



Hereford Youth Foundation Female Sells for a Record \$100,000



Ken and Carolyn Larson, Larsons' Polled Herefords, DeSoto, Texas, along with Jim and Judy Blin, and Randy and Deb Blin, Independence, Iowa, owners of Star Lake Cattle Ranch, Skiatook, Okla., purchased the first Foundation Female to sell in Denver during the Mile High Night National Hereford Sale.

A standing-room-only crowd looked on as Hereford enthusiasts bid on the 2008 Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) Female, Friday, Jan. 18, in the Beef Palace Auction Arena during the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Ken and Carolyn Larson, DeSoto, Texas, and Jim and Judy Blin along with Randy and Deb Blin, Independence, Iowa, made the final bid and purchased the foundation female for \$100,000, setting a new record.

Star Lake Cattle Ranch, Skiatook, Okla., donated STAR 29F Bethany 2T ET as the first HYFA Foundation Female to sell in Denver. The unique package ensures that the HYFA will continue to reap the benefits of this foundation female for years to come. Star Lake Cattle Ranch offered to care for and manage her at Star Lake for the next five years to generate ongoing revenue for the HYFA. All natural progeny will be owned 100% by the HYFA, with Star Lake providing the care and marketing.

All embryo progeny will be owned 50% by the HYFA and 50% by Star Lake. All proceeds generated from this female and her resulting progeny will go toward the HYFA \$5 Million Capital Endowment Campaign that focuses on Hereford youth scholarship, education and leadership endeavors.

“Remarkable strides by the Hereford Youth Foundation of America in its three primary areas of support will be realized and achieved as a result of the generosity by Hereford breeders Star Lake Cattle Ranch, Ken and Carolyn Larson, Jim and Judy Blin, and Randy and Deb Blin through their respective roles in support of the 2008 Hereford Youth Foundation Female,” says Chris Stephens, HYFA director. “The support given by all Hereford breeders, regardless of the level of participation, will empower each and every one of us to continue to raise the bar in support of the Hereford Youth Foundation of America by fostering a life changing experience in the lives of thousands of National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members across the country.” **HW**



Prior to the champion female selection on Friday, NJHA board member Kara Eschbach paraded STAR 29F Bethany 2T ET.