



*The Swiss bell (see below)  
on a cow at Shelburne!!!!*

## **The 75th Anniversary Eastern Breeders' Sale**

Cobleskill, New York was the place to be for Brown Swiss activities on October 14-15, 2011. The Cobleskill Fairgrounds again provided the Eastern Breeders' Sale home for the 61st consecutive year and welcomed a "standing room only" crowd. Pre-sale festivities included a buffet Friday evening hosted by the sales management and The New England Brown Swiss Convention Committee. An interesting display covering all 75 years of the sale's history was the featured attraction thanks to the efforts of Connie Gritton, Velva Notter, Gordon & Kathy DeMay, Glenn & Ginny Sliker as well as Wayne & Connie Sliker.

Sale day started with a welcome from Jerry Harkness, the newly elected National Director for District One. A special antique imported Swiss bell was donated by the Notter Family in memory of William J. (Bill) Notter, Jr., longtime sale supporter and Brown Swiss leader. The bell was awarded to Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont in recognition of the longest cooperating consignor of the sale series. Sam Dixon, Farm Manager, was on hand to receive the bell for Shelburne Farms who will be hosting The New England National Sale in July 2012.

Flood damage in the area was very evident in the Cobleskill area including the Fairgrounds. This challenged the grounds staff to have things ready in time for two sales on October 15, but they worked diligently with cleanup and repairs just in time for sale day.

The sale included consignments from ten states and offered a variety of Brown Swiss to suit all levels of investment. 72 full lots averaged \$2436. with 9 project calves averaging \$977. The top seller was Brook Run Legacy Fancy ET selling for \$7,200. to Doug Beatty, Enon Valley, PA. This Legacy show heifer had been 4th at the Eastern National Show and was consigned direct from Richard Martin's All-American Faith family. Top Acres Zeus Gabby ET and her baby heifer calf sold for \$7,000. and went to Allard's Farm, Inc., Hadley, MA. Gabby is a Zeus daughter from Bo Joy Ensign Gredel "5E94" and was consigned by Top Acres, St. Paris, OH.

Next in line on the high seller list, GMC Turmoil Becca brought \$5,400. for consignor Lindsey Clark, Cornish Flat, NH. This fancy two year old featured 6 EX dams as well as blue ribbons and purple rosettes from the 2011 Big "E". John and Minajean Pulver added her to their Millerton, NY herd. Elite Dairy, Ken Main and Peter Vail, Copake, NY consigned an October 2010 Titanium from Timberline Denmark Angela "3E94". This heifer was the choice of Taylor Clark of Cambridge, NY and sold for \$4900.

### More High Sellers

Dublin Hills Doris.....	\$4,700.
Consignor: Lauren Osborn, Genoa, NY	
Buyer: Jason Sanobuono, Walton, NY	
Birch Mill Norma Jean.....	\$4,400.
Consignor: Jacqueline Johnson, Winsted, CT	
Buyer: Ken Main and Peter Vail, Copake, NY	
VB Hillpoint PS Magic ET.....	\$4,300.
Consignor: Connie Gritton, Winslow, IL	
Buyer: R & A Abbott, Eagle Bridge, NY	
Whit-Hill Narcissa.....	\$4,200.
Consignor: Nudge Syndicate, Thurmont, MD	
Buyer: Shawn Cook, Castleton, VT	
Top Acres Garbro Wistful ET.....	\$4,100.
Consignor: Top Acres & Garbro, St. Paris, OH	
Buyer: Karey Kelley, Salisbury, NH	
Sun Made SD Prsrg Vivian ET.....	\$4,000.
Consignor: Wayne E. Sliker, St Paris, OH	
Buyers: Robert Gould and Sea Breeze, Hadley, MA	
Dublin Hills BA Come Fee.. .....	\$3,750.
Consignor: Sara Rohe, Syracuse, NY	
Buyer: Larry and Joshua Giewitz, Volant, PA	
Cutting Edge T Flo ET.....	\$3,600.
Consignors: Elite Dairy, Copake, NY	
Buyer: Shawn Cook, Castleton, VT	