

## \$22,500 High for Ratliff Proof of Progress II Sale

It was an emotion-filled day for Ron and Christy Ratliff as they hosted the second Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale at the county fairgrounds in Garnett, Kan. The event came two months after a fire destroyed their hay barn and sent Ron to the hospital with third-degree burns to 30% of his body. The Jersey community came together on May 19, 2012, for two reasons—to show their support and respect for the couple and add coveted Ratliff genetics to their own herds.

### Sale Analysis

Number	Avg. Price	Total Value
24 Cows, two years and over	\$4,587.50	\$110,100
1 under 3 mos., s.w.d.	2,100.00	2,100
19 Bred heifers	3,573.68	67,900
9 Open yearlings	2,027.78	18,250
24 Heifer calves	3,314.58	79,550
6 Choice of calves	6,333.33	38,000
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82 Lots	\$3,852.44	\$315,900
Median price	\$3,000.00	

*Sale Management:*  
Avonlea Genetics Inc.  
*Auctioneer: Gary Estes*

The 82 beautifully-fitted lots that crossed the auction block sold for an average of \$3,852.44 and a gross of \$315,900. The average surpassed that of the first sale held in 2010 by \$180. Choices and fancy milking cows led the way, with respective averages of \$6,333.33 and \$4,587.50.

The high seller, Ratliff Remake Morgan-ET, wasn't initially catalogued for the event. But she caught the eye of sale manager Andrew Vander Meulen when he walked through the barns at Ratliff Jerseys earlier in the week and was given a special spot in the sale barn near the front of the lineup. The potential 11<sup>th</sup> generation Excellent caught the eye of many other potential buyers on sale day as well. After a flurry of activity, a phone bid of \$22,500



Ratliff Remake Morgan-ET was the high seller at \$22,500. She was purchased by Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, represented by Michael Heath, second left, and consigned by sale hosts Christy and Ron Ratliff, right. Also pictured are Robert Yeoman, left, Andrew Vander Meulen, sale manager, back, and Taylor Leach, at the halter. In the box are Russell Gammon, pedigrees, and Gary Estes, auctioneer.



The third high-selling lot and second high-selling live animal was Ratliff Tequila Chll, purchased for \$9,800 by Ron and Christy Ratliff, center. Also pictured are Michael Heath, Taylor Leach, at the halter, and Andrew Vander Meulen. In the box are Russell Gammon and Gary Estes.

carried by Michael Heath sealed the deal for the partnership of Peter Vail and Budjon Farms of Lomira, Wis.

The Very Good-87% senior two-year-old is sired by Rock Ella Remake-ET, GJPI +16, and hails from the "Myriah" cow family at Ratliff Jerseys. She freshened in mid-March and is entered in the futurities held in conjunction with The All American Jersey Show and World Dairy Expo in 2013.

Her maternal sister, Ratliff Jurisdiction Micki, Excellent-91%, was Reserve Intermediate Champion of the Kansas State Fair in 2009. She made 18,590 lbs. milk, 900 lbs. fat and 697 lbs. protein in her second lactation. Their dam, Ratliff Sambo Marcia, Excellent-92%, stood third in the Kingsmill Farm II International Futurity in 2007 and first in the four-year-old class at the Southern National Jersey Show the following year. She has a three lactation m.e. average of 17,895-754-584. "Marcia's" full sister, Ratliff Sambo Murphy, topped the first Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale at \$20,000. She was All-Canadian Senior-Two-Year-Old in 2010 and made a 3-8 record of 19,340 lbs. milk, 994 lbs. fat and 667 lbs. protein.

"Morgan's" grandam, Ratliff Jade Maisy-ET, Excellent-94%, has four lactations and a best record of 6-0 305 22,340 4.8% 1,079 3.3% 728 96DCR. A daughter of her maternal sister, Ratliff Sambo Martina, Excellent-94%, was tapped Reserve Intermediate Champion of The All American Jersey Show in 2006 and won the National Jersey Jug Futurity and the Kingsmill Farm II International Futurity a year later.

