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The CMPHBA has come a long way since hosting its first sale in a heated tent.

Central Missouri Breeders to Host 100th Sale

by Sara Gugelmeyer

On Sept. 15, 2012, the Central Missouri Polled Hereford Breeders' Association (CMPHBA) will make history. The group will host its 100th sale, making it the only Hereford consignment sale in Missouri, and probably one of few in the U.S., which has hosted 100 sales without skipping a year.

Gary Seifert has been at all 99 sales, and he says, God willing, he will be at the 100th as well. "My dad helped form the (Central Missouri Polled Hereford Breeders') Association in 1950 and organized the first sale in '53," Seifert says. "He took me out of school back then, I was just a boy, every year to go to that sale. I am 68 years old and I've been there 99 times."

He or his father has consigned cattle in every sale as well, Seifert says.

The sale was held annually until 1974, when the organization voted to host two sales per year — one in the spring and one in the fall. The

spring sale is every March and the fall sale is held in September. The association has about 50 members currently, of which about 30 will regularly consign their seedstock to the sale.

Seifert says the longevity of the event can be attributed to good people. "We've had a lot of good presidents, a lot of good secretaries and sale managers," he says. "We've never let it fall back a year; we've kept it going. I know a lot of people are looking forward to it every year. It's just a good organization, really."

Seifert's father, Richard, was the first-ever CMPHBA president. It was he, along with Clarence Winkelman of Cedar Grove Farms, Clyde Francis of Serene Acres and Lawrence Renn Jr., who did the majority of the sale organization for the first few years.

"There were a lot of other great members, though," Seifert explains, "but I can't mention all those."

The facilities and the cattle have been upgraded considerably, Seifert admits.

"The first sale was Feb. 3, 1953," he says. "It was held in a heated tent, at the Linn, Mo., fairgrounds. There was no other facility besides the heated tent."

Thirteen consignors brought 28 bulls and 24 females to the first sale.

Seifert says, "We've definitely went to growthier type of cattle. Back then we had the little short-legged things. They've improved with a lot of frame, growth and milking ability."

Along with improvements in cattle, the sale is held in a nice

facility at the Miller County Regional Stockyards in Eldon, Mo.

"In 1970, we moved out of Linn and into the new feeder calf pavilion one mile north of Linn. But for the last five or six years we've been at Miller County in Eldon," Seifert explains.

This year the consignors have planned quite an event to celebrate 100 sales. Country music auctioneer Leroy Van Dyke will be putting on a show at 6 p.m., Sept. 14, the night before the sale. Also that evening, buyers can preview the cattle, CMPHBA president Larry Day says. Attendees will have a chance to win door prizes, as well.

"Then Saturday we are going to serve a barbeque beef dinner prior to the sale and have some more drawings and silent auction items," Day explains. "Then we've had a Hereford heifer that was graciously donated by Bob and Gretchen Thompson of Glengrove Farms, Rolla, Mo., that we are going to auction with the proceeds going to the juniors (see below). Leroy is going to stick around and auction that off for us as well as a couple other select items that have been donated to us."

Following the Glengrove heifer will be the rest of the consigned Herefords.

Seifert says he attributes the success of the sale to the popularity of Hereford cattle and plenty of hard work. He adds, "A lot of young breeders got involved and better quality breeders," he says. "I think honesty and integrity means a lot in these sales. If people know you, know that you sell reputation cattle year after year, they are looking for your cattle." **HW**

Glengrove Farm donates heifer to support National Hereford Queen, Missouri juniors

Glengrove Farm, Rolla, Mo., has graciously donated Glengrove Celebration Z1 to support Hereford youth. The proceeds will be split between the National Hereford Queen travel expense fund and the Missouri Junior Hereford Association Scholarship fund.

Celebration (registration No. P43275066) is a January 2012 daughter of the twice national champion bull Shock and Awe and an outstanding Bellis-bred cow. She will be auctioned on Sept. 15 at the 100th Anniversary Sale of the Central Missouri Polled Hereford Breeders' Association (CMPHBA) at the Miller County Auction facility in Eldon.

According to Bob Thompson, owner of Glengrove Farm, the heifer is a fitting tribute to commemorate this landmark event. This sale is the oldest continuous consignment sale of its kind in the U.S. CMPHBA members are making a special

effort to offer buyers their best to make this sale attractive to all. Consignments will include herd bull prospects and replacement females that will add value to their herds.

For more about the sale, contact Larry Day at 660-621-0812. **HW**



Miller County Regional Stockyards in Eldon, Mo., has been hosting the CMPHBA sale for the last five years.



Glengrove Celebration Z1