

\$24,200 Tops Maryland Holstein Sale

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KEEDYSVILLE, Md. — The Annual Maryland State Holstein Association Convention culminated with the Convention Sale on March 12. In contrast to last year's sale in Garrett County, where temperatures in the barn were 14 degrees, and the sale had to be postponed due to a major blizzard which left a number of dairy farmers stranded, it was a lovely day. The sale was held at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center, Keedysville. Approximately two-hundred people from Maryland and surrounding states attended.

Rensburg Sale Service, Jefferson, managed the sale. The auctioneer was Denny Rensburg, pedigrees were by Norman Hill, and the Sale Chairman was Greg Wiles, of the Washington County Holstein Association. The Washington County Association hosted the Annual Convention and the sale. The sale was sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association.



Rothrock Leadman Leopard-ET, dam of Belltone's (1st choice female) that sold for \$24,200 in the Maryland Holstein convention sale last Saturday.



Conant-Acres Mark Silky-ET, dam of the August 1993 Aerostar calf that sold for \$13,700.

Seventy four lots were sold, with an average of \$2,378.00. Animals ranged from calves to an Excellent 91 point six year old.

Lot #1, the First Choice Female out of Rothrock Leadman Leopard-ET, sired by Belltone, topped the sale at \$24,200.00. The high bidder was Tom Gretz, P.A. Contending bidder was Pintail Point Farm, Queenstown. Dam is a VG 88 with a record of 2-5 229 2x

21,110 4.0% 834/ 3.4 711P-Inc. She has three Japanese contracts including one for a Belltone son, and one Canadian contract. Consignors were Ron and Linda Kling, Olen and Ruth Beitzel, and Futurland Farm, Accident.

Second highest selling lot was #12, for \$13,700, which went to Pintail Point Farm, Queenstown. Lot 12 was an ET with registration pending, born August, 1993, sired by Aerostar, with a dam from the

Sweetness family with +74 protein. Consignors were Mike and Mary Creek, Hagerstown.

Other highlights of the sale included a choice of Elvins or Lukes from +92P Tidy-Brook Blackstar Suzy-ET (VG 85-2y9m) 2-1 365 2x 21,840 3.5% 875/ 3.3 809p, and the first choice of ET heifers from Zimmandale Cleitus Raye. As of July '93 proofs, Raye was the top protein cow in Maryland at +88P.

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