"Morgan's" third dam, Pleasant Nook Rene Myriah, Excellent-95%, is the matriarch of the cow family, purchased by Ron and Christy in 1999. "Myriah" produced 19,690 lbs. milk, 799 lbs. fat and 659 lbs. protein at 3-11.

The second high seller was a choice out of the only three-time National Grand



Ratliff Amedeo Krissy-ET was the fourth high seller, purchased for \$8,500 by Tanner C. May, represented by Joe Nash, second right. Pictured with "Krissy" are Ron and Christy Ratliff, left, Taylor Leach, Andrew Vander Meulen, Russell Gammon and Gary Estes.

Champion and two-time Supreme Champion of the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), Ratliff Price Alicia, Excellent-95%. In a battle of phone bids, Heath again placed the last bid of \$11,500 on Lot 1 for Ed and Meagan Cooper of Nichols, N.Y. The Coopers purchased the first right from 10 female implants sired by Rock Ella Impression-ET, JPI -15, due in December 2012.

In addition to being tapped Grand Champion at The All American Jersey Show in 2008, 2009 and 2010, she was the first cow to earn Supreme Champion laurels at the NAILE in 2009 and won the title again the following year. "Alicia" was also named Best Bred and Owned Jersey by Dairy Agenda Today in 2010.

"Alicia" is sired by Ratliff Jade Price, JPI -6, and made her best record of 20,880 lbs. milk, 1,014 lbs. fat and 760 lbs. protein at 3-5. Her four appraised daughters are all Very Good.

Her dam, Bridon Ethan Almond, Excellent-91%, has a best record of 5-5 305 20,260 5.3% 1,071 3.5% 716 92DCR. Her grandam, Rozeview Dorie D Rachel, Excellent-95%, was the All American Milking Senior Yearling in 2001 and tapped Reserve Intermediate Champion of The All American Jersey Show and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 2002. She proved her value as a milk cow as well, with two records over 19,450 lbs. milk, 810 lbs. fat and 700 lbs. protein. Five of the next six dams are Very Good or Excellent in Canada.

The fancy junior two-year-old that stood next to "Morgan" in the sale barn sold for the third high price of the day—\$9,800. Ron and Christy Ratliff bought out a partnership with Frank Pretz for sole ownership of Ratliff Tequila Chll, a tall, fancy-uddered daughter of Tower Vue Prime Tequila-ET, GJPI -77. She calved in early March and appraised Very Good-88% at 2-1. She is entered in the 2013 National

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Bringing the fifth high price of the day was the youngest live lot, Ratliff Jade Doodlebug-ET, who sold for \$8,000 to Hannah Braun, represented by B. J. Hanfield, second left. Pictured with "Doodlebug" are Andrew Vander Meulen, Olivia Brandenburg, at the halter, and Christy and Ron Ratliff. In the box are Russell Gammon and Gary Estes.

### Jersey Jug Futurity.

Her dam is a Very Good-80% daughter of Oblong Valley Prime Suspect, GJPI -153, that was named Reserve Junior Champion of the Southern National Jersey Show and the Kansas Spring Jersey Show as a winter yearling in 2009. Her granddam, Stan-J Duke Casey, Excellent-93%, was Senior Champion of the Wisconsin Spring Spectacular Show in 2008. Her Excellent third dam has eight lactations and made her best record of 18,236 lbs. milk, 739 lbs. fat and 702 lbs. protein at 9-2 in Canada. Her fourth dam, Oaklea Gemni Ginger 1T, SUP-EX 94-4E (CAN), was nominated All-Canadian as a five-year-old in 1990 and a mature cow the next year.

