Cattle will not be held or loaded out over the weekend. The Refuge assumes no responsibility or liability for animals held over beyond auction day.

In order to reduce the possibility of transmitting infectious animal diseases, all vehicles and trailers which have previously hauled livestock must be thoroughly cleaned of all manure and used hay prior to entering the Refuge. Failure to comply will result in denial of entry to the sale until the vehicle or trailer is removed from the Refuge and cleaned.

Complimentary coffee and donuts, as well as a burger plate and iced tea for \$5.00, will be provided by the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and Industry on sale day. Prospective buyers and visitors alike are invited to come and enjoy the Refuge's and Southwest Oklahoma's hospitality.

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