## **Majestic World Farms Hosts Second Elk Auction**

Mifflin Co. Correspondent PORTAGE (Cambria Co.) -Majestic World Farms, located near Portage, hosted the Second Annual Elk Auction in mid-March, drawing in about 150 elk enthusiasts for the event.

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Thirty live elk went before auctioneer Stanley Claycomb of Osterburg as he enticed buyers to place bids ranging from \$700 to \$1,400 for calves, \$1,100 to \$3,000 for cows, and \$1,600 to \$3,500 for bulls. Semen from six different elk bloodlines was also

The doors opened at 9 a.m. for bidders to view the elk and study their pedigrees. Wade Hainstock, an elk breeder for more than 21 years, conducted seminars before the noon auction on antler products and removing antlers.

Other seminars covered fencing and nutrition and feeding programs for calves, cows, and bulls.

Auction records show that bidders came from Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, and Ontario, Canada. Phone bids were placed from New York, Bermuda, and Saskatchewan. Canada.

More farmers are considering raising elk as a successful alternative agricultural enterprise after learning that elk are in demand for their no-cholesterol and low-fat meat, the nutriceutical demand and value of velvet, and breeding stock. Hunting on trophy elk hunting ranches is also popular.

The family-owned Majestic World Farms maintains accredited Certified No. 001 TB- and brucellosis-free herds in Blue Knob, Huntingdon, and Coldwater, Ontario. Their next auction is scheduled Aug. 18 at their Blue Knob Farm.



Majestic's Goliath looks out from his pen at the Second Annual Elk Auction at Majestic World Farms near Blue Knob. Majestic's Goliath was one of 30 elk sold.

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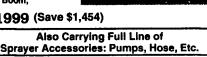
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