

Brown Swiss Association National Convention 2008

Sale Report

The lineup for the OHIO NATIONAL BROWN SWISS SALE proved to be equally as impressive as the advertisement and catalogs. The concluding act for the 2008 National Brown Swiss Convention attracted buyers from 19 states across the nation including California to Massachusetts and Oregon to Georgia as well as international buyers from British Columbia and Dominican Republic. The final average of \$7,737.00 on 86 live animals resulted in both the highest averaging and highest dollar volume National Brown Swiss Sale on record. Sixteen lots sold for over \$10,000. including a number taken by "brand new" Brown Swiss breeders.

Round Hill Prem Lil Fern ET started the second half of the sale at \$43,000 and was top seller of the day while setting a new breed record for females sold in a National Sale. Fern is a fancy two year old Top Acres EP Premium ET daughter bred by Bill and Cindy Warner and consigned by Brothers Three Brown Swiss and Ryan Olson, Fort Atkinson, WI . She is from 4 generations of "EX" show winning dams and was one of the special purchases made by Ken Main and Peter Vail for their Elite Dairy in Copake NY. Rob and Pat Donaldson, Abbotsford, B.C., were the contenders on this sensational young cow as well as buyers on other special individuals for their Bradner Farms herd.

The high selling open heifer was also second high overall for the day at \$27,200. Brook Hollow Tiki Bar ET was nominated All American for 2007 and promises to provide competition in the future. After a spirited bidding duel, she was taken by Starmark Farm, Wooster, OH, with Elite Dairy contending. Delbert and Heather Yoder of Brook Hollow Farm consigned this fancy Starsky daughter.

First in the ring and high up the genetic charts, Blessing Vigor Amalia ET commanded \$24,000. from a new name in the Brown Swiss industry. Bert De Bruyn of Chartroise Holsteins, Rockford, OH, outlasted four other bidders over \$20,000. to take home a 3/08 Vigor daughter of Blessing Prophet Ashton ET. Blessing Farms provided this high caliber consignment with Nor-Bert Farms, Ltd. as the contender.

Finishing out the four high sellers over \$20,000., Top Acres JP Susie Q ET was consigned by Dennis and Patricia Roloff and Sunshine Genetics of Wisconsin and now makes her home at Elite Dairy, Copake, NY. Selling for an even \$20,000, she is a 9/07 Jet Pilot daughter from the two time All American -- Hill-N-Dale Ensign Sue ET

The top bred heifer of the day, Top Acres Jetway Prize ET, sold very last in the sale order and is a full sister to Jet Pilot, the 2007 Madison Premier Sire. Elite Dairy, Copake, NY, added her to their list of purchases at \$18,000. with Kenny Manion the final contender. Top Acres, St. Paris, OH provided this special breeding opportunity.