

Mile High Night Hereford Sale Grosses \$455,150

Excitement and enthusiasm filled the air in the packed Beef Palace Auction Arena for the Mile High Night Hereford Sale Jan. 15 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver.

The Hereford offering was top-notch and the bidding proved it. When Eddie Sims, National Cattle Services Inc., silenced the gavel for the final time, \$455,150 was spent; 10.83 bulls averaged \$11,985 and 26 females commanded \$10,252 per head. Five flushes brought \$4,760 per flush and 52 embryos averaged \$673. The embryo average was up more than \$200 even with 21 more embryos sold. The overall sale average was \$10,762.

Topping the sale at \$38,750 was Lot 34, ECR L18 Extra Deep 9279, consigned by Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch, Ree Heights, S.D. The Fawcett Syndicate bought a quarter interest in this outstanding young son of GO Excel L18. The Fawcett Syndicate is comprised of shareowners: Ervin Maahs, Lincoln, Neb.; Frederickson Hereford Farm, Starbuck, Minn.; Mrnak Herefords, Bowman, N.D.; K&B Herefords, Onida, S.D.; Carswell-Nichols Herefords, Alton, Kan.; KO Hereford Ranch, Hartford, S.D.; JDH Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn.; Ravine Creek Ranch, Huron, S.D.; Baumgarten Cattle Co., Belfield, N.D.; XTC Hereford Farms, Lethbridge, Alta.; Springwater Polled Herefords, Garretson, S.D.; Braun Herefords, Simmie, Sask.; Steve Landt, Union, Iowa; JC Cattle Co., Junction City, Kan.; Melcher's Herefords Inc., Page, Neb.; Lowell Fisher/K7, Spencer, Neb./Lockridge, Iowa; County Line Farms, Nichols, Iowa; and Grizzly Ranch, Walden, Colo.

The first pick of Cooper Hereford Ranch's 2009 heifer-calf crop was the second high-selling lot at \$26,000. Loehr Hereford Farms, Peoria, Ill., purchased the choice. This was the first time the Cooper family has offered such a pick and Loehrs will get to choose from 75 top-quality heifers.

Close behind was Lot 21, NJW 78P 63N Ladysport 51W ET, who sold for \$25,500 to Buck Cattle Co. and Swanson Herefords, Madill, Okla. Consigned by Ned and Jan Ward, Sheridan, Wyo., 51W is a February 2009 daughter of TH JWR SOP 16G 57G Tundra 63N, who is also the sire of the 2010 NWSS grand champion horned female.

The mark of \$20,000 secured the next two high-selling lots in the sale, lots 52 and 53X.

Lot 52 featured half embryo interest in C&M New Mexico Lady 8040, an April 9, 2008, daughter of KJ BJ Bounty Hunter 741P. This popular female was reserve champion Hereford female the next day and was also named champion Hereford female at the national show in Reno. Selecting this lot was the partnership of Schohr and Spears, Gridley, Calif.

Lot 53X, an added sale entry of Adams Hirsch Herefords, Nowata, Okla., and High River, Alta., featured



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GH Adams 279R Webster 225W, a Jan. 25, 2009, calf sired by GH Rambo 279R. Lone Star Hereford Ranch, Henrietta, Texas, placed the final bid to claim half interest and full possession of this popular calf.

Lot 3 featured the pick of the 2009 yearling heifers or the 2010 heifer calf crop from Holden Herefords, Valier, Mont., and commanded \$17,500. This has been a popular lot for several years at the national sale in Denver, and Holden upped the ante this year by offering the pick from two of its heifer calf crops. Loehr Hereford Farms added to its other purchase by adding this popular lot to its herd.

Lot 14, pick of the fall heifers from Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho, has been a favorite of this sale through the years. This year the pick brought \$15,700 and was selected by Whispering Pine Farms LLC, Kimball, Minn.

Churchill Bronx 902W, a Jan. 2, 2009, calf sired by Churchill Yankee ET, attracted considerable attention in the yards and eventually in the sale ring, where the final bid was placed at \$13,200. Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont., consigned this popular calf that was selected by Little Red Deer Hereford Farm, Innisfail, Alta.; Dallas Farms, Bowden, Alta.; and Golden Oak Livestock, Bowden, Alta.

Rausch Hereford Farms, Hoven, S.D., offered again this year a pick of any female in its herd for the national sale. This popular lot has proved to send some outstanding females to several herds. This year Bent Creek Farm, Ruckersville, Va., paid \$12,000 for the privilege.

Rounding out the high sellers was Lot 42 at \$10,250. H WCC/WB Winchester 9501 ET, an April 10, 2009, son of TH JWR SOP 16G 57G Tundra 63N consigned by Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, Neb.; White Cattle Co., Buffalo, Wyo.; and Wells Bekins, Buffalo, Wyo., will find his new home with Bernard Mattson, Conception Junction, Mo.

The national sale was managed by National Cattle Services Inc., Elgin, Okla., and the American Hereford Association. Serving as auctioneers were Eddie and Matt Sims, and Dale Stith served as a sale consultant.

— Joe Rickabaugh, AHA director of field management and seedstock marketing

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