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## **U.S. Purebred Angus Bulls are a Big Hit in Coffee**

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**Report Highlights:** Thistle Farms, a breeder of purebred Angus cattle in Ohio, held an auction of purebred bulls in Colombia in March. A total of 21 bulls, which had been previously imported and had cleared quarantine, were sold at the auction.

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Thistle Farms, a breeder of purebred Angus cattle in Ohio, held an auction of purebred bulls in the heart of Colombian coffee country near the city Manizales on March 25, 2000. A total of 21 bulls, which had been previously imported and had cleared quarantine, were sold at the auction. The average price of the bulls sold was US\$2,050, with the top bull selling at \$3,700. The total sale value was \$43,050. Purchasers of the bulls came from all parts of Colombia. This was the second sale held in Colombia by Thistle Farms in the past two years.

The Angus breed has proven to be a very good cross with the domestic Brahman breed. This cross provides an F-1, Brangus animal that can withstand the harsh tropical conditions and parasites prevalent in much of Colombia, while maintaining the excellent Angus meat producing qualities. The success of the two sales held by Thistle Farms in Colombia demonstrates the growing acceptance of U.S. Angus genetics in Colombia.