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BERKELY DAUGHTER TOPS
GRAND NATIONAL AYRSHIRE SALE

COLUMBUS, OH – The Grand National Ayrshire Sale was held on June 24, 2017 in Des Moines, IA. The sale was hosted by the Iowa Ayrshire Breeders' Association at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Thirty-six live lots were sold and averaged \$2,404.

Topping the sale at \$6,500 was Bonert Berkely Robin 204, a Sr. 3-year-old sired by Palmyra Bendig Berkely-ET and consigned by Matthew Bonert of Epworth, IA. "Robin" made over 20,000 at 2-03 and is on her way towards another great record milking over 90 pounds per day. The dam is VG-88 with records to 4-11 305D 28,060M 4.4% 1226F 3.3% 939P. She was purchased by Eric W. Lang of Brooklyn, IA.

The second high-seller at \$3,900 was a BBBK spring calf consigned by Farmstead Genetics of Tunbridge, VT. Farmstead BBBK Hammer Down-ET is out of the well-known Sweet-Pepper Senator Hokusai, EX-94 3E, Unanimous All-American with records to 4-04 365D 20,779M 4.1% 844F 3.2% 657P. "Hammer Down" was purchased by Gene Iager of Walkersville, MD.

Another crowd favorite was a "Traveler" heifer that will show as a Sr. 2-Year-Old. Ridge-View Traveler Rachel sold for \$3,500 to Yarrabee Farms of Brooklyn, IA. She was consigned by Hall's Ayrshires, Cushing, OK.

A fresh Jr. 3-Year-Old sired by "Opportunity" sold for \$3,400 to the Hall and Vanderlaan partnership of Cushing, OK. The dam is EX-92 with All-American honors. The granddam is EX-94 3E with records over 23,000M. Arthuracres Opp Avril-ET was consigned by Brad and Brian Arthur of Oelwein, IA.

The high selling package of embryos at \$750 each was Palmyra Berkely Reagan-ET x Hardy Farm Rio Verify, EX-94 2E. "Verify" was the 2016 Reserve All-American Aged Cow and has records to 4-10 338D 21,330M 4.6% 986F 3.3% 713P. She is owned by Ridale Genetics of Cummington, MA. The embryos were purchased by Gene Iager of Walkersville, MD.

The Grand National Sale was managed by the Iowa Ayrshire Breeders' Association under the co-chair leadership of David Koss, Dane Lang and Donna Mertz. Neal Laneville served as auctioneer and Eric Lang read pedigrees.