A member of the "Karmel" cow family garnered the fourth high price. Tanner C. May, Shelbyville, Ky., purchased Ratliff Amedeo Krissy-ET for \$8,500. The Excellent-90% five-year-old is sired by Piedmont Grove Amedeo, JPI -95, and sold due to Forest Glen Avery Action-ET, GJPI +93, in mid-July. "Krissy" was Intermediate Champion of the Wisconsin Spring Spectacular Show as a senior three-year-old in 2010 and placed ninth in her class at The All American Jersey Show later that fall. She has an m.e. average of 20,093-969-792 on two lactations.

Her dam is Avonlea D Jude Karmel, Excellent-94%, one of the breed's most prolific brood cows, with 62 registered daughters to date. Thirty-seven are Very Good-85% or higher, with 20 appraised Excellent. Included in this group are Ratliff F Prize Kay-ET, Excellent-93%, who was named Reserve Junior All American as a summer yearling in 2006 and a junior three-year-old in 2008, and Ratliff Ren Kendra-ET, Excellent-93%, who was named Reserve Grand Champion of the Kansas State Fair in 2010 and 2011. Another daughter, Renn Kandie of Ratliff,

Excellent-95%, was Grand Champion of the Missouri State Fair in 2008 and made 30,040 lbs. milk, 1,285 lbs. fat and 1,073 lbs. protein at 7-4.

"Krissy's" third dam is Avonlea Valiant Kitty 15N, EX-3E (CAN), Grand Champion of The All American Junior Jersey Show and winner of the Royal International Jersey Futurity in 1984. "Kitty" was nominated All-Canadian four times in milking form. The next two dams are also Excellent in Canada.

The fifth high seller was the youngest live offering of the day—a junior calf from the "Déjà vu" family at Ratliff Jer-

seys. What she lacked in size, she made up for in pedigree and potential. In the end, it was Hannah Braun of Lisbon, N.Y., that outlasted all other bidders to bring home Ratliff Jade Doodlebug-ET for \$8,000. The daughter of Giprat Belles Jade-ET, GJPI +31, is out of Arethusia Primetime Déjà vu-ET.

"Déjà vu" is an Excellent-94% daughter of Gil-Bar Sparkler Primetime, JPI +31, with a best record of 20,000 lbs. milk, 996 lbs. fat and 763 lbs. protein at 5-0. She was Grand Champion of the Kansas State Fair in 2010 and earned the white ribbon

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in the senior two-year-old class at The All American Jersey Show in 2008. One of her daughters, Ratliff Sambo Demi-ET, Excellent-91%, stood first in her class as a junior two-year-old at the Central National Junior Jersey Show and the Kansas and Wisconsin State Fairs and third at The All American Junior Jersey Show in 2010.

“Doodlebug’s” grandam is the world-famous Huronia Centurion Veronica 20J, Excellent-97%. “Veronica” was named National Grand Champion in 2004, Reserve National Grand Champion in 2002 and Supreme Champion of World Dairy Expo in 2006. She has three records over 24,400 lbs. milk, 1,270 lbs. fat and 950 lbs. protein. She has 17 sons in A.I. and 59 registered daughters to date. Her descendants have commanded premium prices across the country in recent years and comprised the entire makeup of the high-averaging sale in 2010, Visions of Veronica, which auctioned 24 lots for an average of \$8,033.33.

### Sales \$4,000 and Over

(Consignors in Parentheses)

