

Brown Swiss Calves Sell Well In Maryland

FREDERICK, Md. — A large crowd of enthusiastic buyers attended the 29th Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale, conducted recently at the Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, Md. Another successful chapter was written in sale history, as 36 animals were sold for an average of \$2,200.

"Considering the economic times in the dairy industry, we believe this was another great sale, as consignors and buyers were very happy with the results," said Dennis Smith, one of the sale managers. "We did not have one calf sell for under a \$1,000, which continues to show the demand for Brown Swiss."

The sale has gained a track record for show-quality animals, Bellringers, and All-American nominations and winners. Cindy Warner commented that there were several repeat buyers, as well as new buyers from 10 different states. Only four animals stayed in Maryland.

Brown Swiss Calf Proceeds To Fund Youth Trip To Europe

FREDERICK, Md. — The Maryland Brown Swiss Association has always been a great supporter of the Junior Brown Swiss Association on state and national levels — and this year was no exception. This year, the association recognized the 2002 Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Team for their accomplishments.

Maryland, along with the 4-H team members from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, have been invited to participate in an international competition at the Royal Highland Exposition in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer. Many different fundraising activities are presently underway to help support the 17-day trip through Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland.

At the recent Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale, an outstanding calf from Ed Fry of Fair Hill Farm was donated with all proceeds going to support the judging team's travels. The calf donated was Fair Hill Dom Dara. Hilltop Acres PR Dominate is number five on the Brown Swiss sire summary, and is a sire of sons in A.I., as has sired some impressive show daughters.

This calf started the sale with a final bid of \$2,800 going to a syndicate. The buyers then donated the calf back to the sale, and she resold for \$1,800 to Cole Keyser, Esperante, N.Y.

"The sale had exceptional quality all the way through, both type-wise, and pedigree-wise," said Warner, sales manager.

Dublin Hills Misty ET topped the sale at \$5,700. With crowd participation, as well as cell phone bids from as far as Texas, Steve and Carol Watts from Killbuck, Ohio were the successful bidders on the December calf with a strong maternal showline. She was the consignment of Dennis and Robin Smith, Dublin Hill Farm, Woodsboro, Md.

The second high-selling animal was Towpath Jetway Shara-ET, a September calf that proves she can win, as she was recently named junior champion at the New York Spring Show. She sold for \$4,800 to Katie McKissick, New Castle. This eye-catching calf was the consignment of Kelly DeMay, Palmyra, N.Y.

Selling as the third high calf was Top Acres Gordon Tabby, a long, tall, and strong September calf with All-American potential.

Bidding was active on this special calf from the Top Acres herd, and received the last bid for \$4,000 from Ross and David Conway, Jefferson, N.H.

Another successful part of the sale is the offering of outstanding embryo packages featuring genetics from leading cow families. There were eight embryo packages, consisting of three in each package. They sold for an average of \$1,263.75. The high selling pack was three Top Acres Jet Pilots out of Top Acres EJ Whizbang "4E-93," an All-American many times as well as a National Total Performance Winner. The embryos sold for \$710 each, and went to Tom and Bonnie Remsberg, Middletown, Md. Wayne Sliker, St. Paris, Ohio was the consignor.

All calves sold are automatically entered in the Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Futurity with the first payment made by the Maryland Brown Swiss Association. The tenth annual Futurity will take place Sunday, Aug. 31 during the Maryland State Fair in Timonium, with Brian Garrison of Ohio doing the judging. All breeders are welcome, and animals are now being accepted for the 2005 Futurity. For more information, contact Cindy Warner at (301) 371-5206.

Our Dairy Plus Special Technology issue on June 28 focuses on ways producers can use the latest technology to aid them in improving efficiency and expanding the bottom line. Included are reports on a freestall sand separator, robotic milking, and other new items. Also included are a stray voltage update, veterinary reports, cooperative and dairy business news, and a calendar of events.



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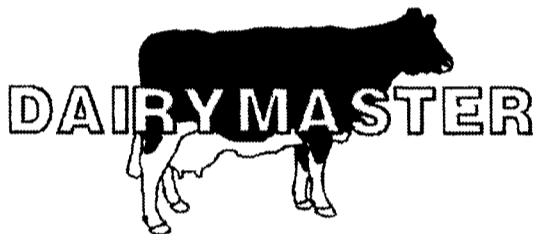
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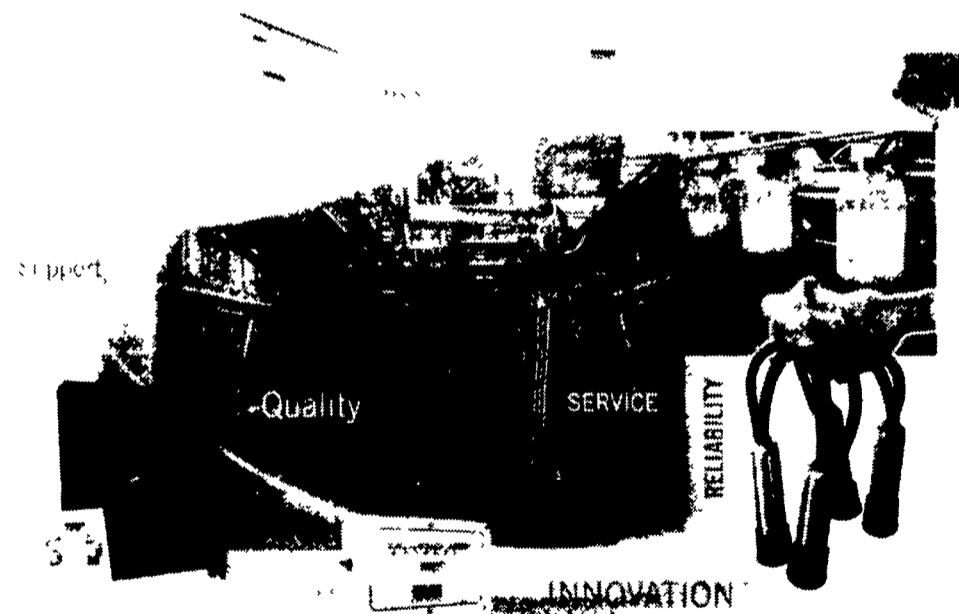
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