\$4,000 tops National Ayrshire Sale

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Using a Scottish theme to represent the native homeland of the Ayrshire cattle breed, the National Ayrshire Sale Committee put together its annual sale, complete with music by the Scottish Bagpipers and sale personnel attired in the famous Scottish plaid.

Entering the sale ring to music provided by the Bagpipers, were the cattle consignments lead by the high seller, Miller's Chancy Blossom. A bred heifer, Blossom sold for \$4,000 to the National Ayrshire Association president Raymond Jarratt and his wife Fenella, of Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Blossom's consignor and breeder Jack Miller, of Bradner, Ohio, offered 20 percent of the selling price back to the purchaser whether or not the unborn calf is a bull or a heifer. This set keen bidding on the tall, outstanding senior 2-year-old heifer. Contending bidder was Dr. Charles Hanson, Colorado.

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Sale. The Jarratts also were the volume money buyers as well.

A tie for second high selling animal at \$2,500 was made between a 90-point Oak Ridge Moon Rocket daughter bred to Hammond's Oracle and a heifer bred to Granbyenne Royal Command. The two heifers brought continuous nods from the bidders until Richard Calverly, Maine, and Elizabeth Altwegg, Kansas, gave the final bids.

Calverly purchased Meigs Creek R' Loretta, consigned by Nelson

Langel and Son, Ohio, while Altwegg bought Jackson's Elvira, consigned by Christopher Dandanell, Connecticut.

The third high seller, Scotch Haven GB2 Maretta, consigned by Cindy Howman, Ohio, brought \$2,200.

Pennsylvanian Earl Keefer, Millersburg, paid \$2,000 to get the highest selling calf. The yearling was a Selwood Royal Welcome daughter consigned by David and Dora Hartford, Vermont.

The second high selling calf was

a September 1983 heifer consigned by Charles Sayles, Michigan. Don Dandanell, Connecticut, purchased the animal for \$1,500.

The sale averaged \$1,184 per head. Auctioneed off by Merlin Woodruff, Ohio, the cattle were sold to buyers from Virginia, Minnesota, Maryland, Georgia, Nebraska, Colorado, New York, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Connecticut, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Consignors from Pennsylvania were Ardrossan Farms, Villanova; Baytree Farm, Emlenton; Conebella Farm, Elverson; Sycamore Meade Farm, Millersburg; Timberlawn Farm, West Grove; and Toll Gate Ayr Farm, West Alexander.

The bids were taken by ringmen Barb Weas, Eastern Region field representative, and Bill Broadwater, Minnesota. Bob Dix was in charge of pedigrees. The sale was sponsored by Ayrshire Breeders Association, Brandon, Vt., and Jack Miller who served as national sale committee chairman.

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