

National Guernsey Sale Averages \$2,312

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio -Spirits were high and so were hands as Guernsey breeders gathered in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, hoping to bid last on animals selling in the National Convention Sale on June 23.

Averaging \$2,312 on 40 lots, this sale proved a success for American and foreign interests.

Topping the sale at \$13,000 was Land Of Living E Garth-ET purchased by Select Sires.

Sired by Sherma Victory Ellas Enhancer, "Garth" has PA totals of 1,312M +58F +37P +160\$CY; PTAT +1.8 and PTI +248.

His dam is the world renown Wincrest Vayette Grace. She is Excellent-95 with records to 41.420M* 4.7% 1.961F* 3.2% 1,305P* at 4-01 in 365 days. She is the current World Class Leader for milk in 365 days. "Grace" is also a three-time national grand champion. "Garth" was consigned by Mr. and Mrs. John Ayars and Sons and Mr. Ken Winters of Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The high-selling female of the sale was Myown Harpoon Bliss-ET, a fancy open heifer sired by Wispride Pender Harpoon. "Bliss," consigned by Mark Erdman, Roy Wilson, Bob Griggs and Melinda Rushing of Dorchester, Wisconsin, sold for \$6,000 to Lavon Farms of Plano, Texas.

Her Excellent-90 Lily Lane Penny Perfecto-ET dam has records to 31,020M* 4.4% 1.352F* 3.5% 1,085P* at 2-07 in 365 days. She has six national class leading records for milk, butterfat and protein and ranks number 18 on the May 1997 high CPI

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The grandam is an Excellent-94 gold star cow with records to 28,930M 4.5% 1,298F 3.4% 995P at 9-03 in 365 days. "Bliss" comes from a deep-pedigreed family with high type evaluations.

Land O Living P Glorious-ET purchased for \$5,200 by Gordon Huckins of Ashland, New Hampshire, was the second high-selling female of the sale.

Sired by Lily Lane Penny Perfecto-ET, "Glorious" sold bred to Longmedo Pender Velour-ET. Her maternal brother was the top seller in this sale.

"Glorious" was consigned by Mr. and Mrs. John Ayars and Sons and Mr. Ken Winters of Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The high-selling Guernsey Gold heifer was Angies Acres Luck Candi, a Trotacre Jay Mr. Luck-ET daughter with a PA of +844M +46F +42P +169\$CY.

Her 84-point dam, a Shenmont Telestar Montie-ET daughter, has a yield deviation of +3,903M +235F +165P.

"Candi" was consigned by Andrew Feldmann and Sons of Farley, Iowa. She was purchased by Matthew Jansen of Forest Grove, Oregon, for \$2,300.

The Guernsey Gold heifer program is a small sale of select open heifers open for bidding for junior members only between the ages of six and 19. Fifteen percent of the gross proceeds from the sale of these heifers goes into a pot and is divided into four awards for a production contest. The production contest ranking is based on the animal's 2-year-old mature equivalent pounds of protein.

Guernsey Youth Shine At National Convention

Well-rounded experience in dairy husbandry, breed activities and leadership are the basis for the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth competition.

Young dairy enthusiasts from around the nation who possess these traits, and many other, competed in this contest at the 1997 National Guernsey Convention in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on June 22.

The host state favorite, Seth Wesener of Cleveland, Wisconsin, took home the title of the 1997 National Outstanding Guernsey Youth. Seth is the son of Art and Joanne Wesener and attends the Fox Valley Technical College majoring in agriculture.

Like the family farm name, Foresight Farm, Seth is always looking into the future and sees himself taking over the farm after component pricing, people will see how important the role of the Guernsey cow is with her high protein and solids milk to increase profitability.

When selecting sires to use on his herd of 17 Guernseys, Seth looks for dairy character, strength and height in his choices. He feels that by using these traits he will strengthen the structure and longevity of his herd.

Seth is an active member of the Wisconsin Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association, FFA and 4-H, and has achieved numerous awards in each. Seth received the \$500 Lawrence A. Colebank award and \$50 for travel expenses to the convention for his accomplishments.

Victoria Ansell, first runner-up

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — graduation. Seth believes that with in the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth Contest, feels that by improving the strength of the Guernsey breed and by breeding her herd to meet the high standards of both type and milk production, she can make her registered Guernseys worth more.

> Victoria attends Penn State University majoring in animal bioscience. She is a member of the Penn State Student Government and the Agriculture Science Club.

> She is also active in 4-H, the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association and has served as the 1996 Pennsylvania Guernsey Princess. She is the daughter of Larry and Susan Ansell of Scottdale, Pennsylvania, owners of Ansell Acres. Victoria received \$50 to assist with her travel to the national convention.

Dueringer Is Guernsey Queen

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The national Guernsey queen promotes the American Guernsey Association, the Guernsey cow and her rich golden product.

Seven young ladies from around the United States gave presentations, conducted personal interviews and represented their individual states as princesses, in hopes of capturing the national Guernsey queen title during the 1997 National Guernsey Convention in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

On the evening of June 22, these seven young ladies listened as Amber Branstatter, the 1996 National Guernsey Queen, recapped her reign, all hoping to be her predecessor.

Selected by the judges to follow Miss Branstetter as the 1997 national Guernsey queen was Sara Dueringer of Melvin, Illiniois.

Sara is the daughter of Larry and Donna Dueringer and attends Parkland College in a two-year transfer program. After completing the two-year degree, Sara will transfer to Illinois State University to complete a degree in agriculture education.

Sara believes she needs to continue promoting the improvement of the breed's Total Performance Evaluation (TPE) lactation average to 15,000 pounds of milk as well as the high solids level in the golden milk.

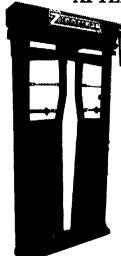
She has been a member of 4-H for eight years and also an FFA member, receiving the Section 17 FFA Dairy Proficiency Award, the DeKalb Award and State FFA Degree in 1996. She is also an active member in the Illinois Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association. Miss Dueringer also received the top skit honors.

Krista Richardson was chosen as the 1997 national Guernsey princess. This Wapakoneta, Ohio, native is currently pursuing a degree in animal science and agriculture economics at The Ohio State University.

The daughter of John and Carolyn Richardson, Krista's philosophy on how to emphasize the Guernsey breed in the dairy industry is to stress genetics. She is the breeder and owner of national show champions and All-Americans.

As a member of the Ohio Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association, Krista has been the recipient of the N.H. Hill Award, an outstanding youth memorial award.

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