

\$10,500 Bid For Fayette Son Tops Guernsey Sale

Breeders Vote To Change Cattle Club To Association At National Guernsey Convention

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progeny of Yellow Creek Choice Blossom EX-92. Blossom carries a Cow Index of plus 1,320 milk, plus 40 fat, plus \$137, and plus \$113 cheese yield with a CPI of plus 260. She owns a MCD of plus 11,939 milk and 389 fat. The 7-year-old cow produced a top record of 37,860 pounds of milk and 1,537 pounds of fat with a 4.1 test in 365 days. Her lifetime effort stands at 124,730 pounds of milk and 5,323 pounds of fat with a 4.3 test.

Her dam produced lactations to 24,750 pounds of milk and 1,012 pounds of fat.

Mountain Brook Big Tex Lorna consigned by Tom and Mary Lurvey, Hidden Valley Farm, Lone Rock, Wis., was one of the top two selling milking females. She sold for \$4,500 to Travis Smith Lindsey, Bismarck, Ill.

Tied with Lorna at the \$4,500 mark was Yellow Creek Tex Louise who sold to Ken Forester of Ontario.

Lorna, a 3-year-old daughter of Big Tex, classified EX-91. She produced a 2-year-old record of 15,840 pounds of milk, 712 pounds of fat, and 548 pounds of protein. Her MCD stands at plus 1,910 milk and plus 68 fat. On her first test of this lactation she produced over 72 pounds of milk. She sold bred to Olympic View Prince Andy.

Her dam, EX-93 in Canada, was the 1984 Reserve All-Canadian 5 year old and produced a top fat record of 602 pounds.

Consigned by Weaver, Louise classified EX-91. The Big Tex daughter completed a high record of 16,450 pounds of milk and 786 pounds of fat with a 4.8 test in 305 days. A 4-year-old cow, she carries a MCD of plus 1,078 milk and plus 23 fat. Recently fresh, she is presently milking over 90 pounds.

Her 92-point May Rose Prince dam has four records over 21,000 pounds of milk and 1,000 pounds of fat with lifetime totals of 170,630 pounds of milk and 8,254 pounds of fat. The next dam produced over 119,000 pounds of milk and 5,800 pounds of fat lifetime.

The highest unborn embryo sold for \$3,400 and was consigned by Clover Jack Farms, Ferndale, Calif. Sired by Andy, the embryo is out of the Clover Jack Telestar Victori cow. Classified EX-91 at 3 years 11 months, she ranks 12th in the breed for CPI. Her Cow Index in January 1987 stood at plus 1,170 milk, plus 46 fat, plus \$140 and plus \$136 cheese yield with a CPI of plus 292. She carries a MCD of plus 5,463 milk, plus 201 fat, and plus 139 protein.

Sired by Telestar, she completed a top lactation of 20,640 pounds of milk and 964 pounds of fat with a 4.7 test in 305 days. Her EX-91 Choice dam completed two records over 27,000 pounds of milk and 1,200 pounds of fat.

The three embryos sold averaged \$1,933.

A breakdown of the pedigrees of the consignments showed 10 dams with records over 20,000 pounds of



Yellow Creek Fayette Boone-ET sold for the top price of the 1987 National Convention and Heifer sale. He sold for \$10,550 to a syndicate representing Tri-State Breeder. Pictured with the sale topper are buyers Jim Lowry, (left) Herb Guyer, Dave Bolen; Tom Overhause; Truman Weaver, consignor; Gene Cross; Tina Larson, 1986 National Guernsey Queen; and Don Cannon on the halter.

milk, an average MCD on all dams of plus 3,109 milk, 20 of the dams classified Excellent and 16 classified Very Good. The sires' PD averaged plus \$81.

John Merryman of Sparks, Md., served as auctioneer for the sale. Erick Metzger of the Guernsey Marketing Service read pedigrees. Metzger noted this is the eighth convention sale out of the last 20 to average over \$2,000. The average is down slightly from last year. He attributed this to the difference in location of the convention. While Pennsylvania ranks second in Guernsey registrations, Illinois, the site of last year's convention, is next to three of the top five states for Guernsey registrations.

Twenty percent of the proceeds of the sale are channeled into a fund to help with youth activities such as the National Guernsey Queen Contest.

Ohio Girl Wins National Queen Title

Sheri Kohler of Canel Winchester, Ohio, was selected as the 1987 National Guernsey Queen. Nancy Powel, Maryland's Queen, and Janice Winther, Iowa's Queen, were chosen as National Princesses. The Princesses will assist the Queen and fill in for her at different events.

Sheri is currently a junior at the Ohio State University and will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics and a specialization in finance.

She owns five Guernseys at the Marodae Farm in Baltimore, Ohio. She is the past secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Junior Guernsey Breeders Association and is presently president of that organization. For the past seven years she has served on the district Guernsey Breeders Association's board of directors.

A Guernsey breed promoter, Sheri comments that the American Guernsey Association's programs such as sire summaries, the genetic recovery program, Journal contract advertising and young sire programs as well as keeping registrations up-to-date can help Guernsey operations run smoother.

Millie Linde Widmann, Oxford, the 1980 National Guernsey Queen, was the coordinator for this year's event. Judges for the pageant were Lavern McCaskill, South Carolina Guernsey breeder; Hettie Lancaster, Washington State farm wife; and Jim Widmann, AI technician for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative in Lancaster County.



The top female, a full sister to the sale topper, sold for \$8,250. Posing with Yellow Creek Fayette Brook-ET are Michael Hurst (left), consignor Truman Weaver, Erick Metzger, Jerry Emrich, John Merryman, Dan Milhoefer and David Trotter on the halter.

Name Change Approved

The annual meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club opened on Monday morning, the final day of the convention. The primary topic of conversation revolved around the proposed name change of the national group to the American Guernsey Association. Breeders voted on and approved the name change.

Other topics of interest included the 1987 essay question for the outstanding Guernsey youth

contest: "What can we do as Guernsey breeders to make the breed better?"

Mike Lancaster spoke to the concerned breeders of the controversial topic of registration by tattoo only. After Jan. 1, 1988, there will be an additional fee for any breeders that register cattle by a sketch only.

At the close of the annual meeting, Floyd Sandell, representing the Washington State

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Lee and Martha Yost were honored for their dedication and service to the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association. Lee recently retired as business manager of the organization.



Myron Erdman (left) and Doug Wilson (right) congratulate Gene Meyer, the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.



Rose and Jack Dendel (center) received the Master Breeder Award from Myron Erdman (left) and Dick Chichester.