

# Jersey bred heifer sale averages \$1022

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**MERCER** — The crowd was sparse, but those that came to the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club annual Bred Heifer Sale came to buy. Thirty-two bred heifers sold for an average of \$1022.18 as buyers sought to add butterfat and protein to their herds. The sale was held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on April 13.

The buyer of the high selling animals and also the volume buyer for the second year in a row at this sale was Thomas Sanderson, R2 Conneaut Lake. A former Holstein breeder, Sanderson is currently milking 90 Jerseys and 26 Holsteins. He only raises Jersey young stock and really appreciates the animals that this sale has to offer.

"My milkchecks are higher now," Sanderson states. He likes to purchase bred heifers and took home 11 from this sale for a total of \$13,035.00.

Saying that he looks for strength and good feet and legs on the bred heifers, Sanderson selected the two highest selling animals for his Poverty Knob Farm. High selling heifer was the Magic of Ogston daughter consigned by Spring Run Jerseys, New Wilmington. Due May 4 Spring Run Magic Sugar sold for \$2210.00. Her dam, a Generators Big Four daughter had records over 17,158M and 740F to her credit.

Second high selling animal was the Celas Master daughter consigned by Robert W. Ulrich, Quarryville. Selling on the bid of \$1650.00 from Sanderson, Valley-U

Celas Five-Two, boasted a dam with records over 17,000 and a granddam with tests of 5.4%.

Sanderson also selected Windy Acres Magic Belle for his herd as he bid her to \$1600.00 to take home. Also a Quicksilver Magic of Ogston daughter, Belle, was due on April 25 and showed an udder with much potential. Consigned by William Eick, Columbia Cross Roads, this daughter of one of the highest bulls in the breed sought to command the price that her paternal sister did as she topped the sale.

Hi-Land Empire S. Plate, a daughter of Empire State 78, also commanded high bids as she sold for \$1550.00 to Douglas Potter, Centerburg, Ohio. Consigned by David Chamberlain of Wyoming, N.Y., Plate featured a dam with tests of 6.0% and a granddam with tests of 5.5%.

Before bidding was to begin, a hand made cow plaque was raffled with the proceeds going to the 1985 National AJCC meeting being hosted by the Pennsylvania Jersey breeders. The David Reusing Family, R5, Meadville, had purchased the plaque and will be making a \$100.00 donation to the 1985 annual meeting fund. Winner of the plaque was Don Hoye, Butler, Pa. The plaque was made by John Vanderstappen, Sr., Jamestown.

The sale was managed by Donald Koontz, Fredonia, Pa. and auctioneered by Lloyd Braham.

Animals selling for \$1000.00 and above were:

\$1450.00 - Hi-Land Starn G. Betty, consigned by Ray Chamberlain, Wyoming, N.Y.; purchased by Daniel B. Paul, Washington, Pa.

\$1310.00 - Sunset Ridge Saint Topaz, consigned by Brian Harris, Milan; purchased by Robert Clark, Enon Valley.



Holding cow plaque that the Reusing family purchased for raffling are Don Hoye, Dave Reusing and Carol Dreisbach, 1984 Jersey Queen.

\$1250.00 - Vantage Master Sweetie, consigned by Don Koontz, Fredonia; purchased by Tom Sanderson, Conneaut Lake.

\$1200.00 - Wilderness Noble Hope, consigned by Patricia Dreisbach, Hamburg; purchased by Tom Sanderson.

\$1200.00 - Normandell Saint Delores, consigned by Normandell Farms, Liberty; purchased by Robert Clark, Enon Valley.

\$1100.00 - Lawtons Secret Soldier

Meadow, consigned by Merle Lawton, Newark Valley, N.Y., purchased by Daniel Paul, Washington.

\$1025.00 - Van De Master C. Rachel Cheena, consigned by John Vanderstappen, Greenville, purchased by Clinton Douglas, Illinois.

