

MILE HIGH *Night*





Hereford Youth Foundation of America



Mile High Night Hereford Sale Grosses \$471,800



After the stage was set, the Mile High Night National Hereford Sale once again drew the attention of the crowds attending the 2020 National Western Stock Show in Denver. After the final strike of the gavel from auctioneer Joe Goggins, 21.33 live lots travelled through the ring to average \$14,252.

The sale featured 3.33 bull lots averaging \$27,628, 18 female lots averaging \$11,778, three pregnant recipients averaging \$7,500 per pregnancy and one pick bringing in \$11,000. Rounding out this year's lots were semen packages from the champion horned and champion polled Hereford bulls, as 300 units of semen averaged \$448 per unit.

Sale results

Topping the sale was Lot 15X, an added lot offering 130 units of semen from the supreme champion and champion horned Hereford bull, SR Dominate 308F ET. The 130 units of semen out of this March 15, 2018, son of BCC Dominator 619D sold for \$76,000 at an average of \$585 per unit. Owners of this popular champion are Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, Neb.; Buck Cattle Co., Madill, Okla.; and Stuber Ranch, Bowman, S.D.

The champion polled Hereford bull, H The Profit 8426 ET, who is a Feb. 14, 2018, son of Churchill Pilgrim 632D ET, gathered a sale gross of \$57,300 on 170 units of semen, averaging \$337 per unit. This champion was exhibited by Hoffman Herefords and Buck Cattle Co.

Innisfail Farm, Madison, Ga., enjoyed their first trip to the national show in Denver as they consigned Innisfail Energy 4021 1837 ET, a Sept. 10, 2018, son of NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 1730 ET. Barnes Herefords, Cedartown, Ga., placed the top bid at \$40,000 to claim Lot 21 with two-thirds interest and full possession on this bull from the "Yards" pen show.

McDonald Farms, Grand Rapids, Mich., consigned Lot 12 — a pick of their 2020 embryo transfer (ET) heifer calves. This popular lot commanded a bid of \$30,000 from Dewar Farms, Bakersfield, Calif. Longtime Mile High

Night consignors Atkins Herefords, of Tea, S.D., and Delaney Herefords Inc. of Lake Benton, Minn., consigned bull calf JDH AH Standout 16G ET as Lot 4. The Jan. 23, 2019, son of JDH 11B Stud 3134 63E was purchased by Craig Moore, Madill, Okla., for \$29,000.

Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas, another consistent sale consignor, received a \$17,500 bid for their Lot 9 pick of the Iron Lake Ranch fall 2019 and spring 2020 ET heifer calves. Hopper Herefords, Maysville, Ky.; Caleb Epling, Stanford, Ky.; and John Ray, Brooksville, Ky., teamed up on this pick.

The American Hereford Association (AHA) staff and Mile High Night consignors extend a huge thank-you to everyone who jumped in to help turn an empty showing floor into a sale arena within an hour. Tim Coleman, Sierra Ranches, Calif., and Jarold Callahan, Express Ranches, Okla., sum up the effort well — "When people from the agricultural community see a need, they jump in and help." Thank you to all who made the Mile High Night Sale arena a reality again this year.

"The success of this year's Mile High Night Sale is credited to the consignors for putting together an outstanding lineup of Hereford genetics and to the long list of individuals who volunteered their time to set up the sale arena," says Joe Rickabaugh, AHA director of field management and seedstock marketing. "Plans are already underway to make the 2021 Mile High Night Sale even better."

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