

# Bull tops Waverly Farm sale

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CLEARBROOK, VA. — Buyers from 14 states, ranging from Massachusetts to Texas, bid to take home some of the top Jerseys in the nation at the Fifth Waverly Farm Invitational Sale April 30 in Clearbrook, Va. When the dust cleared, the 45 top pedigreed individuals commanded an average of \$1894. Hosted by the Robert Stiles family, Waverly Farm, the sale featured high indexing animals from top herds across the country.

Each consignment was personally selected by a member of the Stiles family or a representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club. One bull was picked to sell, and several outstanding heifers were consigned.

Selling for \$7,500 was Mayfield Blossom Favorite-ET, a bull bred and owned by Mayfield Dairy Farm, Athens, TN. Noba, Inc, Tiffin, Oh., plus a syndicate of Jersey breeders, were the successful bidders on this maternal brother to two of the highest bulls in the breed currently in active service. The bull's sire is Favorite Saint with a PD of +624M. He also boasts a

dam with three Hall of Fame records to her credit. His dam is an excellent - 92% and the dam of Mayfield Volunteer with ABS, Mayfield Volunteer Bruce with Select Sires, and Jody's Noble Survive with Noba. A maternal sister, Quicksilver Cherry Blossom-ET was scored excellent 90% at two years of age. The granddam of the bull also has hall of fame records to her credit and an appraisal score of 95%.

"They were impressed with the maternal line and the production that was there," stated Janet Stiles about the high selling cow of the sale. Blaisdell HL Earl Michele, an Earl daughter out of an excellent Samson, commanded the high bid of \$5,100.00 to top the sale as high selling cow. Consigned by Jane Blaisdell, Randolph, Vt, "Michele" had been selected for the sale by Paul and Blair Stiles. Impressed by the cow ever since, the Stiles family and Dr. Joseph Lineweaver, and Dr. Ray Murley, both of Blacksburg, purchased the cow. Their syndicate, WF/L&M Syndicate owns several other top pedigreed individuals including Quicksilvers Babe, currently the high cow on the CPI list for the

breed.

"She is an appealing cow to look at," states Mike Stiles. With AI interest already on the cows, the syndicate looks forward to planned matings on "Michele". Recently scored excellent, "Michele" might also face the showing, according to Stiles.

Lineweaver, a veterinarian in embryo transfer work, and Murley, a retired professor from VPI, joined with Waverly to invest in top pedigreed individuals as potential bull mothers. They chose the second high selling female of the day to add to their list when the WF/L & M Syndicate bid \$4200.00 on Rocky Hill TB Gingles. A daughter of A-Nine Top Brass, Gingles was consigned by W.T. Howell, Fort Payne, Ala. Her dam, a Quicksilver daughter boasted 3-03 305 20,230 M 5.1% and 1,033 F, 4.4% protein.

Volume buyer of the day was E.A. Terrell and sons who selected 12 head for a total of \$14,700.00. A Holstein breeder from Virginia who is adding to his herd with Jerseys, Terrell returned to this sale after purchasing several last year.

Consignment selling for \$2500.00 or more included:

\$3100.00 - W.F. Favorite Generator Buffy, bred heifer, consigned by Waverly Farm, purchased by John Billman, Ohio.

\$2550.00 - W.F. Justin April, dry

cow, consigned by Waverly Farm, purchased by H.L. Hobbs.

\$2500.00 - Highland Fallneva B. Jingle, cow, consigned by Highland Farm, Maine, purchased by Karen McComb, Virginia.

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goodies will be prepared by local farm and community organizations.

Many crafts people will be demonstrating their handiwork which will be available for purchase, as well as antiques, plants, and other small items.

"Strawberry Short-cake" (Jeanine Gross), "Blueberry Muffin" (Jennifer Gross), "Huckleberry Pie" (Adam Cross), "Raspberry Tart" (Kimberly Gross) and "Apple Dumpling" (Monica Joines) will be at the festival to greet the children. Pony rides and a "Petting Zoo" will be provided by local 4-H clubs for the youngsters enjoyment.

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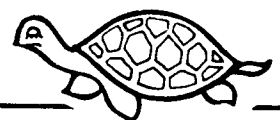
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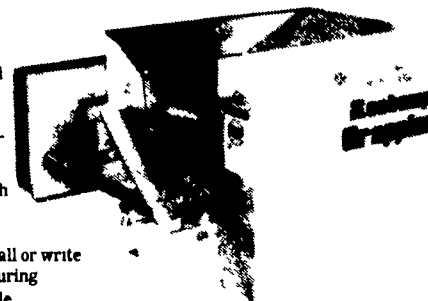


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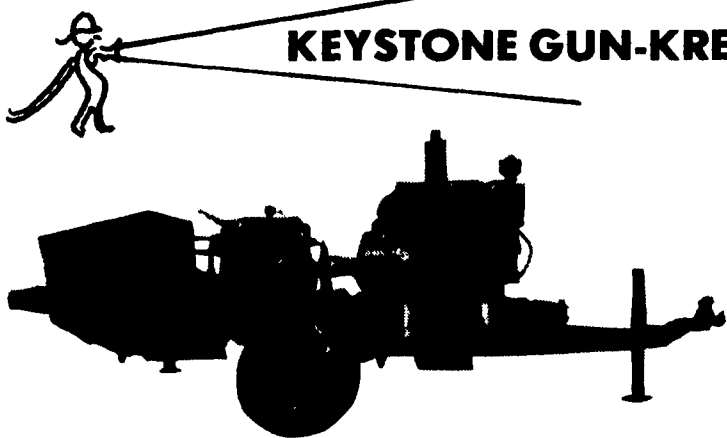
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