

Choice Tops Cow Power Sale at \$8,100

It was with mixed emotions that Kip Keller and Robin Denniston-Keller made the decision last summer to host a production sale at Den-Kel Jerseys in Byron, N.Y. Parting with some of their surplus animals was difficult, but necessary to make room for the rest of the herd. The couple consigned animals that would make quality foundation animals for other Jersey breeders without depleting the cow family at Den-Kel Jerseys.

Sale Analysis

Number	Avg. Price	Total Value
27 Cows, two years and over	\$2,170.37	\$58,600
11 Bred heifers	2,436.36	26,800
6 Open yearlings	1,441.67	8,650
24 Heifer calves	2,227.08	53,450
3 Choice of calves	4,733.33	14,200
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71 Lots	\$2,277.46	\$161,700
Median price	\$1,650.00	

*Sale Management:
Jersey Marketing Service
Auctioneer: Lynn Lee*

The Cow Power Sale came about in grand style on June 23, 2012, when 71 lots of production-bred Registered Jerseys—many carrying A.I. contracts—sold for an average of \$2,277.46 and a gross of \$161,700. The sale also featured 16 lots from guest consignors. It was well-attended by Jersey breeders from across the country as it kicked off the Annual Meetings of the American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc. in New Hampshire the following week. Among the highlights was Robin's post-stroke attendance at the sale as she visited friends and colleagues and even placed several bids on her own.

A choice that carries the highly-sought homozygous polled gene brought the high price—\$8,100. A prominent Holstein breeder from the Buckeye State, Matthew Steiner, Rittman, outlasted Michigander Craig Zeinstra of Shelbyville to bring home a first choice female out of the "Violet" cow family. Steiner purchased the right to choose first from a female sired by either Schultz Legal Critic-P, GJPI +243, or a mutually-agreeable sire and out of All Lynns Eclipses Vitality-P-ET.

"Vitality" is sired by Maack Dairy Eclipses-P-ET, GJPI +86, and ranks on the list of the Top 500 Females for GJPI with an index of +220. The summer yearling has GPTAs of +1,858M, +68F, +57P and was flushed to "Critic-P" as a heifer.

"Vitality" has numerous maternal brothers in A.I., including the breed's top G-code bull, All-Lynns Legal Visionary-ET, GJPI +286, and the former top-ranking G-



The high seller at \$8,100 was a first choice female sired by either Schultz Legal Critic-P or a mutually agreeable sire and out of All Lynns Eclipses Vitality-P-ET. The choice was purchased by Matthew Steiner, represented by AJCA-NAJ Area Representative Sara Barlass, right, and consigned by sale hosts, Kip and Robin Keller.

code bull, All Lynns Louie Valentino-ET, GJPI +248. Many of her maternal sisters also rank among the breed's best for GJPI, including All Lynns Impuls Virginia-ET, Very Good-80%, ranked #14 among genotyped females with a GJPI of +257.

"Vitality's" dam, D&E Paramount Violet, Excellent-90%, is the former #1 cow for JPI and today carries a GJPI of +269. She has three records—all over 20,000 lbs. milk—and a best record of 5-2 305 3x 27,600 4.2% 1,167 3.5% 953 95DCR. "Violet" has numerous maternal sisters ranked on the lists of the Top 500 Heifers for GJPI and Top 400 Heifers for PA JPI.

"Vitality's" grandam, D&E Abe Violet, Excellent-90%, has a five lactation m.e. average of 21,714-891-776.

Members of the "Jayne" cow family at Den-Kel Jerseys also sold well, bringing the second, third, fourth and fifth high prices of the day. The BK/DK Syndicate, Bryon, N.Y., was the final bidder on the second high selling lot, a choice between maternal sisters Den-Kel Merchant Jarine and Den-Kel SixtyNine Jordette-ET. The syndicate, which is a partnership between Dr. Michael Barnes and Dr. Katharine Knowlton of Virginia Tech and Den-Kel Jerseys, selected "Jarine" for \$7,900.

The five-month-old daughter of Sunset Canyon Merchant-ET, GJPI +162, sold with contract interest from Accelerated Genetics. She has been tested JH1 free and carries GPTAs of +1,054M, +55F, +44P and +3.8PL and a GJPI of +184.

