

Pa. Offerings Top Md. Polled Hereford Sale

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FREDERICK, Md. — Royal Bobbi commanded a royal price at the Maryland Polled Hereford Association's 14th annual Black-Eyed Susan Sale at the Frederick Fairground last week. Royal Bobbi was chosen as champion cow at the show which preceded the evening sale.

The "young, stylish" daughter of Domino, consigned by Kevin J. Diehl of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, brought a top bid of \$1675. Her February 1 heifer calf was sired by Nick the Butler. Cow and calf were purchased by Church View Farm, Millersville, Maryland.

A 1,715-pound bull named Max Driver strutted his stuff in the ring for a top bid of \$1150. The champion bull was consigned by John and Janet Humphrey of Patton, Pennsylvania. The son of Miss Enforcer, sired by Bluehills Hill Driver, weighed in at 86 pounds at birth in 1985 with a 205-day weight of 726. As a yearling, he weighed

1183 pounds, and his height at 20 months was 56 inches. The top selling bull was purchased by Calvin Saylor of Rocky Ridge, Maryland.

Sellers and buyers looking for red came from North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland to join the standing-room-only crowd. Some of the most popular bloodlines were represented at the sale, with pedigrees that boasted sires such as Enforcer, Driver, Victor and Prophet. Sale chairman John Wilkins said the cattle at the sale "are the type that will work and perform in any herd. I don't think I have ever seen a better set of cattle than the ones we have here tonight."

A total of 46 paraded through the sale ring at an average of \$734. Serving as auctioneer for the evening was Bryan Blinson.

Judge Bob Dillner awarded ribbons to top cattle in the show. Champion senior heifer consigned

by Someday Farm, Libertytown, Maryland, went to Dale Sheats of Sparks, Md., for \$295. The two-year-old, sired by Commander, was also selected as reserve heifer champion at the 1985 Maryland Fall Show.

Miss Prophette, champion junior heifer, was consigned by Flat Stone Lick. A daughter of Prophet, she boasts EBV's after calving of more than 100. Prophette brought the second highest bid of the evening at \$1150. She was purchased by Greenbriar Farm in Keedysville, Maryland.

A daughter of a national champion bull was sent through the ring as lot 6x. Clementine, consigned by Spring Run Farm, Abbottstown, Pa., was the reserve champion female at the 1982 Maryland State Fair and at the 1983 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The Maryland bred cow brought a high bid of \$1000. She will return to Pennsylvania to Spring Bottom Farm in Fairfield.



SBF Royal Bobbi consigned by Kevin Diehl of Fairfield, Pa., topped the Black-eyed Susan Sale last week. Buyer was Church View Farm.

Pine Haven Farm

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included championships at the Maryland State Fair, Tennessee Valley Expo, and fairs in Howard, Frederick and Montgomery counties in Maryland.

Two year back-to-back championships were taken at the York Fair, Virginia State Fair, and Sussex County, New Jersey Fair. And, Pine Haven stock claimed

both champion and reserve placings in 1986 at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival and the Spring Preview show, and in 1985 at the Keystone International.

"Our record proves what we're trying to do," figures Conaway.

One future goal is to show a champion at the national Suffolk show, held as part of the International Livestock Exposition

at Louisville, Kentucky. Otherwise, long range plans at Pine Haven are to "keep doing what we've been doing, and doing it at reasonable cost."

And Trees, Too

Along with the sheep production and showing enterprises, 80 acres of evergreen trees are cropped on the 112 acres of flat valley farmland, plus other leased acreage.

Plantings are primarily to Douglas fir, white and some Scotch pine, aimed at the Christmas and landscape markets.

The bulk of the holiday tree harvest is retailed through Baltimore area markets. Some varieties see year-round demand, as balled-and-burlapped specimens for area landscape nurseries. It's an enterprise which meshes relatively well with the sheep, since pruning and harvest

seasons tend to fall between lambing and the main fair season.

Pine Haven Farm's Club Lamb Connection Sale begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The farm is located three miles south of the Newville Exit of I-81, off Route 233 on Pine Road, and just west of the Hunstdale Fish Hatchery. For additional information, interested individuals may contact John Conaway at 717-486-5423.



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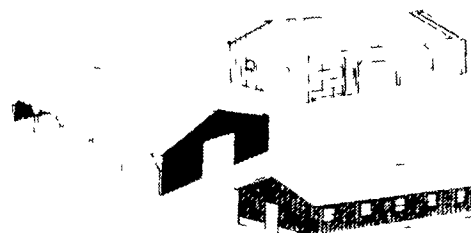
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