

Spreading The Wealth Of Genetic Excellence In Pennsylvania Holsteins

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LANCASTER — Spreading the wealth was the story at the 1988 Pennsylvania Holstein Convention Sale held Tuesday evening at the Palm Court Ballroom of the Willow Valley Convention Center.

Spreading the wealth happened in two ways. While two digit prices usually capture the top bid, in this sale there were several animals earning above five and six thousand dollars. This meant not one animal stole the show, but several were able to bathe in the spotlights. More consigners received excellent prices and more of the genetic excellence from the tremendous Pennsylvania Holsteins was made available to more of the black and white and red and white cattle breeders.

Of the 62 animals, five brought five thousand or better. The top Holstein sold for \$6,600. Oakenbound-W Tradition Fanny ET sold to Wilmer Hostetter of Oxford, Chester County. Fanny, consigned by Richard Troutman and sons and Gary Willier of Richland, Lebanon County.

"One of the best uddered if not the best uddered daughters of Chief," was the way Horace Backus described Fanny as she entered the ring. She is classified a VG-87 at 4 years old. Her 3-year-old record for 365 days was 24,470M, 4.2% butterfat test and 1,024 lbs. of butterfat. Fanny is a full sister to Oakenbound-W Tradition France-ET who at 2-years-old produced 24,636, 4.1 test, 1,013 lbs. of butterfat. France sold for \$34,000 in 1986 to Rothrock, Fanny has 5 tons to date in AI.

Hillmont Chairman Pansy, a 3-year-old producing 114 lbs. per day, according to Backus, sold to U.S. Superior Genetics for \$6500. Pansy is a VG-87 with an excellent mammary system. She was consigned by Jay and Kirk Hillegass of Berlin.

"Buy the best and breed the best. This cow has a tremendous future. She's tall. She's sharp and look at that excellent teat placement," said Backus. Fanny's dam is an EX-2E. She is a maternal sister to Hillmont Glendale Pinky with 27,000 lbs. milk.

A magnificent, young red and white heifer captured the third highest bid at \$6,000 from Neil and Michelle Stewart from Marion. Consigned by Stonehurst Farms, Inc. of Strasburg, Visions Jon Mandarin-Red ET. Mandarin was fresh only 36 hours prior to the sale. Born 11:41 a.m. Monday morning, her calf Heidi Ho brought \$1,000. Mandarin was born March 12, 1986, not quite a two-year-old, is a maternal sister to Hubbys R Maple Bootmaker Mara. Mara at 4-years-old in 362 days is at 27,040 lbs. of milk, 3.9% butterfat test and at 1,047 in lbs. of butterfat.

Solid-Gold Ned Boy Lacy-ET, consigned by Solid Gold Holsteins, Mike and Cindy Weimer of Emlenton, sold to Ronald M. King for \$5500. Described as having an excellent chance of being an AI contract and embryo donor cow of the future, this two-year-old is the daughter of several VG dams. She is the daughter of Mun-Cre Glendell Lola (VG-88), Lola's 3-year-old record in 365 days was 31,564 lbs. of milk, 4.5% butterfat test, and 1,422 lbs. in butterfat.

Lacy's third dam topped 30,000 lbs. in milk production and four full sisters had butterfat records of 1043, 1130, 1150 and 1355. If Solid Gold Remedy sounds like a relation, he is. This is Lacy's full brother at Sire Power. Rounding out the top five bids was a dazzling two-year-old consigned by Lewis and Barbara Berkley of Berlin. Berkline Dazzler Tamara sold for \$5,000. She is the daughter of Berkline Apollo Chief Tara who topped 26,000 lbs. milk with a 3.6% test and 1,033 lbs. of butterfat.



High selling animal in the sale at 6,600 was Oakenbound-W Tradition Fanny-ET.



Hillmont Chairman Pansy was the first cow in the ring and sold for \$6500.

The unofficial sale average, according to Ken Raney, PHA Director of Membership Service, was \$2780 on 62 lots. The 1987 sale average in Wilkes-Barre was \$3,857. In 1986 the convention sale averaged \$3,293.

This was the first time Willow Valley hosted animals in their ballroom, and according to the sale committee it took some explaining

to Willow Valley owners. The beautiful ballroom was made even more so by the auction area decorated by large white columns topped with vases of flowers. In honor of their 75th anniversary, diamonds dangled from the ceiling and chandeliers.

The sale cows were housed at the Fultonway Farm of the Mowery Frey, Jr. family in Willow

Street. The event drew hundreds of spectators with standing room 10 to 15 deep. It was an over capacity crowd.

Harry Bachman and Mike Weimer were auctioneers with pedigrees read by Horace Backus. Sale ringmen were Charles Myers, Jay Howes, and Donald Welk and Jeff Harding. Sale clerk was Ken Raney.

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Rabies Comes To Lancaster County

MOUNT JOY — Tuesday afternoon Summerdale Laboratories confirmed a case of rabies that occurred on the Richard Miller farm, which is midway between Mount Joy and Mastersonville on Meadow Road.

Miller, owner of a horse operation, began to suspect rabies when a horse attempted to bite anyone that came near it. The horse was put down a week ago Friday and its head sent to Summerdale.

"There was no way to tell how the rabies got on the farm," said Charles Buller, Miller's son-in-law.

Because Miller's horses are not inoculated, the Pennsylvania Department of Health placed the farm on a six-month quarantine in an attempt to contain outbreaks. They also gave Miller the option of quarantining his dogs, which had

not been vaccinated, or destroying them. He chose to put them to sleep.

Veterinarians recommend that all domestic animals be vaccinated for rabies. If an animal won't let the farmer approach, or displays unusual behavior, it should be killed. In addition, all wildlife coming onto the farm, especially in the day, also should be killed.

Any animal that is killed should be buried immediately without being touched by the farmer or any other human being.

Although the symptoms for rabies differs widely, it is often characterized by drooling, abnormal aggression, and a limp tail.

If a farmer suspects a wild animal is rabid, he should kill it and bring the head to Summerdale Lab, where it will be tested free of charge.



Milk Promotion awards went to (L to R) standing, Kathy Sturgeon, Paul Corbin, Deb Metzber and Paul Countrymen. Seated, Karen Lentz and Phoebe Bitler.