

Royal Gypsy Earns Top Bid At Autumn Harvest Classic

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FAIRFIELD (Adams Co.) — Polled Hereford enthusiast from across the country convened at Spring Bottom Farm, Fairfield, Saturday, September 12 for the Autumn Harvest Classic II Sale. Reflecting the strength of the cattle industry, 2 bull lots sold for an average price of \$1263.00. The 47 female lots sold averaged \$1446.00. High volume buyer of the day was Double-O-Six Polled Herefords, Dr. & Mrs. Oscar and Sue Oberkircher, Danville, Pa. They purchased eight and one-half lots for a total of \$12,425.00.

Double-O-Six's half-lot was their investment in partnership with Dr. & Mrs. Fred McMurray, Susquehannock Farm, Sunbury, in the high selling female of the day. The partnership paid the top price of the day, \$3600.00, to own SBF Royal Gypsy 8626. This cow, consigned by Spring Bottom Farm, Frank and Becky Darcey, Fairfield, is sired by Beartooth Nomad 421N and out of SBF RYL Trans Am 8118. This pedigree is recognized by most Polled Hereford breeders since this cow is a full sister to Darcey's "Gypsy", said by many to be the breed's premier cow. Gypsy 8626 sold safe in calf to Louada 842G Security IS.

The partnership does not have any immediate plans to flush their new purchase or to re-sell her soon. Both doctors agreed that this was the individual they came to the sale to buy. They plan to make her a cornerstone in their breeding programs at both their operations.

The second high selling individual was a three in one package consigned by Flat Stone Lick

Farm, The Midlas, Marianne, Pa. Van Haur Ranch, Hilgar, MT, paid \$3250.00 for a BT Prophet 117P daughter and her March 29 bull calf by Shogun. This promising two year old had a weaning ratio of 118 and sold safe in calf again to Shogun.

Clifftop Farm, Blaine, TENN, purchased the third high selling lot for \$2500.00. Consigned by Rocking R Farm, Keith and Linda Rooker, Uniontown, it consisted of another young cow by Prophet out of a dam by Declaration 402K. Sold at her side was her April 8th heifer calf by GK RGF Rustler. A possible donor cow for her new owners, this young cow sold remated to Boyd Rolex 568T.

Another Spring Bottom Farm consignment commanded the fourth high selling price of the day at \$2475.00. R & A Investments, San Diego, CA purchased this young cow sired by Nomad and her March 15th calf by Cherry. She sold in calf to AA R Top Priority 398.

The sale was organized by four of the most prominent Polled Hereford breeding establishments in the Keystone State. Those offering the harvest of their seedstock at the sale were: Spring Bottom Farm, Penn State University, Flat Stone Lick Farm, and the Rocking R Farm. In the preface of the catalog for this sale these breeders outlined that this sale offered, "Excellent performance records, youthful matrons and debutantes with years of productivity ahead of them, and bulls with all the necessary characteristics to provide the cattle of the future, along with the bottom line; integrity in breeding and selling.



Top selling lot at the Autumn Harvest Classic II Sale was SBF Royal Gypsy 8626. A partnership of Double-O-Six Farm and Susquehannock Farm paid \$3600.00 for this top pedigreed young cow. Pictured (left-right); Karen Rabenold, PA Beef Queen; Frank Darcey, consignor; Sue Oberkircher, Oscar Oberkircher, Fred McMurray, Howard McMurray, Doreen McMurray, all buyers, and Randy Becker at the halter.

PA Polled Hereford Group Open For Membership

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FAIRFIELD (ADAMS CO.) — Do you and your husband have Polled Herefords? Are your children involved in showing Polled Herefords? Are you interested in the cattle industry or the Junior Polled Hereford Breeders Association? Do you have good ideas about beef promotion? If you answered any of these questions "yes", then the Pennsylvania Poll-ettes want you as a member.

Susan Smith, East Greenville, PA, is the President of the PA Poll-ettes, an extension of the National

Polled Hereford Poll-ettes. Smith explained that there are about 50 Poll-ette associations nationwide, but that the PA chapter was just organized this past May. Smith's name is familiar to many breeders since she is also the editor of the PA Polled Hereford Newsletter.

Other officers in the association include: Faith Peterson, vice-president, Debbie Hess, secretary, and Becky Darcey, treasurer.

Smith outlined the purpose of the organization as an outlet for women involved in the beef industry. It is the associations primary goals to work with the State Beef

Queen in her promotions and with the Junior Association and its activities. Stated Smith, "We need to support our Junior Association because without them, there is no Senior organization.

The PA Poll-ettes have two immediate goals. One of these is to raise funds to help support the Junior Association's programs. They have organized a raffle of breed-related items to be held at the SOP Show at the Keystone Show. Tickets will be on sale all week at the show at the PA Polled Hereford booth. They are also sell-

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Poultry Conference Names Speaker

HARRISBURG — News correspondent Bettina Gregory, who covers a variety of major national topics for ABC television programming, is the guest speaker for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's Annual Conference in Grantville, Pennsylvania.

Scheduled to give her presentation on Thursday morning, October 1, 1987, the talented and highly regarded newswoman will cap the final day of the conference's two-day information exchange.


Beginning with a general session for all attendees on Wednesday, September 30th, the two-day conference features general session speakers from all areas of the country. One of the four speakers scheduled for the general session on Wednesday morning is Mr. Stan Bailey, research microbiologist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), who will discuss Salmonella facts and fallacies, followed by University of Illinois Professor Stan Curtis who will address the animal rights issue and its effect on the industry. Topics on the Thursday morning

slate include a presentation by noted cholesterol authority, Dr. Margaret Flynn.

As part of the conference activities, the Poultry Federation includes its annual golf tournament, the "Poultry Open" on Wednesday afternoon, comedienne Hope Mihalap at the evening's banquet, and a presentation of

"estate planning" during the ladies' program Thursday morning.


Registration for the September 30/October 1 conference and general activities can be obtained by contacting the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, 500 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa., 17109, or by telephoning (717) 652-7530.



Pork Prose

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Editor's Note: When this column was run in the Aug. 29th edition, there were a number of missing sentences — that apparently occurred when the text was sent over the wire.

At Dr. Kephart's request we have rerun the column to be sure the readers are properly informed.

Alternative Feed Grains

Most of the hogs in this country find a corn-soybean meal mixture of some kind in the feeder. The combination of corn and soybean meal is both practical and economical. But every now and then hog producers have an opportunity to buy or raise an "odd" feed grain — like millet or lupins. Here are a few tips on hog performance and feed formulation if you're planning to use an off-the-wall feedstuff. Approximate values are given for each feedstuff based on corn at \$2.00/bu. and 48% soybean meal at \$220 per ton plus any expected changes in performance.

Triticale, a cross between wheat and rye, has been around for at least 100 years, but it has never

really caught on. However, a recent variety — Beagle '82, shows good promise for swine feeds. It contains about 12% protein and .40% lysine. (Corn has about 9% protein and .24% lysine). So you can use triticale in place of all the corn and about 80 pounds of soybean meal in a 1-ton ration. With complete protein supplements, make pound-for-pound substitutions with corn. Approximate value of triticale: \$.039/pound.

Drawbacks to Triticale. Insect growth can be a problem in storage, and feeders should be checked often — triticale diets can gum up the feeder throats. As a feed grain, Beagle '82 looks great, but this variety is not adapted to warmer

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LIVESTOCK LATEST





The supreme champion gilt of the Maryland State Fair held earlier this month is shown here with owner Dave Holloway, Glen Rock. The December Duroc was named grand champion of the breed. Holloway Duroc farm also had the champion barrow and received the premier breeder award.