

Shorthorn heifer brings record price

OMAHA, Neb. — A record price of \$36,000 was paid to Mill Brook Shorthorns, R. Lee Johnson Family, Fredericktown, Ohio during the Shorthorn Seedstock Special Sale held in conjunction with the Denver National Western this month.

The top-selling female, Mill Brook Hope 81, was the champion female in the sale show held the previous day. She is a May 1961 daughter of Deepark Improver 2 out of Highfield Hope 4th.

She came off a successful show season, most recently being named

the Grand Champion Shorthorn female at the North American in Louisville, Ky. She sold bred to Mill Brook Four-Ten, a son of the National Champion G-Nine 2975. The buyer was Shorthorn Genetic Engineering of Elk Grove, Ca. The firm is developing Shorthorn females for use in an extensive transplant program.

Interest in the bull sale was centered on two lots, both winners in national showing competition.

G M Irish Special, a two-year-old son of Lazy D. Irish Jack, sold 1/3 interest and no possession for \$30,000. This evaluation was

\$90,000. Special was the National Champion bull at the 1982 National Shorthorn Show. Buyers of this lot owned by Sutherland Farms, Prospect, Ky., and Hagerlan Farms, Hodgenville, Ky., were the following firms: Carl Jordan and Family, Rensselaer, In., Mill Brook Shorthorns, Fredericktown, Oh., Walter J. Hoyt and Sons, Burns, Or., and Madera Ranch, Parma, Id.

Another high-selling bull consignment was Honey Dew Big Red, owned by the Jerry Taylor Family, Prairie City, Il., and Martin Bros.,

Hardeyville, Ky. This bull had been successful in the show ring, being named Grand Champion bull of the Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri State Fairs. In addition, he had also been named Grand Champion bull at the American Royal, Kansas City, Mo., and the North American in Louisville, Ky. This May 1960 son of Legs sold for \$20,000, 2/3 interest and full possession to Madera Ranch. He had earlier been chosen as the champion sale bull.

Selling at \$10,000 was 7 M Explosion Pirate, a January 1961

Explosion son consigned by 7 M Polled Shorthorns, Clarendon, Tx. This bull was a 1962 All-American and sold for 2/3 interest and full possession while retaining 1/3 semen interest for the 7 M herd. The buyers were DJW Irish Shorthorns, Clarendon, Tx., and Savell Farms, Ferris, Tx.

Spruce Hill Heiress, a roan October 1961 daughter of Cromellar Image Seal x, sold for \$10,000 to Sangamon Farms, Dewittville, NY. This fancy heifer is a full brother to Spruce Hill Image who was recently one of the most popular bulls to ever enter the show ring.

Other top-selling lots included: Mill Brook Irish Surge 147 x, consigned by Mill Brook Shorthorns, sold 2/3 interest and full possession to Theiman Polled Shorthorns, Warrensburg, Mo., for \$6,600; Inness Roan Queen x, from John Inness, Galesburg, Il., sold for \$7,500 to Shorthorn Genetic Engineering; Hilltuck Mick R7, from Hilltuck Cattle Co., Virginia, Il., sold 2/3 interest and full possession to Herb Symington, Neche, N.D. for \$9,200; Hilltuck Coroffin R2, also from Hilltuck, sold for \$5,000 to Shadybrook Farms, LTD, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; HS Beacons Harmony x, a consignment from Hoyt and Sons, sold to Shadybrook Farm, LTD, for \$5,000; Waukaru Minnie 1113 x, consigned by Mark Jordan, Rensselaer, In., sold for \$5,100 to Scott Bernards, Carlton, Or.; and Gm Spectacular, consigned by Gary Mobley, Prospect, Ky., sold for \$7,000 to Melroe Bros., Gwinner, ND and Archie and Gary Hansen, Lisbon, ND.

An average price of \$6,811 was received for the 19 1/3 bulls sold, for a total of \$131,650. The 15 females brought \$88,600 for an average sale price of \$5,907.

Economist says livestock economy to improve

NEW ORLEANS, La. — There will be "a little improvement" in net farm income in 1983, with most of it coming in the livestock economy, Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank Economist and Vice President Marvin Duncan said here recently.

There will be "many opportunities" for the livestock industry in the 1980s and '90s and beyond, he said. To bring the entire farm sector back to prosperity, there must be an improvement in world-wide demand for agricultural products and at least a short-term decline in farm expenses, Duncan told the annual meeting of Livestock Marketing Association.

Predicting a "restrained" U.S. economic recovery beginning the second quarter of this year, Duncan said this will "set the stage" for extended economic growth with a period of "relative price stability."

However, Duncan cautioned, not only the U. S., but the world economy must rebound for the agricultural sector to recover. And 1983 will not be a good year for the agricultural chemical and farm implement industries, he said.

This prediction was tied to Duncan's assessment of the new payment-in-kind program in the grain sector. As acreage is reduced, demand for chemicals, fertilizers and farm machinery will be dampened, he said.

PIK is a "logical conclusion" to the growing problem of over-production of grain, although the benefits from the program, in the form of increased grain prices, probably will not be realized until 1984, he said.

Although the economy did not perform as well in the last quarter of 1982 as economists had hoped, "there were the stirrings of economic recovery," as auto sales, housing sales and housing starts began "turning upward."

The gross national product should grow from 1.5 to 2.5 percent this year, which Duncan labeled a "very restrained" economic recovery.

Duncan also said that the growing federal deficit "hangs over the economy like a dark cloud," and "unless we do something," the deficit will get larger as far into the future "as you care to look."

Along with a prediction that President Reagan will be forced to cut the defense budget, as well as the rate of growth in Social Security benefits, Duncan also foresaw tax increases both this year and in 1984.

Turning to the world trade picture, Duncan said, "In troubled economic times countries look to protect their own markets." He labeled this move as "very dangerous," saying it can lead to a "spiral of offsetting protectionist measures" abroad.

In response to questions, Duncan said:

—He did not think the "social fabric" of the U.S. will accept double-digit unemployment "forever." He did predict unemployment of over 10 percent through 1983, and said he felt his definition of "full employment" means an unemployment rate of 6-6½ percent.

—The federal government can live with its projected large

deficits "for a long, long time, but the economy can't function very well with them." Duncan said that "unless we get some final decisions made about bringing down the federal deficit, I don't see the economy performing well much beyond 1983."

—There is the prospect for some reduction in interest rates. However, an improving economy will bring increased consumer loan demand, helping to boost rates.

Adams-Franklin vegetable meeting Thurs.

GETTYSBURG — The annual winter meeting for Adams-Franklin vegetable growers will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Penn State Fruit Research Laboratory, Biglerville.

The program is scheduled as follows: 9 a.m., "Efficient Use of Lime and Fertilizer," Peter Ferretti, Extension horticulturalist; 9:45 a.m., "New Developments in Tomato Disease Control," Alan MacNab, Extension plant pathologist; 10:45 a.m., "Insect Control on Vegetables,"

Robert Tetrault, Extension entomologist; 11:30 a.m., "Marketing Options," Larry Yager, Extension marketing agent; 12 noon, lunch, dutch treat; 1 p.m., "Tomato Varieties and Other Improved Vegetables," Peter Ferretti; 1:45 p.m., "Weed Control That Works", a panel of growers to be moderated by John Z. Shearer, Franklin County Extension Agent; 2:30 p.m., "General Discussion - Insects, Diseases, Cultural Practices," 3:00 p.m., Adjourn.

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