



MILE HIGH *Night*



Mile High Night Hereford Sale Grosses \$836,450





Hereford breeders rally attention at national shows and sales.

As auctioneer Eddie Burks took to the podium, a wave of excitement swept through the 5,000 attendees at the Mile High Night National Hereford Sale, Jan. 18, during the 2019 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver.

“The Mile High Night National Hereford Sale in Denver is a credit to the Hereford breed and breeders,” says Joe Rickabaugh, American Hereford Association (AHA) director of seedstock marketing. “The consignors continue to bring advancing Hereford genetics to the National Western and these genetics are readily accepted by the many cattle enthusiasts of all breeds who flood the showing floor annually to witness this sale. This year’s crowd at the Mile High Night Sale was one for the record books.”

This year’s sale featured 38 outstanding Hereford offerings from established operations across the country. When the evening drew to a close, the auction grossed \$836,450. Nine bull lots grossed \$364,200 and averaged \$40,467. Twenty-six female lots grossed \$447,250 and averaged \$17,202. Three pregnancies grossed \$25,000 and averaged \$8,333.

This year’s stellar sale got off to a strong start with the Lot 1 Foundation Female, which generated \$120,000 to support Hereford youth. This year’s Queen of the Hill — LCC 6964 Queen Bee 43F ET — was donated by Lowderman Cattle Co., Macomb, Ill., and Michelini Cattle Co., Peru, Ill. The April 5, 2018,

heifer is a daughter of R Leader 6964. She was generously purchased by Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, Neb.; Upstream Ranch, Taylor, Neb.; HME Cattle Co., Winterville, Ga.; Hopper Herefords, Germantown, Ky.; and Cort Scheer, Bassett, Neb.

Top lots

The high-selling lot, shares of the 2019 NWSS reserve champion horned Hereford bull, EXR Bankroll 8130 ET, out of two-time NWSS Supreme Champion Hereford, BR Belle Air 6011, commanded \$135,000. The lot was consigned by Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., and sold to the Bankroll Syndicate, Yukon, Okla.

The second high-seller was Lot 16, C CJC Belle Heir ET, a bull lot consigned by Colyer Herefords & Angus, Bruneau, Idaho; Castle Herefords, Crawford, Okla.; and Knox

Bros., San Angelo, Texas. The lot was purchased for \$92,500 by the Belle Heir Syndicate, Bruneau, Idaho.

The sale remained strong with the third high-selling lot, Lot 25, MSU Rachel 58Z ET, a female consigned by Jensen Bros., Courtland, Kan. GKB Cattle Co., Waxahachie, Texas, paid \$60,000 for the opportunity.

The fourth high-selling lot, Lot 14 from Barber Ranch, Channing, Texas, commanded \$50,000. Rosebrook Hereford and Angus, Dexter, Ore., purchased BR Rare Air ET.

The high-selling lots were rounded out by Lot 3, consigned by DeLHawk Cattle Co., Earlville, Ill. DeLHawk Gisella 83F ET sold for \$31,500 to Nate Kolterman, Garland, Neb.

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