

Good crowd, active bidding, at Md. Nat'l Angus Sale

FREDERICK, Md. — More than 20 consignors from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia were on hand to offer the offspring of some of the industry's top Angus sires at the Maryland National Angus Sale on Tuesday night.

Held at the Frederick Fairgrounds, the sale attracted a

respectable crowd despite inclement weather and a departure from the traditional Friday night scheduling.

Sale receipts averaged \$1022 among the 47 lots offered, with two cows tying for top selling honors.

Selling for a top bid of \$2500 was M M Shoshone Perfection 532, a

January 1980 daughter of Schearbrook Shoshone consigned by Chester Hughes of Lancaster, Pa. The buyer was R and G Angus of Campbell Hill, New York.

Also selling for \$2500 was Skarship Maid of Bummer E202, a March, 1982 Skarship Educator daughter. Consigned by Southern Cross Angus of Boyds, Md., the cow was sold to Frank Garrett, Myersville, Md.

Top selling open heifer was P S Playmate, a Penn State consignment sired by Power Play. The April, 1983 heifer was sold to George Evans of Marshallton, Del., for \$1350. This heifer was one of five consigned by Penn State and sold in a breeder's sweepstakes, where the top bidder took his pick of the offering and was awarded the option to breed his animal to any Penn State sire.

Only three bulls were offered, with two being sold prior to sale time. The remaining bull, a Mar Lee Farm consignment from Woodboro, Md., was Mar Lee Power Pack T302, a January 1983 son of SVF Power Pack, sold to Raymond Poole, Poolesville, Md., for \$775.

The sale's chairman was George Parker of Southern Cross Angus, with Mike Jones of LaGrange, Ga.,

handling auctioneering chores. Sale managers were Tom Burke and Dick Beck of the American Angus Hall of Fame.

Animal health centennial

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block will lead a U.S. Department of Agriculture ceremony at 11 a.m., Tuesday in the Patio of USDA's Administration Building to commemorate 100 years of federal involvement in animal health.

Block will dedicate a plaque marking achievements that began when Congress created the Bureau of Animal Industry in 1884.

Members of Congress, diplomats, state commissioners of agriculture, educators and livestock industry leaders have been invited to the ceremony,

which is open to the public. The Patio will contain exhibits and live farm animals.

Work of the Bureau of Animal Industry is now done by USDA's Agricultural Research Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety and Inspection Service and Stockyards Administration.

Other events during

the day-long celebration include:

— A 20-minute video program tracing major events in animal health to be shown in USDA's Jefferson Auditorium at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.;

— A seminar, "The Second Century of Animal Health and Well-Being," to be held from 9:30 to 10:45 and again from 1:30 to 5 p.m., in the Jefferson Auditorium.

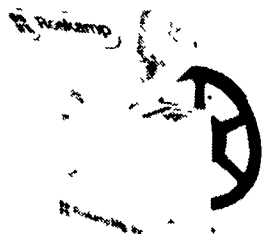


The pick of Penn State's five heifer consignments at the Maryland National Angus Sale went to George Evans, Marshallton, Del., for his \$1350 bid.

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