

Somerset County Club Calf Sale Produces Champions

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — The Somerset County Club Calf Sale, completing its 21st year, has some justifiable bragging rights.

It is Pennsylvania's largest club calf sale according to organizers. Last year's sale alone resulted in several grand champions at county fairs and festivals this past year.

This year's sale, in conjunction with a morning show, was conducted Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Somerset County Fairgrounds in Meyersdale.

There were 67 steers and 20 heifers that hit the auction block for a grand total sale of \$98,575.

"This sale benefits the 4-H kids because they don't need to drive around and look for top-quality cows," said Dave Brant, chairman of the sale and a member of the Somerset County Beef Producers. "These animals are all broke to lead, wormed, vaccinated, and started on feed. The

steers are ready for next year's fair."

According to Brant, some of last year's club calves ended up being grand champion at the Somerset County Fair, grand champion at the Garrett County (Maryland) Fair, grand champion and reserve champion at the Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood, W.Va., grand champion at the Westmoreland County Fair, and reserve champion at the Cambria County Fair.

The 21st annual event began in the morning with a show judged by Terry Muir from Lima, Ohio. The show and sale is sponsored by the Somerset County Beef Producers and the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association.

A father-son team near Wellersburg who uses donor cows and embryo transplantation in their operation won grand champion steer during the morning show. Dave and Chris Kornes had several animals at the sale. Their grand champion Maine Anjou



A father-son team won grand champion steer and county bred champion during the 21st annual Club Calf Show and Sale on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Somerset County Fairgrounds in Meyersdale. K&K Cattle Co., owned by Dave and Chris Kornes, Wellersburg, are pictured in back, with Dan Miller, left of Meyersdale, who showed the animal during the morning show. The Maine Anjou Simmental Angus crossbred steer, born this spring, was sold for \$5,000. The total sale of 67 steers and 20 heifers came in at \$98,575.



Jeff and Jerry Hull of Camden, W.Va., won reserve champion steer during the Club Calf Show and Sale, conducted on Saturday at the Somerset County Fairgrounds in Meyersdale. This animal sold for \$2,400.

Simmental Angus crossbred went for \$5,000 to an undisclosed buyer during the evening sale. John Spiker of Jane Lew, W.Va., was auctioneer.

The Kornes also had another steer that won county bred reserve champion during the show. That Maine Anjou Charolais Angus crossbred steer went for \$2,400 during the evening sale.

Jeff Hull of Camden, W.Va., aided by his father Jerry, won reserve champion steer, a Maine Anjou Simmental Angus crossbred animal that went for \$2,400.

In the heifer division, the

Kornes also won grand champion and county bred heifer. Jeff Hull of West Virginia won reserve champion heifer. Sunset Farms (Richard Sines) of Meyersdale won reserve county bred heifer.

Overall, the average sale price for each steer was \$1,186.19 and for each heifer was \$955, according to Brant. Even though there have been years when the total sale amount has been higher, the average for each animal sold at \$1,033.04 was the highest in 21 years, explained Brant.

Originally, there were more than 100 animals slated for the

sale bill, but some consignors from West Virginia canceled because of Hurricane Isabel that hit a few weeks ago. However, there were 23 breeders represented from throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia.

"We had more steers slated for the sale, but Hurricane Isabel caused some of our consignors to change plans," said Brant. "Some of the breeders from West Virginia experienced severe rainfall from the hurricane a few weeks ago, and some even lost cattle and had damage to their properties. However, the sale all in all was one of our best."

KILE's Inaugural National Hereford Show A Success

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex was abuzz with activity as the first-ever National Hereford Show took place at the 2003 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE).

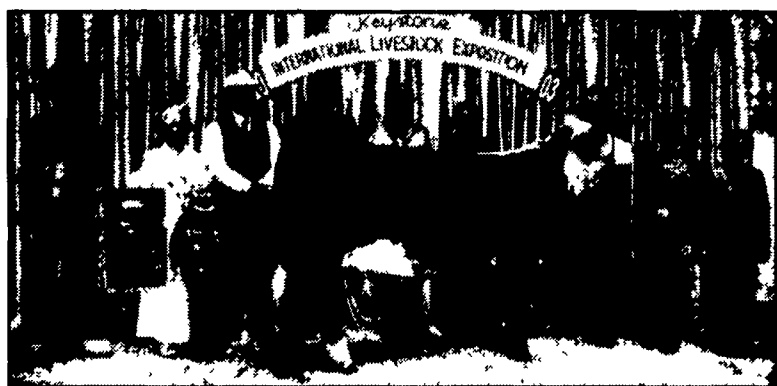
With more than 150 entries crossing the tanbark in hopes of a win, Judge Howard Fehlman commended the exhibitors on the quality for this first-year show.

