

NAILE Sheep Show A Cornucopia Of Breeds

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The sheep show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) has become one of the most prestigious shows in the world due to tradition. All sheep events started at the NAILE in 1976.

This year, of the 16 sheep

shows, seven were National Breed Association shows. National breed shows included Hampshire, Southdown, Cheviot, Oxford, Montadale, Cotswold, and Romney. Other breeds showing at the NAILE were: Dorset, Suffolk, Corriedale, Shropshire, Rambouillet, Natural Colored, Merino,

Columbia, and Tunis.

More than 3,000 entries were recorded for this year's sheep show.

Randy Hall, vice president of the Oxford Association believes the NAILE show is the "Super Bowl of sheep shows." Hall also thinks this is the most prestigious

show in the United States. He said, "a champion at the NAILE means a lot more than a champion at a state fair."

Billy Wade, a purebred Dorset breeder from Greenville, Virginia, said, "most come to the NAILE sheep show because it is the last

major show of the year." He also said that "the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center is one of the few facilities large enough to house that many sheep."

The facility is currently being expanded to hold twice as many sheep for future shows.

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All American Sale

DEFOREST, Wis. — Progeny of 29 J2875 LESTER and 29 J2877 SKY LINE captivated the bidders' attention at the 1992 All American Jersey Sale, held recently in Louisville, Ky.

Topping the sale at a price of \$9,800 was Sweet Grass 2875 Gurit-ET, a yearling daughter of 29 J2875 LESTER, bred by Clifton and Laura Booth of Buhl, Idaho. Gurit is a maternal sister to the breed's highest PTI cow, Sweet Grass Sooner Gilda. Their dam, Sweet Grass Brass Gulka, is the breed's fourth highest PTI cow and a daughter of 29 J2793 TOP BRASS. Gurit carries two A.I. contracts and sold to the Lutz Syndicate of Mocksville, N.C.

The second high selling female was Lesters Althea Altop, a 4-month-old 29 J2875 LESTER daughter that brought \$7,400 to Chaney Farms of Bowling Green, Ky. Her dam is Altheas Pride 031, an outstanding Sooner daughter with seven maternal brothers in A.I. Altop was purchased by Lynn and Roy Lee of Smyrna, Tenn.

The top selling male was Forest Glen Benchmark, a son of 29 J2875 LESTER from Forest Glen Sooner Gemini. BENCHMARK was bred by Stanley and Dora Bansen of Dayton, Oregon, and was purchased for the price of \$48,000 by the Benchmark Syndicate and American Breeders Service. Three other bulls sold in the sale, all sired by ABS bulls. They were progeny of 29 J2875 LESTER and 29 J2877 SKY LINE.

29 J2875 LESTER had an extremely powerful influence on the success of the 1992 All American Sale. With six daughters selling, his progeny averaged more than \$5,000 - more than \$1,200 over any other sire. 29 J2877 SKY LINE sired the second highest averaging group of Jersey heifers in the sale at \$3,308.


In total, 18 ABS-sired animals sold in the 1992 sale, averaging more than \$8,900. This average is more than \$5,700 greater than any other A.I. unit represented through the sires of the consignments. With ABS' leadership in the Jersey breed, this competitive edge is available to Jersey breeders around the world.

"Following the July 1992 sire summary, ABS is positioned with the best Jersey sire lineup available," said Dave Thorbahn, ABS manager of dairy sire selection. "With the best sons of Duncan, Yankee, TOP BRASS, and ROYAL, and four of the five bulls in the breed over +2000 pounds PTA milk, ABS is the reliably ahead source of Jersey genetics."

According to Michael Riggs, 1992 sale chairman, the All American Sale sets the standard of excellence for the future of the Jersey breed. The challenge met by the All American Sale committee was to select for the standard of excellence that would inspire all Jersey enthusiasts.

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