

Bred heifer tops Ayrshire Firecracker sale

CARLISLE — Buyers from New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Georgia turned out, Wednesday for the annual Firecracker Ayrshire sale at the Carlisle Fairgrounds.

Masonic Homes F.F. Lou topped the sale at \$1,530. Consigned by Masonic Homes of Elizabethtown, the bred heifer was purchased by Dean E. Varner of Shirleysburg.

The heifer is sired by Oak Ridge Flashy Fortune and out of a high producing Mar-Ral Hi Kick daughter with records to 15,248 pounds of milk and 633 pounds of fat.

The annual sale, sponsored by the Central and Southeastern Pa. Ayrshire clubs grossed \$20,480 and averaged \$853.33 on 24 head.

William Yoder of Montezuma, Georgia paid \$1,500 for a fresh 3-year-old, the second high-selling animal. Benayr Peter Puff, consigned by Donald Benson, of Mt. Crawford, Virginia is sired by Peterbarb Harold out of Benayr April Love.

Yoder also paid \$1,000 for a bred heifer consigned by Sam Diehl of Bedford. Mine Choag Liberty Bell is sired by Granbyenne Royal Command. She is due in September to Cove Creek Madge's Boy.

Another fresh cow, consigned by Daryl and Doris Martin of Bethel brought the third high price of

\$1,310. Tower View Kelly's Rhonda, a 5-year-old, was purchased by Robert and Sharon Nolan of Cochranville. The Very Good Oak Ridge Flashy Kellogg daughter has records to 10,468 pounds of milk and test of 4.9 percent butterfat.

Leroy Bittner of Myersdale, took home a fresh 4-year-old for \$1,075.

Consigned by Peach Bottom breeder Karen Schmuck, Pine Lane Choice Bonnie is sired by Conholm Commander Jack's Choice and out of a Very Good Mar-Ral Commander's Pride with records to 14,651 pounds of milk and 584 of fat.

Maryland breeder Phillip Minor of McHenry purchased a fancy bred heifer, Toll Gate Ayr Choice Lady, for \$1,010. Bred to an Oak Ridge Commander's Star son, the

heifer was consigned by Dwight and Katherine Hunter of West Alexander.

In addition to cattle, the Ayrshire clubs offered a variety of show equipment which included blankets, halters, tack box, brushes and combs. Semen from

eight plus PD bulls was also auctioned.

Future Ayrshire events include the Pa. Ayrshire Field Day at Penn State on Saturday July 17 and the Keystone Classic Ayrshire Sale at the Guernsey Barn in Lancaster on August 26.



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