<b>Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, Lomira, Wis.</b>	
Ratliff Remake Morgan-ET, cow 2 yrs .....	\$22,500
(Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan.)	
<b>Ed and Meagan Cooper, Nichols, N.Y.</b>	
First choice female sired by Rock Ella Impression-ET and out of Ratliff Price Alicia .....	11,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan.)	
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Ratliff Tequila Chill, cow 2 yrs.....	9,800
(Ron and Christy Ratliff and Frank Pretz, Garnett, Kan.)	
Ratliff King Snickers, cow 4 yrs. ....	6,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Frank Pretz and Amanda Nelson, Garnett, Kan.)	
<b>Tanner C. May, Shelbyville, Ky.</b>	
Ratliff Amedeo Krissy-ET, cow 5 yrs.....	8,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Hannah Braun, Lisbon, N.Y.</b>	
Ratliff Jade Doodlebug-ET, heifer calf 8 mos. ....	8,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Zach, Blake and Mitch Schulte, Watkins, Iowa</b>	
Ratliff Tequila Aggie-ET, heifer calf 8 mos. ....	7,900
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Jacqueline A. Kisst, Ripon, Calif.</b>	
Ratliff Gold Daisy, heifer calf 2 mos. ....	7,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Callum McKinven and Frank and Carol Borba, North Hatley, Quebec</b>	
Ratliff Action Baby G, bred heifer 22 mos. ....	7,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Diane Ossenlop and Frank Pretz, Garnett, Kan.)	
<b>Pullyn Farms, Ayton, Ontario</b>	
Ratliff Remake Majestic-ET, cow 2 yrs. ....	6,100
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Ferme Aroline Inc., St. Isidore de Dorchester, Quebec</b>	
Sunset Canyon Ren Nadine 919-ET, bred heifer 22 mos. ....	6,100
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Cassy Krull, Lake Mills, Wis.</b>	
First choice female sired by Rock Ella Impression-ET and out of Arethusa Primetime Deja Vu-ET .....	6,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Kara Hale, Cloverdale, Ore.</b>	
First choice female sired by Lester Sambo and out of Arethusa Primetime Deja Vu-ET .....	6,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Matt Linehan, River Falls, Wis.</b>	
Ratliff Sambo Aspen-ET, bred heifer 18 mos. ....	5,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Greg and Ole Nelson, Dassel, Minn.</b>	
First choice female sired by Rock Ella Impression-ET and out of Ratliff Jade Candace-ET .....	5,500
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Jon L. Strandberg, Alma Center, Wis.</b>	
Ratliff Kaptain Erica, cow 6 yrs. ....	5,200
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>John Kisst, Ripon, Calif.</b>	
Second choice female sired by Lester Sambo and out of Arethusa Primetime Deja Vu-ET .....	5,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Helenmae Metcalf, Piermont, N.H.</b>	
Ratliff Socrates Karamac-ET, cow 2 yrs. ....	5,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Todd Hayton, Castorland, N.Y.</b>	
Ratliff Amedeo Kacie-ET, cow 4 yrs. ....	5,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Austin Naumann, Sparta, Wis.</b>	
Ratliff Amedeo Acacia-ET, heifer calf 7 mos. ....	4,800
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Avonlea Genetics Inc., Brighton, Ontario</b>	
First choice female sired by Forest Glen Avery Action-ET and out of Arethusa Primetime Deja Vu-ET .....	4,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Andy, Ryan and Kellie Ripp, Dimock, S.D.</b>	
Ratliff Austin Baby Girl, heifer calf 5 mos. ....	4,600
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Diane Ossenlop and Frank Pretz)	
<b>Dante Carpenter, Russell Springs, Ky.</b>	
Ratliff Senior Paulie, bred heifer 20 mos. ....	4,500
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Pro-Hart Jerseys - Nicholas Clark and Melanie and Cole Provoast, Prescott, Mich.</b>	
Ratliff Amedeo Avery-ET, bred heifer 17 mos. ....	4,400
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Cris Rocha, Tillamook, Ore.</b>	
Ratliff Action M&M-ET, open yearling 14 mos. ....	4,200
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Nordic Haven Farms and Jordan and Kaitlin Hansen, Decorah, Iowa</b>	
Ratliff Governor Maiden-ET, cow 2 yrs. ....	4,200
(Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Sawyer Brandenburg, Fort Atkinson, Wis.</b>	
Ratliff Tequila Alana, heifer calf 8 mos. ....	4,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
<b>Duane L. Phillips, Golden, Ill.</b>	
Ratliff Action Kiley, bred heifer 16 mos. ....	4,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	