Bringing a National Hereford Show to Harrisburg took three years of planning. But as the inaugural show demonstrated, it was well worth the work.

"I'm pretty impressed with the quality of cattle here," said Fehlman as he reviewed his class winners during his selection of the champion of the heifer show. In his decision process he stressed that he selected cows that he would use at home.

Fehlman named Tad Francis of Brooklyn, Conn. with his winning entry, MCC Lexus 210, as grand champion. To round out the pair was Four-L Goldilocks 201, exhibited by Four L Hereford Farm of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

For the bull show, Fehlman complemented this first-time national Hereford bull show for being "pretty impressive" and expressed an appreciation for the exhibitors.



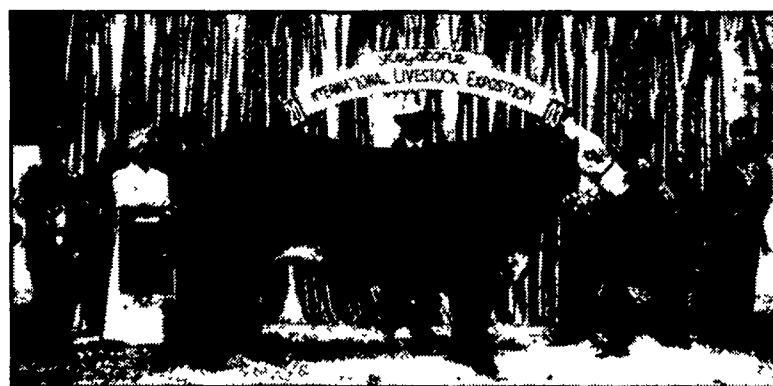
From left, Nicole Hess, Pennsylvania Hereford Queen; Margeaux Firestine, National Polled Hereford Queen; Kelsey Jergilewicz; Howard Fehlman, judge; Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolf; Ray Cope; Audra Jergilewicz; Tad Francis, leadsman; Jennifer Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Princess; and Katie Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Sweetheart.

"People went to a lot of time, trouble, and expense to bring these animals out here for this first-time show," said Fehlman.

To lead off the bull show championship, Fehlman named CS Bomber 6L, owned by Stockdale Farms of Dayton, as the grand champion. The reserve grand champion bull banner was given to Four-L Golden Eye 163, exhibited by Four-L Hereford Farm.

In his closing remarks for the show, Fehlman stressed that although breeders were exhibiting to promote their own herds, shows like this help to promote the breed as a whole.

National Polled Hereford Queen, Margeaux Firestine of Womelsdorf, was also on hand to assist in the crowning of the grand and reserve champions of the show. Firestine has traveled across the U.S. representing the



From left, Jennifer Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Princess; Margeaux Firestine, National Polled Hereford Queen; Mark Ritche; Howard Fehlman, judge; Denny Stockdale; Katie Shultz, Pennsylvania Hereford Sweetheart; and Nicole Hess, Pennsylvania Hereford Queen.

Hereford breed, with Harrisburg being only one stop in her very busy schedule this year.

For Farm Show staff, the Hereford Show and KILE were successful. "KILE went well for us," said Larry Weaver, show manager administrator. "(The

National Show) increased the number of Herefords here. I thought the show went well and the exhibitors were really pleased."

KILE numbers for the Hereford Show were 116 heifers and 44 bulls.

Dates Set For 2004 Grazing Conferences

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) - Three Pennsylvania grazing conferences have been scheduled for 2004. Their dates and locations follow:

• Northeast Pennsylvania Grazing Conference: Troy, Brad-

ford County; March 1, 2004. Contact: Craig Williams, PSU extension, (570) 724-9120.

• Northwest Pennsylvania Grazing Conference: DuBois, Clearfield County; March 2, 2004. Contact: Gary Swope, Nat-

ural Resources Conservation Service (814) 375-2125.

• Grantville Grazing Conference: Grantville, Dauphin County; March 3 and 4, 2004, contact: Marvin Hall, PSU extension, (814) 863-1019.