





Mile High Night Sale Grosses \$848,500

The spotlight was on Herefords this year at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver as the Mile High Night Hereford Sale was once again a highlight of the event. An estimated 5,000 attended the sale Jan. 15 on the stadium floor.

"It was another solid Mile High Night Sale for the Hereford breed in Denver," says Joe Rickabaugh, American Hereford Association (AHA) director of seedstock marketing.

"The sale atmosphere and layout once again created enormous excitement and momentum for the Hereford breed. The credit goes to the consignors for bringing a valuable set of genetics to sell on an annual basis and the buyers who choose to invest in these genetics for their Hereford programs."



Sale attendees came to see a show and that's just what they got. The Hereford offering, as always, was elite, and the bidding proved it. When auctioneers Eddie Burks and Matt Sims, silenced the gavel for the final time, \$848,500 had been spent. The 47 live lots grossed \$771,000 with an average of \$16,404. The three embryo lots averaged at \$7,583. One flush commanded \$12,000 and 10 semen lots averaged \$4,275.

Kicking off the sale was Lot 1, the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) donation heifer. She commanded \$80,000 and was purchased by Jonny and Toni Harris, Winton Jr. Harris, and Oscar I. Harris from Screven, Ga., in memory of

Winton C. and Emily Harris; C&L Ranch, the Steve and Jill Folkman family, Ixonia, Wis.; and RGR Cattle, Carlinville, Ill.

KJ BJ DWE 686Z Salsa 364C ET a March 29, 2015, daughter of CRR 719 Catapult 109 and was graciously donated to HYFA by Kevin, Sheila, Brady, Brooke and Ben Jensen, Courtland, Kan., and Dylan and Chelsea Evans, Lebo, Kan.

Mile High Night top lots

Topping the sale at \$62,500 was Lot 5, a pick of a heifer pen from Atkins Herefords, Tea, S.D., and Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, Minn. Eichler Livestock, Aberdeen, S.D.; KC Cattle Co.,



Marshall, Minn.; and Weller Ranch, Kadoka, S.D., took home an outstanding heifer.

The second high seller was Lot 9, a pick of 2016 spring heifer calves from the NJW Polled Herefords herd, Sheridan, Wyo. Pablo Herrera, Buenos Aires, Argentina, paid \$55,000 for this outstanding opportunity.

The sale remained strong, as the third high seller commanded \$50,000 for Lot 32, ECR Redemption 5575 ET by Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch, Ree Heights, S.D. He is an April 16, 2015, son of UPS Sensation 2296 ET. The top bidder for this exciting bull was Will Freking, Alpha, Minn.

Commanding \$40,000 was Lot 25, BK Back Points 416B ET, a May 17, 2014, bred heifer sired by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET, and consigned by Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla. Moore Cattle Co., Madill, Okla., took home this elite female.

Rounding out the top lots at \$32,000 was Lot 28 by Medonte Highland Polled Herefords, Orilla, Ont., and Double J Polled Herefords, Maidstone, Sask. — MHPH 521X Action 106A, a Jan. 6, 2013, son of TH 122 7H Victor 521X ET.

Semen packages were sold on this proven herd bull and purchased by The Action Group: Journagan Ranch/Missouri State University, Mountain Grove, Mo.; McMurry Cattle Co., Billings, Mont.; Ashewood Farm, Selmer, Tenn.; OJJ Cattle Ranch, Ririe, Idaho; Betz Farms Inc., Trenton, Mo.; MDF Polled Herefords, Northwood, Iowa; Atlas Farms, Grandview, Texas; Stickley & Sons, Parkersburg, Iowa; Creach Legacy Farms, Springfield, Mo.; Sinclair Conley, Surgoinsville, Tenn.; Four L Farms, Atwood, Tenn.; JS Ranch, Tappen, N.D.; Mead Farms, Barnett, Mo.; Phillips Renner Farms, Richmond, Mo.; Roth Hereford Farm, Windsor, Mo.; Jackson Herefords, Mechanicsville, Iowa; Stuber Ranch, Bowman, N.D.; Woessner Farm Polled Herefords, St. James, Mo.; and Wooden Shoe Farms, Blackfoot, Idaho.

"Once again a big thanks goes to everyone who helped turn the stadium floor into a sale arena in just over an hour," Rickabaugh says.

"Thanks goes out to the Pennsylvania bunch, Express Ranch crew, Colorado State University crew, National Western staff, AHA board of directors, National Junior Hereford Association board members, many sale consignors and AHA staff for making this happen in record time. Your help before and after the sale is greatly appreciated — thank you!" **HW**