\$1000.00 - Bryncoed Noble Tooty, consigned by Tom Williams, Middletown, purchased by Tom Sanderson.



Dick and Gerald Moose, consignors of the top selling animal stand with Tom and Carolyn Sanderson and the two heifers that topped the 1984 Pa. Jersey Bred Heifer Sale. At halters are Brian Koontz and Lisa Reusing, shown with Jersey Queen Carol Dreisbach.

## NW Guernsey Breeders present youth awards

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**MERCER** — "The Guernsey scene is looking brighter...we're going in the right direction," emphasized American Guernsey Cattle Club Director Janet Harding, of Brookville. She stressed factors of rising production records at the state and national level, the higher demand due to protein pricing for the 'golden' cow and the new interest in research due to beta-carotene.

Mrs. Harding addressed the Mercer/Northwest Pa. Guernsey Breeders' Association annual meeting April 13 at the New Vernon Grange in Mercer County. Nearly 90 members and friends enjoyed dinner followed by a very informative meeting.

Ruth Johns, Pennsylvania Field Representative for the breed, recapped the highlights of breed activities in the past year, including sale averages and youth activities. She also presented the financial report of the State Association as Lee Yost was unable to attend. The Association

has been cutting costs and is now considering the sale of the Sales Pavillion, although any other ideas or input are being looked into.

Ruth summed it all up with, "Get behind your Guernsey cow and support her...When you wonder why somebody doesn't do something, remember...you are somebody."

President John Kunz presided over the election of directors and auditor. The annual ice cream social was discussed and plans are being made for this year. Nearly 4,000 enjoyed the homemade mix in 1983. Harold Hill, secretary-treasurer of the Assn. presented a check for \$2,000.00 during the past year to the Mercer 4-H Park for kitchen remodeling. The social will be held there in July.

Mrs. Harold (Marlyn) Hill once again, with the help of her stuffed cow, Clover, introduced each youth in the District that showed Guernseys in 1983. Slides were shown depicting the five county fairs, district and the state show.

Some 27 youth showed at the county level, 13 at District and two



Dan Ealy is the recipient of the Mature Equivalent Milk Production Award sponsored by the Mercer/NW Guernsey Association.

went on to Harrisburg. Each youth received a notebook from the Assn. to keep registration papers and project books together.

Marlyn Burkhardt, director from Venango County presented trophies to each county's Grand Champion exhibitor. These included Bruce Rodgers, Venango; Kellie Kunz, Crawford; Jana Ferris, Mercer; Carolyn Kaveney, Erie, and Sheri Bensink, Warren.

President John Kunz presented the 4-H Milk Equivalent Award to Dan Ealy for Terri Kay of Highland Farms with 15,648 lbs. of milk.

Featured speaker of the evening was State Trooper John Balanski,

of the Mercer Barracks. He spoke on "Teenagers & Alcohol-Driving" and stressed that there are too many accidents and "they're not a result of drinking too much Guernsey milk." He explained the need for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and the effects of peer pressure. Until society decides that drinking and driving don't mix, the laws will not be stern enough, he said.

The results of drunk driving were vividly displayed in a movie, much of which was filmed in rehabilitation centers for paraplegics. Many of these were not violators, but were innocent victims hit by drunk drivers.



Among Guernsey youths honored for 4-H showing by the Mercer/NW Guernsey Assn. are, front row from the left, Elaine Hill, Jeanice Ferris, Kellie Kunz, Marie Goodwill; middle row from the left, Bruce Rodgers, Brian Rodgers, Jana Ferris, Dorothy Martin, Rhea Martin; back row from the left, Wes Aiken, John Kosty, Dan Ealy and Dave Aiken.



Grand champion exhibitors at their county Guernsey shows honored by the Mercer/NW Assn. include, from the left, Bruce Rodgers, Venango County; Kellie Kunz, Crawford; and Jana Ferris, Mercer. Not present were Carolyn Kaveney, Erie; and Sheri Bensink, Warren.

