

# English Breeders Buy High Cow At Mun-Cre Dispersal

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**MUNCY** — For \$20,000 Premier Breeders of England purchased Mun-Cre Sensation Konnie-ET, the top priced cow at Lester Poust's Mun-Cre Farm's herd dispersal, Oct. 9, at Muncy.

The vital statistics on Konnie as a two-year-old are: 19,990 pounds of milk, 4.1 test, 820 pound of fat and 691 pound of protein in 365 days. Her cow index is plus 666 milk plus .13 percent, plus 47 fat, plus \$117. She classified VG-87 with an Excellent mammary system.

Konnie possesses an outstanding pedigree. She is a Neil out of Mun-Cre Farm's Edgend Elevation Lucky Notkin, 2E-93 who is also known as Poust's "Kitty cow." Kitty was excellent in all categories and as a five-year-old produced 25,669 milk with 5.3 percent fat in 365 days. Konnie is a maternal sister to Edgend Jet St. Kathy 3E-91, and was sold open with several embryo contracts.

"She has a real good test and protein, she's from an outcross sire, and she is from a strong breeding family," observed Al Munson concerning Konnie. Munson is with the New York Holstein Association and submitted the bid on Konnie for Premier Breeders.

Wayne and Roger Sherwood of

Meshoppen purchased Mun-Cre Tradition Lacey, VG-87, for \$11,500 which made her the second highest priced cow at the sale. Lacey, who is bred to Whittier Farms Ned Boy, possesses a DHIR record of 19,888 milk, 3.6 test, 707 fat, and 640 protein. She is a grand dam of the famous Mun-Cre Elevation Lasso 2E, 95-GMD who scored Excellent in every category and produced 30,302 milk, 4 percent fat and 1,208 fat in 365 days.

Lacey's dam, Mun-Cre Conductor Laffer, VG-88, produced 23,013 milk with 4.0 test in 365 days and earned a cow index of plus 640 milk and plus 30 fat.

Mun-Cre Valiant Kathleen-ET, VG-87 also a daughter of Poust's Kitty Cow and a maternal sister to Edgend Jet St. Kathy, brought the third highest price of \$8,000. Alan McCauley, Elizabethtown, was the buyer.

Kathleen's grand dam was out of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. As a 3-year-old Kathleen produced 22,285 milk, 4.2 test and 927 pounds of fat. Her cow index is plus 712 milk, plus 45 fat. She is bred to Bossir Glen-Valley-Star-Lite AL.

Sale average for 64 head of cattle was \$2,353. More than 200 people from as far away as Wisconsin attended the sale.

Backus Associates, Inc., Elizabethtown, managed the sale.



Mun-Cre Sensation Konnie-ET sold for the high price of the Mun-Cre dispersal, \$20,000. Premier Breeders of England, represented by Alan Munson, left of the New York Holstein Association, purchased the Neil daughter. Also pictured are: Charles Backus, auctioneer; Diane Stackhouse; Michael Weimer, auctioneer; Lester Poust, consignor; Horace Backus, pedigrees; Jay Howes, Backus Associates; Robert McKown, Holstein World; and Bill Nichols, Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

## Auer Named Credit Council VP

WASHINGTON — Kenneth E. Auer has been named vice president for legislation of The Farm Credit Council, the Washington-based trade association for the Farm Credit System. Auer's appointment was announced by Council President John A. Waits.

For the past two years, Auer served as director of legislation for the Council. As vice president, it will be Auer's responsibility to develop, recommend and implement plans for management of governmental issues of concern to the Council, and in so doing to serve as the Council's principal technical resource and legislative representative.

Prior to his work with the Council, Auer was a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations for seven years. In his position as staff member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Auer was responsible for overseeing the annual Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; he analyzed and formulated positions on the budgets of the Department of Agriculture, the Farm Credit Administration and others.

Auer advised Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton (D-MO), ranking Democrat on the agriculture appropriations subcommittee, on agriculture and farm credit needs and devised legislative revisions aimed at improving the government's response to those needs. Auer first came to Capitol Hill with Sen. Eagleton in 1974.

In announcing Auer's appointment, Waits said, "Our Farm Credit members are very fortunate to have a person with Ken Auer's extraordinary talents and legislative expertise representing their interests in Washington. Ken remains a most valuable asset to the Council's professional staff."

A native of Abington, Pennsylvania, Auer received his bachelor's degree from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, and did work toward his master's degree in political science at St. Louis University. He and his wife, Denise, and their three children make their home in a Northern Virginia suburb of Washington.

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