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Maryland Holstein Convention Sale Has \$11,700 Top



The highest selling cow in the Maryland Holstein Convention Sale is Ladys-Manor Top Star-ET, at 2y6m was consigned by Robert and Mary Smith of Monkton and sold to Marlin and Kathy Hoff of Carroll County for \$11,700. Mary Smith is in front. Behind the cow are Marlin Hoff, left and Robert Smith. In the box are, from left, Denny Remsburg and Mike Heath. D.D. Hoagsworth is at the halter.

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CARROLL COUNTY, Md. — According to Gus Schwartzbeck, co-chairman of the 1995 Maryland Holstein Convention Sale, the sale was one to remember. "The dairy business is pretty tight right now," Schwartzbeck said, "and I just thought it went better than I expected it would go. I thought everything brought what it was worth, and some even brought more than I thought they would."

With 62 head of Holsteins featured in the Saturday, March 4 sale, prices averaged \$2,861 per head. The top-selling cow was a two-and-a-half-year-old who came fresh on July 22, and sold for a whopping \$11,700. Ladys-Manor Top Star-ET was bred and born on the farm of owners Robert and Mary Smith of Monkton, Maryland.

"\$15,000 in contracts for AI stud went with her," said Mary

Smith. "She's out of four generations of cows bred here on the farm." Smith noted that Lady's Manor Top Star-ET had a dam that was "excellent," a second dam that was "very good" and a fourth dam that was "very good."

"He's worked very hard on these cows," Smith said of her husband, Robert. "She's one of our best!" Smith also said that a full sister to Ladys-Manor Top Star-ET will be offered for sale at the upcoming National Sale.

The second highest selling cow on Saturday was a five-and-a-half-month-old Red & White out of Derrwyn Centra Selsy-Red-ET, a dam who made All-American R&W in 1992 as a three-year-old. Out of Golden Oaks Farms in Wauconda, Illinois, the calf was purchased by Charles E. Thie-

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Ag Receives 5 Percent Increase In Overall Spending

Gov. Ridge Announces '95-'96 Budget Proposal

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Gov. Tom Ridge during a Tuesday press conference announced his proposal for the next state budget, calling for tax cuts and — according to a pub-

lished report — the smallest spending increase in more than 10 years.

With all forms of estimated revenue tallied in, the proposed spending would total \$31.198 billion, a decrease from last year's overall budget.

The typical budget process begins with the governor's administration proposing a budget to the legislature, which scrutinizes it and makes its own changes and suggestions, or makes a complete counter-proposal.

Normally, the budget falls

somewhere in between, depending on what compromises are made in the course of debate as to what should be the state's spending priorities.

The state legislature has until the end of June, normally the close of session for the summer, to

approve a budget for the state. The state fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

If a budget isn't approved in time, special legislation can be approved to fund state operational expenses until an approved budget

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Late Blight Disease Threat Under Gun At State Potato Growers Meeting

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WILLOW STREET (Lancaster Co.) — Potato growers beware: a new type of potato blight fungus, if it makes its way through the crops this season, could prove devastating and provide challenges never faced before, according to a Cornell plant pathologist.

Dr. William E. Fry, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University, told about 150 potato growers that the new isolate could be more fit, more virulent, more aggressive, survive longer, and resist most major fungicides in the long run. Growers must take steps now to control a disease which has grown to be a "national concern," according to Roger L. Springer, general manager of the Pennsylvania Co-Operative Potato Growers.

State potato growers joined industry and university representatives at the 44th Annual Potato Growers Institute and 79th Annual Co-Operative meeting on Wednesday and Thursday at the Willow Valley Resort and Conference Center.

The major topic at the meeting: late blight and how to control it. The disease proved devastating last year to many growers.

Because of last year's cool spring, wet summer, and moist

harvest season, the fungus which causes late blight attacked a great deal of the crop grown in many

states in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, according to Fry. Symptoms include full ear lesions

and complete stalk damage. Within weeks, without fungus treatments, plants turn brown, wither,

and die. The tubers are infected and soft rot sets in, rendering many

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Directors of the Pennsylvania Co-Operative Potato Growers, Inc. met at the 44th Annual Potato Growers Institute on Wednesday morning. From left, Keith Masser, Mark Masser,

John Epler, Paul Mast, Henry Reiner, Donald Horner, Kevin Troyer, Timothy Geiger, Noah Kreider Jr., Everett Blass Jr., Leroy Hoover, and Eugene Manifold. Photo by Andy Andrews