"Jarine's" dam, Den-Kel Jevon Jatty-ET, Very Good-86%, has an m.e. of 24,731-1,318-986 on her first lactation and ranks among the top 1.5% for GJPI at +139. She is contracted to CRI and has five maternal brothers in A.I. Several of her maternal sisters rank among the breed's best for GJPI, including full sister Den-Kel Jevon Jerry-ET, Very Good-88%, with 22,210 lbs. milk, 1,068 lbs. fat and



Den-Kel Merchant Jarine was the second high seller, purchased by the BK/DK Syndicate for \$7,900. The BK/DK Syndicate is a partnership between Dr. Michael Barnes, right, and Dr. Katharine Knowlton, second right, and Den-Kel Jerseys, Kip and Robin Keller, left. Also pictured with "Jarine" is Barry Flansburg.

780 lbs. protein in her first lactation and a GJPI of +175.

"Jarine's" grandam is Den-Kel Impuls Julie Too, Excellent-91%. She ranks among the top 1.5% for GJPI as well with an index of +155. She has three records—all over 21,000 lbs. milk in 365 days—and a best record of 4-2 365 25,240 5.1% 1,294 4.0% 1,000 102DCR. Three of her maternal sisters rank among the top 1.5% for GJPI, including Den-Kel Artist Gel, Very Good-84%, with three Honor Roll records and 23,180 lbs. milk, 1,153 lbs. fat and 838 lbs. protein at 3-2.

Her long-lived third dam, Den-Kel Lemvig Jelly-ET, Excellent-92%, has seven lactations—three of them over 23,500 lbs. milk and four over 30,000 lbs. milk. She made her best record of 35,300 lbs. milk, 1,661 lbs. fat and 1,165 lbs. protein in 365 days at 9-6. The next dam, Hollyrock Marcus Julie, Excellent-91%, is a milk wagon as well, with six records—all over 20,000 lbs. milk—and 26,340 lbs. milk, 997 lbs. fat and 783 lbs. protein at 3-0.

"Jarine's" fifth dam, Ogston Vertols Jayne, Excellent-90%, is the matriarch of the cow family. She is the first Jersey Kip purchased, from the Ogston Dispersal in 1989. She has a best record of 7-11 305 20,040 4.3% 866 3.4% 677 DHIR.

The BK/DK Syndicate also purchased the third high seller, a choice of Den-Kel Joan-ET and her daughters, Den-Kel Aable Virgil Janice and Den-Kel Aable Arrow Janis-ET. The partnership chose "Joan" for \$7,600. The Very Good-84% daughter of Schultz Rescue Headline, GJPI +121, freshened with her first calf in mid-March and sold with contract interest from Accelerated Genetics, CRI and Jerseyland Sires. She gave 74 lbs. milk on her June test and has a projected m.e. of 27,080-1,237-992 on her first lactation. "Joan" has GPTAs of +840M, +28F, +35P and +6.1PL. She

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ranks among the top 1.5% for GJPI with an index of +189.

“Joan’s” dam is Den-Kel Impuls Julie Too, mentioned earlier.

Oomsdale Farm, Valatie, N.Y., purchased the fourth high selling lot, a choice of full sisters Den-Kel Medalist Jinger-ET and Den-Kel Medalist Jynn-ET. The farm chose “Jynn” for \$7,200. The junior calf sired by Sunset Canyon Medalist-ET, GJPI +163, is the result of a contract mating and sold with A.I. interest from ABS Global, Accelerated Genetics and Select Sires. She has tested JH1 free and has GP-TAs of +998M, +63F, +39P and +6.8PL. “Jynn” has a GJPI of +205 and ranks on the list of the Top 500 Females for GJPI.

“Jynn’s” dam, GR Den-Kel Dale Justa-ET, Very Good-88%, has an m.e. of 24,423–1,153–838 on her first lactation. She freshened with her second calf in late April and gave 104 lbs. milk on her June test. Her son, Den-Kel Renegade Judge, GJPI +229, is at Select Sires.

Next dam is Den-Kel Impuls Julie Too.

Wisconsin Jersey breeder Lloyd Heinz, Shawano, took home the fifth high seller, Den-Kel Zuma Jolta, for \$5,600. The junior calf sired by ISDK DJ Zuma, GJPI +213, sold with A.I. interest from Accelerated Genetics and Select Sires. She has been tested JH1 free and has GPTAs of +698M, +67F, +39P and +5.8PL. With a GJPI of +217, she ranks #276 in the nation among genotyped females.

Her dam, Den-Kel Legal Jayla, Very Good-81%, freshened with “Jolta” in mid-March and gave 79 lbs. milk on her June test. She has a projected m.e. of 26,826–1,155–936. “Jolta’s” grandam, sired by “Jevon,” has a two lactation m.e. average of 26,582–1,268–973.

