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Holstein 'World Series' Sale Averages \$8,207

Two-Bull Package Brings \$100,000, Heifer Sells For \$38,000

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WOODSTOWN, N.J. — Holstein breeders and enthusiasts from across the continent packed the big tent at the Salem County Fairgrounds here Wednesday evening for the annual National Holstein Convention Sale.

Horace Backus, veteran Holstein stakeholder and pedigree reader at the event, characterized the international lineup of 72 lots.

"We're at the World Series," Backus said. The sale went on to average \$8,207 per lot.

Buyers were offered a selection of high-profile cows, heifers, and embryos, as well as a clone calf and a bull package.

The offspring of two cows owned by Ernest Kueffner, Maryland, and Oseeana Holsteins, West Virginia, captured top dollars at the sale. Those dams are

Tri-Day Ashlyn-ET, who is classified Excellent-96 and voted All-World 2002 by Holstein International; and Ernest-Anthony SD Tobi-ET, also EX-96.

Two bulls, EK-Oseeana Absolute Lee-ET (out of Ashlyn), and Tobis RB Temptation-ET (out of Tobi), nine months and not quite 14 months old, respectively, sold together for \$100,000, the top-selling lot at the sale. Bred and owned by Kueffner and Oseeana Holsteins, they are housed at Browndale Farm in Canada.

The bulls were bought by Sure Bet Syndicate, a group of Holstein breeders and dairy producers from New Jersey and other states across the country.

EK-Oseeana Lee Abby-ET, a 9-month-old heifer calf also out of Ashlyn, sold for \$38,000, making her top-selling female. The

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Nine months old, EK-Oseeana Lee Abby-ET was top-selling female at the National Holstein Convention Sale.

Court Order Ending Beef Checkoff Results In Swift Responses From Cattle Industry

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — South Dakota Federal District Court Judge Charles B. Kornmann ruled Friday, June 21, "... The Beef Promotion and Research Act, and the Beef Order promulgated thereunder ... are unconstitutional and unenforceable because they violate the plaintiffs' rights under the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution."

Judge Kornmann ruled further that there should not be "any further collection of beef checkoffs as of the start of business on July 15, 2002."

The reaction was swift from the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) who brought the suit along with the Western Organization Resource Councils (WORC) and several individuals. Reaction was also prompt from

the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB), USDA Secretary Ann Veneman and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

The defendants in the case are the USDA, the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which administers the checkoff, and Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc., which has been heading a group of supportive producers to inter-

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U.S. Ag Secretary Visits Lancaster



NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Late last week, U.S. Ag Secretary Ann Veneman visited the manufacturing facility of New Holland North America here to speak about her roots in Palmyra and about ongoing efforts to heighten food security and to implement the new Farm Bill.

The whirlwind tour included stops in St. Louis, Nebraska, Colorado, and New Holland. She also visited Wengert's Dairy in Lebanon.

Veneman was greeted by more than 200 farmers and agri-industry representatives at the town meeting conducted at New Holland North America. Also speaking were Paolo Monferino, chief executive officer of CNH; Tom Kennedy, president of CNH agribusiness worldwide; and Pennsylvania Ag Secretary Sam Hayes.

Monferino stands behind her in the photo. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor



To teach students life and business skills and educate them about the workings of cooperatives, the Mid Atlantic Alliance of Cooperatives and Penn State conducted a summer institute for more than 50 students this week. These scholars and alternates will attend the national convention this August in Chicago. Back row from left is Matt Fearnley, Andy Stein, Anthony Seymore, Jeffrey Chapin, and Will Amoss; in middle row stands Michele Whitman, Amy Kaucher, Laura Grove, Mike Woods, Heather Sisto, Stephen Gilkinson, and Chris Jeffcoat; and front row is Nicole Martin, Emily Grove, Regina Lehman, Mary Strasbaugh, Andrew Herr, Sarah Grim, Amy Kneer, and Sarah Krall. See story page A22. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu