

Choice Daughter Nets Top Dollar At Guernsey Sale

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FREDERICK, Md. — "I hate to see it go," said auctioneer John Merryman. "The Pennsylvania Guernsey Sales Pavilion has been sold for a shopping mall." Recalling his first time at the sales

barn 40 years ago, Merryman started the bidding at the Frederick Guernsey Sale, at the Maryland Fairgrounds, "in the heart of the dairy community."

Bidders braved the bitter, wet weather to inspect the 35 head of cattle at the consignment sale.

Tom Lurvey of Lone Park, Wis., paid a premium \$1,500 for a 5 year old bred and consigned by auctioneer John Merryman of Sparks. Gerar Choice Janice freshened at the end of September. A daughter of Kellogg Minnie Choice, she milked 56.6 pounds on test in October. She produced a top record of 13,070 pounds of milk and 590 pounds of fat in 305 days.

Her dam, sired by Housleys Dari Faylor, produced a best effort of

14,311 pounds of milk and 660 pounds of fat in 324 days as a 4 year old.

An Eastern Shore 4-H dairy bull project, bred and raised by Adam Messix, brought \$750.

Billed as "an outstanding bull with the inheritance to develop into a leading sire of the future," Adams T.F. Lancelot is by Fayette. His dam, Messix M C Lass classified EX-90 and produced a top production 17,260

pounds of milk and 858 pounds of fat for a 5.0 test.

Many buyers were looking to "fill their tanks with golden Guernsey milk." Cattle consigned from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio and Delaware were sold buyers in those states, with many cattle also North Carolina and Kentucky-bound.

Thirty-four head sold for a total of \$22,905 with an average of \$674.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine announced an October 1986 base milk price of \$13.20 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$11.67. The weighted average October price was \$13.18 and the butterfat differential for the month was 17.7 cents.

The base milk price was up 27 cents from September and was 58 cents higher than last October. The weighted average price was up 27 cents from September and was 63 cents higher than a year earlier. The gross value of October producer milk was \$68.8 million,

compared to \$66.6 million a year ago.

Shine said that producer receipts totaled 523.8 million pounds during October, a decrease of 8.0 million pounds from last October, and the average daily delivery of 2,565 pounds per producer increased 4 pounds or 0.2 percent from a year earlier.

Class I producer milk totaled 277.5 million pounds and was up 20.4 million pounds or 8.0 percent

from last October. Class I milk accounted for 52.98 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 48.33 percent in October 1985.

Base milk accounted for 92.41 percent of total producer milk receipts in October compared with 88.49 percent last year.

The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.69 percent, down slightly from 3.70 percent last October.



John Merryman (left) consigned the top seller at the Frederick Guernsey Sale. Gerar Choice Janice sold for \$1,500 to Tom Lurvey of Wisconsin. Jack Ball is at the halter.

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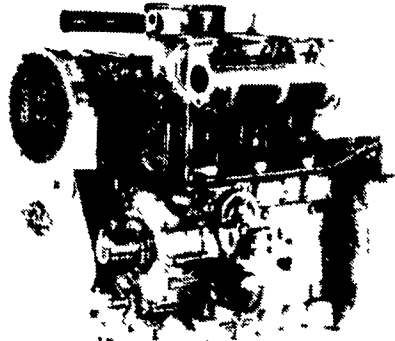
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