



Ratliff Sambo Murphy-ET, a fancy senior two-year-old, was the high selling individual at the Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale. She was purchased for \$20,000 by Jennifer and Andrew VanderMuelen of Avonlea Genetics Inc. and International Genetics of Canada. Christy and Ron Ratliff offered 92 lots of their best genetics in the sale. Also pictured are Amanda Nelson on the halter; pedigree man Russell Gammon and auctioneer Gary Estes in the box.



Bringing the second and third high prices of the sale were two daughters of Ratliff Price Alicia-ET. A first choice Forest Glen Avery Action-ET daughter sold for \$15,000 to International Genetics, Ontario, Canada. They are represented by sale managers Jennifer and Andrew VanderMuelen. Selling for \$12,000 was Ratliff Sambo Ariel-ET, a December 2009 daughter of "Alicia." She was purchased by the Friends of Alicia Syndicate. On the halter is Cassidy Krull. In the box are Russell Gammon and Gary Estes.

All American Pedigrees Top the Ratliff Sale

Christy Ratliff is passionate about her Jersey cows. She and her husband, Ron, have made breeding high type and high production cows the goal on their dairy in Garnett, Kan. For the past 30 years, she has bred and owned Registered Jerseys and has been very successful in marketing cattle that make their new owners proud.

Reaping the benefits of an intense embryo transfer program and high heifer percentage, Ron and Christy had watched their herd grow quickly over the past two years. This spurred their decision to select nearly 100 head from the heart of the herd to sell on May 8, 2010, in the aptly named Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale.

Buyers from around North America were not disappointed as the 92 lots of Registered Jerseys sold for an average price of \$3,671.98 and grossed \$334,150. The animals were purchased by 61 buyers in 22 states and Canada. Animals went to all ends of the country, from Vermont to California.

Breeding and working with top genetics has made dairying enjoyable for the Ratliffs. While they have bred a two-time National Grand Champion and a National Jersey Jug Futurity Winner, they have purchased highly-marketable genetics along the way as well.

In 1999, the Ratliffs purchased Pleasant Nook Rene Myriah from William and Joan Fletcher of Pleasant Nook Jerseys in Ontario, Canada. She has four daughters in the herd with an average appraisal score of Excellent-91% and average production of

Sale Analysis		
Number	Avg. Price	Total Value
27 Cows, two years and over	\$4,170.37	\$112,600
24 Bred heifers	2,556.25	61,350
8 Open yearlings	3,137.50	25,100
28 Heifer calves	3,135.71	87,800
4 Choice of calves	11,825.00	47,300
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91 Lots	\$3,671.98	\$334,150
Median price	\$2,500.00	

Sale Management:
Avonlea Genetics LLC
Auctioneer: Gary Estes

20,048 lbs. milk. It was her granddaughter that captured the eye of most reading the catalog.

Ratliff Sambo Murphy-ET, a Very Good-87% senior two-year-old, sold for \$20,000 to Avonlea Genetics Inc. and International Genetics, Brighton, Ont. The beautiful-uddered, powerful daughter of Lester Sambo, GJPI -9, sold as a choice between her and her Very Good-89% full sister, Ratliff Sambo Mocha-ET. The pair



Ron and Christy Ratliff take a moment before the sale to relax and thank the crowd of nearly 200 for attending the Ratliff Proof of Progress Sale.

are potential 10th generation Excellent cows.

"Murphy" was fresh in December and is entered in the 2011 National Jersey Jug Futurity. She is out of an Excellent-94% daughter of Giprat Belles Jade-ET, JPI +6, with a best record of 6-0 365 25,565 4.9% 1,232 3.5% 846 DHIR. Her maternal sister, Ratliff Juno Madison-ET, Excellent-94%, was the *AllBreed Access Reserve All American Four-Year-Old Cow* in 2007 and the *Reserve All American Five-Year-Old Cow* in 2008. Their dam is "Myriah," the third place four-year-old at the 2002 All American Jersey Show. She is appraised Excellent-95% and has a top record of 3-11 351 24,374 4.1% 883 3.4% 719 91DCR.

The next dam is Pleasant Nook Judes Marcie, Excellent-94%, with 27,030 lbs. milk, 1,453 lbs. fat and 913 lbs. protein at 7-2. She is a daughter of Pleasant Nook J Imp Martha, SUP EX-94 7E in Canada.