“Jolta’s” third dam is “Julie Too.”

Three dozen Jersey breeders from a dozen states made purchases. The volume buyer was Heartland Jerseys, Seneca, Kan., who purchased 10 lots for \$24,300.

Sales \$1,950 and Over

(Consignors in Parentheses)

Matthew Steiner, Rittman, Ohio

First choice female sired by Schultz Legal Critic-P or a mutually agreeable sire and out of All Lynns Eclipses Vitality-P-ET \$8,100
(Robin Denniston-Keller/Kip Keller, Byron, N.Y.)

BK/DK Syndicate, Byron, N.Y.

Den-Kel Merchant Jarine, heifer calf 5 mos. 7,900
(Kip A. Keller, Byron, N.Y.)

Den-Kel Joan-ET, cow 2 yrs. 7,600
(Kip and Robin Keller and Eric and Kayla Shuknecht, Byron, N.Y.)

Den-Kel Champ Jessica-ET, bred heifer 19 mos. 5,100
(Kip A. Keller)

Den-Kel Jump-ET, cow 2 yrs. 2,150
(Kip A. Keller)

Oomsdale Farm, Valatie, N.Y.

Den-Kel Medalist Jynn-ET, heifer calf 3 mos. 7,200
(Kip A. Keller)

Lloyd Heinz, Shawano, Wis.

Denkel Zuma Jolta, heifer calf 3 mos. 5,600
(Kip A. Keller)

Kip A. Keller, Byron, N.Y.

Dutch Hollow Renegade Chadee-ET, bred heifer 17 mos.

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(Paul C. Chittenden, Schodack Landing, N.Y.)	
Hi-Land Louie Cloie, open yearling 13 mos.	1,950
(David R. Chamberlain, Wyoming, N.Y.)	
Heartland Jerseys, Seneca, Kan.	
Den-Kel Legal Cendra-ET, heifer calf 7 mos.	4,700
(Kip A. Keller)	
Den-Kel Aable Virgil Janice, heifer calf 3 mos.	4,200
(Kip and Robin Keller and Eric and Kayla Shuknecht)	
First choice female sired by Heartland Merchant Topeka-ET and out of Hi-Kel Tbone Phyllo-ET.	3,500
(Robin Denniston-Keller/Kip Keller)	
First choice female sired by Sunset Canyon Dimension-ET and out of Hi-Kel Tbone Phyllo-ET.	2,600
(Robin Denniston-Keller/Kip Keller)	
Steve Rowley, Foxworth, Miss.	
Den-Kel Jake Tinsel-P, cow 2 yrs.	4,500
(Barry Flansburg, Albion, N.Y.)	
GR Den-Kel Jamboree-ET, bred heifer 21 mos.	3,700
(Kip A. Keller)	
Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, Lomira, Wis.	
Den-Kel Governor Jana, cow 2 yrs.	4,000
(Kip and Robin Keller, Byron, N.Y.)	
Kristy Ellsworth, Hamlin, N.Y.	
GR Oomsdale Casey Valtino Cheye-ET, bred heifer 15 mos.	3,400
(Michael A. Ooms, Valatie, N.Y.)	
Backwoods Jerseys, Waynesburg, Ky.	
Den-Kel Champ Juju-ET, cow 2 yrs.	2,800
(Kip A. Keller)	
Den-Kel Blackstone Savory-ET, cow 2 yrs.	2,200
(Kip and Robin Keller)	
Matthew Deome, Montrose, Pa.	
Den-Kel latola Jane I Am-P, cow 2 yrs.	2,600
(Kip A. Keller)	
Peggy A. Bennett and Nancy Meeder, Albion, N.Y.	
BMB F Snowball, heifer calf 5 mos.	2,500
(H. Main, C. Beneke and B. Bargstead, Millerton, N.Y.)	
Zeinstra Farms, Shelbyville, Mich.	
Den-Kel Lovabull Jenell-P, cow 2 yrs.	2,300
(Kip A. Keller)	
Den-Kel Hank Jiggle-P-ET, cow 3 yrs.	2,150
(Kip A. Keller)	
Bonnie Shuknecht, Elba, N.Y.	
Den-Kel Magnet Jane-P, cow 4 yrs.	2,050
(Kip A. Keller)	
Den-Kel Tbone Emily, cow 2 yrs.	2,000
(Kip and Robin Denniston-Keller, Byron, N.Y.)	