

National sale breaks million \$ mark

BALTIMORE — One-hundred and eight Holsteins from all across the nation sold for \$1,250,150 and averaged \$11,748, resulting in the highest National Sale to date, said Dennis Remsburg, a spokesman for Remsburg Sales Service.

Although bidding stalled around \$11,000, Fisher-Place Baltimore, the top-selling animal finally sold for \$70,000 to Jackson Enterprises from Clayton, Ohio. Franklin Place and Phillip Fisher of Wapakoneta, Ohio consigned the 6-month-old Valiant son.

The bull's full-sister, Fisher-Place M Amanda was the fourth-highest seller at \$44,000. The heifer was also purchased by Jackson Enterprises.

The sale, which closed out the 96th Annual National Holstein Convention in Baltimore, began on a sad note.

Donald J. Arthur, of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, owner of the 62nd consignment, was killed in a tractor accident two days before the sale. His 4-year-old cow, Braintrim B C Goldie sold first at \$29,000 to Ronald Meek of Sherboun, N.Y.

"We felt it would be an honor to sell his (Arthur) consignment first," Remsburg explained.

Nautilus Syndicate from

Mission, N.Y. paid \$57,000 for My-Kinda Sensational Nautilus, bred by A. Bruce and Cynthia Whittier of Hadley, Massachusetts. The 6-month-old bull was the second high-selling animal.

Jackson Enterprises also bought the third high-seller, Lovdal Apollo Lola for \$50,000. Warren A. Knutsen of Lovdal Farms, Rising Sun, Md. consigned the 3-year-old cow.

Michael Klapper of Tikvah Farm, Ancram, N.Y., paid \$40,000 for Winfarm Elevation Soprano, the fifth high-seller, consigned by Robert Yeoman of Dover, Oklahoma.

In addition to Arthur's animal which sold first, three other Pennsylvania consignments brought above average prices.

Plushanski Badger, a Boot-maker son from Plushanski Farms in Kutztown sold for \$21,000 to Jackson Enterprises.

Melody-Air Needel Bunny Liz, consigned by Pen-Col Farm, Millville sold for \$16,000 to Leo Rabinovitz of Winthrop, Mass.

Shore Holstein Ltd. from Glanworth, Ontario paid \$19,000 for Leadfield Petro Queenpin, a 5-month-old heifer consigned by Leadfield Associates, Jamestown.



Fisher-Price Baltimore topped the National Sale last week with a \$70,000 purchase price. Jackson Enterprises from Ohio, bought the young bull, shown here with handler Dave Burns.

N.J. receives aquaculture grant

NEW YORK, N.Y. — New Jersey will match a \$52,808 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to develop a freshwater aquaculture marketing improvement program for use as a guide by prospective aquaculturists interested in starting freshwater production of

aquaculture products.

The project will determine the market potential for pond-reared products not widely available on the market, but whose production is rising. Rutgers University and Alabama's Auburn University will participate in the project.

New Jersey was one of four states to receive grants totaling \$172,044. They were made under the federal-state marketing improvement program which is administered by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.



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