\$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

Remsburg Sale Service, Jefferson, managed the sale. The auctioneer was Denny Remsburg, 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 Belitone's (1st choice female) that sold for August 1993 Aerostar calf that sold for \$24,200 in the Maryland Holstein convention \$13,700. sale last Saturday.

out of Rothrock Leadman

Leopard-ET, sired by Belltone,

topped the sale at \$24,200.00. The

high bidder was Tom Gretz, PA.

Contending bidder was Pintail

Point Farm, Queenstown. Dam is a

VG 88 with a record of 2-5 229 2x

Conant-Acres Mark Silky-ET, dam of the

21,110 4.0% 834/ 3.4 711P-Inc. Seventy four lots were sold, She has three Japanese contracts with an average of \$2,378.00. Aniincluding one for a Belltone son, mals ranged from caives to an and one Canadian contract. Con-Excellent 91 point six year old. signors were Ron and Linda Kling, Lot #1, the First Choice Female Olen and Ruth Beitzel, and Futura-

> land 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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KEMPTON (Berks Co.) — The American Sheep Industry (ASI) Wool Classing School is scheduled April 12-15 at the Super 8 Motel in Waynesburg.

The classing schools have been developed for commerical wool marketing and are intended for people interested in classing wool for others, according to Joseph Vogel, president of the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association (PSWGA).

The schools, which begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., feature a structured program. Day 1 morning classes provide in-class instruction about wool fiber growth and deevelopment, characteristics, and traits. In the afternoon session, wool grading and evaluating "mini-fleeces" based on official USDA wool standards are offered.

Day 2 and 3 feature on-farm, hands-on experience in wool production.

A maximum of 18 people can participate in the class, open on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fee of \$30 must be paid to have a confirmed spot in

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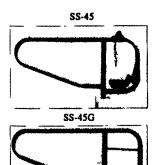


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