Brown Swiss Calf Sale Celebrates 25th Year

FREDERICK, Md. – This year's Mid Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale marks an important milestone as it will celebrate it's 25th Silver Anniversary.

The sale committee has been busy getting those special consignments and embryo packages to sell on Saturday, April 24, at the Frederick Fairgrounds starting promptly at 9:30 a.m. earlier sale time this year.)

The calf sale has gained quite a track record for the place to get that special calf for the show ring, as well as a profitable addition to the herd. Many have developed into state and national Bell Ringers, and have been nominated and won All American honors.

This sale has been a great place to buy a 4-H project, and has provided some top-pedigreed calves for the merchandising and investment buyer. Over the year's, the group of calves offered have consistently combined a unique blend of production and sound type for the buyers.

In the January 1999 Brown Swiss Bulletin, winners of the 1998 State Bellringers are listed

There are (4) state Bellringers pictured and (5) reserve state Bellringers representing Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida - and they are all sold through the Mid Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf sale in recent years.

Also, many of these calves have been nominated for All-American over the years.

One of the top senior calves selling int he 1998 sale was Top Acres Jetway Wisp who is the Pennsylvania state Bellringer, and has been nominated for All American fall heifer. This is just a current example, but results like this have happened year after year for buyers at this outstanding spring sale.

The results speak for themselves, and in following tradition, a special group of calves will be offered at this year's "Silver Anniversary" sale. And for the fourth year in a row there will be six of the best embryo packages offered in the country.

Immediately following the calf sale, and starting approximately noon will be the dispersal of the GS Associates Brown Swiss herds.

This popular prefix is the partnership of Brad Garst and Lee Chaney who established this Brown Swiss herd in 1993. Well-known for their show cattle as well as production, the duo is

proud to offer their results of their specialized breeding program.

Since 1992, when the farm's first Swiss was exhibited at World Disney Expo and was named best udder of the Central National Brown Swiss Show, the honors have continued to multiply. GS Associates is certainly one of the only Brown Swiss herds in the United States to cap-

ture the most national grandchampion banners in the shortest period of time in the history of the breed. Well over half of the GS cattle offered for sale have All American nominations "stamped" in their maternal line.

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