In 2009, Ratliff Price Alicia became a household name among the North American show circles when she was named National Grand Champion for the second consecutive year and the first ever Supreme Champion of the North American International Livestock Exposition. In the 56-year history of The All American Jersey Show only five other cows have been named National Grand Champions in back-to-back years.

Selling for the second and third high prices of the sale were a choice and daughter out of "Alicia." Buyers had their

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choice of a December 2009 “Sambo;” three “Sambo” pregnancies due in October; four pregnancies by Forest Glen Avery Action-ET, GJPI +94, due in November; or one pregnancy by Piedmont Grove Amedeo, GJPI -112, due in November. For \$15,000, International Genetics of Canada selected the first choice female of the four “Action” pregnancies. A syndicate of breeders called the Friends of Alicia Syndicate was formed to purchase the live calf, Ratliff Sambo Ariel-ET, for \$13,000.

Their dam, “Alicia,” is appraised Excellent-93%, the maximum score a third-lactation cow can have in the U.S. Her most recent and best record to date is 3-5 359 23,829 4.8% 1,144 3.7% 875 DHIR. Since calving as a senior yearling in milk, “Alicia” has been winning shows around the country. She has championship and class winning honors in Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.

She is backed by an Excellent-91% dam with over 20,000 lbs. milk and 1,000 lbs. fat on her best record. The next dam has national show winnings to her name as well. Rozeview Dorie D Rachel, Excellent-95%, was the Reserve Intermediate Champion of the 2002 All American Jersey Show and Central National Jersey Show for Ratliff.

Selling for the fourth high price of \$12,000 was a first choice daughter of 2007 National Jersey Jug Futurity Winner, Ratliff Sambo Martina. Wisconsin Jersey junior Cassy Krull of Lake Mills purchased the consignment and will be working with the Ratliffs to flush “Martina” to a mutually agreeable sire.

“Martina” hails from the “Myriah” family and recently completed a 4-2 lactation of 26,473 lbs. milk, 1,305 lbs. fat and 1,008 lbs. protein. She is appraised Excellent-94% and has a list of accomplishments to her name. In 2006,



Cassy Krull, second from right, purchased the first choice female out of Ratliff Sambo Martina for \$12,000. The 2007 winner of the National Jersey Jug Futurity will be flushed to a mutually agreeable sire for the Wisconsin junior. Also pictured are Carly Krull, sale manager Andrew VanderMuelen, sale staff Michael Heath, Christy and Ron Ratliff. In the box are Russell Gammon, pedigrees and Gary Estes, auctioneer.

she was named Reserve Intermediate Champion of The All American Jersey Show. Prior to winning the futurity, she was named the Supreme Champion of the Kingsmill International Futurity in Madison, Wis, and Reserve Intermediate Champion of the Central National Jersey Show in 2007.

Her dam is Very Good-86% and sired by Bridon Premonition-ET, JPI -234. The next dam is “Myriah.”

Volume buyer of the day was Eddie Harris, Cleveland, Tenn., who purchased nine head for \$31,650.

During the weekend, the Ratliffs gave tours of the farm allowing visitors the opportunity to see cows such as “Martina,” “Alicia,” Ratliff King Snickers, Very Good-89%, Ratliff Kaptain Erica, Excellent-93%, and Avonlea D Jude Karmel, Excellent-94%. “Karmel” is the foundation of the Ratliff herd and has the distinct honor of having the most registered offspring in the breed with 83 sons and daughters.

Sales \$4,000 and Over

(Consignors in Parentheses)

Avonlea Genetics Inc. and International Genetics Ltd.,

Brighton, Ont.	
Ratliff Sambo Murphy, cow 2 yrs.	\$20,000
(Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan.)	
First choice female sired by Forest Glen Avery Action-ET out of Ratliff Price Alicia-ET	15,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan.)	
Friends of Alicia Syndicate, Garnett, Kan.	
Ratliff Sambo Ariel-ET, heifer calf 4 mos.	13,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Cassy Krull, Lake Mills, Wis.	
First choice female sired by a mutually agreeable sire and out of Ratliff Sambo Martina	12,000
(Christy Ratliff)	
Jason Luttrop and Rebecca Fuchs, Berlin, Wis.	
Ratliff Mason Satin-ET, cow 2 yrs.	7,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Herby, Amanda, and Hobbs Lutz, Chester, S.C.	
Ratliff Action Dazzle-ET, heifer calf 5 mos.	7,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Eddie Harris, Cleveland, