

A Night to Remember: Mile High Night Sale Grosses \$666,925

The Mile High Night National Hereford Sale was one for the Hereford record books. The excitement level reached an all-time high as Hereford enthusiasts took over the Stadium Arena (showring) floor for this Denver evening sale spectacular.

Approximately 1,500 Hereford enthusiasts witnessed the “electric” atmosphere as 28.42 live lots averaged \$19,805. Moving to the stadium floor seemed to take the sale up another notch, almost doubling gross sales in comparison to the 2012 Mile High Night sale.

The bull average was up about \$6,000 to \$47,109, and 21 females commanded an average \$10,157 per head, which is about \$2,000 more than last year. Four flushes brought \$6,437.50 per flush, also, and 25 embryos averaged \$701.

Leading the high sellers was Lot 3, the reserve champion polled bull, WORR Owen Tankeray Y79D ET, an Oct. 6, 2011, son of NJW FHF 9710 Tank 45P, consigned by Worrell Enterprises, Owen Bros. and J Bar L Cattle of Mason, Texas, and Douglas, Wyo. The gavel landed at \$120,000 as the Tankeray Group claimed ownership. This bull posted reserve championships at Kansas City, Louisville and Denver and made his final stand as grand champion polled bull in Ft. Worth.

The second high seller was Lot 4, Perks 144U Right Track 2040, a Feb. 15, 2012, son of TH 75J 243R Bailout 144U ET, consigned by the Perks Ranch, Rockford, Ill. This popular calf posted calf championships in Louisville and Denver before being selected by the Right Track Group for \$101,500 for half-interest, half-possession on this herd sire prospect.

Lot 16, pick of Ned and Jan Ward’s 2013 heifers from Sheridan, Wyo., has become a popular tradition for this sale. Blairs Ag Cattle Co., Lanigan, Saskatchewan, tipped its hand at \$40,500 to claim ownership of this pick.

Lot 10, ECR Who Maker 2502 ET, an April 9, 2012, bull calf sired by DKF RO Cash Flow 0245 ET, consigned by Fawcett’s Elm Creek Ranch, Ree Heights, S.D., had many friends in the stands as he brought \$38,000. Bushy Park Farm, Mitchell, S.D.; Tucker Cattle Co., North Platte, Neb.; and Sullivan Farms, Dunlap, Iowa, teamed up to own the reserve champion spring calf in Denver.

Lot 2, pick of the Atkins and Delaney carload of bulls was another popular lot, which has also been a mainstay

to this sale for the past several years. Delaney Herefords, Lake, Benton, Minn., and Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., big supporters of this sale, watched as Lorenzen Farms, Chrisman, Ill., laid \$25,000 on the table for this selection.

Lot 17, pick of any female in the Rausch Herefords program, Hoven, S.D., is another long-standing tradition for this sale. Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., will go to South Dakota to look at females and pheasants as its \$21,000 won this lot.

A new consignor to the sale this year, Tracy Cattle, Wellfleet, Neb., left the sale ring with a smile as its consignment Lot 8, BNT Prince Charming 201, a Feb. 3, 2012, son of TH 64U 719T Victor 26X, paced the ring at \$15,000. Able Acres, Wingate, Ind., placed the winning bid for this solid prospect.

Lot 31, an April 6, 2012, daughter of TH 71U 719T Mr. Hereford 11X, consigned by Cache Cattle Co., Wellsville, Utah, rounded out the high sellers at \$14,500. Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., claimed this female.

Moving this sale to the Denver showring floor was a huge undertaking. Two hours before the sale, there was only a bare showring. The National Western crew went out of their way to make it happen.

A huge thanks also goes out to the many Hereford breeders, senior and junior board members, sale management staff, auctioneers, ringmen and American Hereford Association (AHA) staff who all jumped in and made this a reality in just a few short hours.

Four hundred chairs, a complete raised sale ring, draping, display stalls complete with stall cards for sale cattle, 80 bags of chips, two bars, a sound system and a plethora of other items all came together in a two-hour span. To those who lent a hand to make it happen — thank you!

National Cattle Services and the AHA managed the National Western Mile High Night Hereford Sale. Eddie Sims, Matt Sims and Cody Lowderman were the auctioneers, and Ruth Sims clerked the sale. Plans are already in the works for next year’s Mile High Night sale. Herefords made a huge statement in Denver this year.

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

