

Maryland Holstein Sale Top Cosignment Brings \$17,500

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — The top cosignment at the Maryland Holstein Convention Sale held last week in Meyersdale, PA, was an embryo that brought \$17,500.

Ivan and Ellen Horst from Chambersburg cosigned the "first-choice female" embryo out of Horstyle Patron Mandy. The buyer, Sandy Valley Farms from Wisconsin, will choose between a calf that is sired by Bret-ET and a calf sired by Emerson-ET.

Mandy, listed as a "hot new cow" in the sale catalog, produced 33,820 pounds milk, 1,153 pounds fat, and 1,065 pounds protein as a two year old. She also has 12 AI contracts on her offspring.

Albis Farms, LLC, located in

Manakin Sabot, Virginia, purchased the second highest cosignment in the sale. A February yearling, Art-Acres Tex Win, brought \$12,600 and was cosigned by Arthur Rhoderick of Hagerstown, Md. She was the highest selling live animal at the sale.

The sale total for the 69 lots sold was \$228,730, with the average sale price being \$3,314.93. 56 of the lots were live animals. Embryos were the highest selling segment at the sale, bringing \$4,723.46 on average per embryo.

Marlin Hoff of New Windsor, Md., bought the quilt that Naomi Yoder designed and quilted for the association's benefit. The proceeds of \$1,050 were divided between the association and a young man named Allen Peachy, who is battling cancer.

Sale officials included auctioneer Denny Remburg, Oren Bender, Chris Hill, Clark Yoder, David Lentz, and Doug Seidel. Cattle preparation was headed by Doug and Joan Seidel, Michael Creek, Luke Pullis, and Neil Laneville. Sale chairpersons were Ezra Yoder and David Lease.



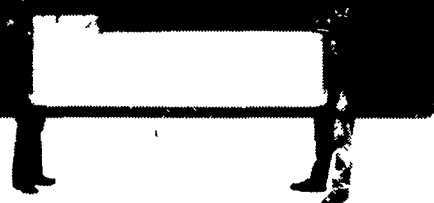
The Maryland Holstein Sale officials are pictured with Lady's Manor Tama, the second high selling live animal at the sale. Leading Tama is Bob Bender with Denny Remburg, Oren Bender, Chris Hill, Doug Seidel, David Lentz, and Ezra Yoder standing around the heifer, which sold for \$8,200.

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Dairy Alliance Establishes Toll Free Number And Website

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dairy Alliance, a new initiative launched by Penn State College of Ag Sciences, has established a toll free number for dairy information. That number is 1-888-373-PADAIRY.

The line is being staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Messages can be left after hours. The goal of this dairy line is to give dairy producers a single point of contact where they can:

- Get information about educational events in their local area.
- Find sources of information about various dairy topics.
- Obtain contact information for agricultural professionals both inside and outside of the Penn State system.

In addition to the phone line, a website for Dairy Alliance is now located at www.dairyalliance.org. The website contains a dairy calendar of events and a weekly feature. The weekly feature is updated each Monday and highlights people, programs, and events in the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

A database of information, including publications, websites, technical bulletins, and personal contact information for dairy educators and agribusiness professionals is currently being built. Once it is completed, the database will be accessible through the website, through your local Cooperative Extension office, or through the Dairy Alliance phone number — 1-888-373-PADAIRY.

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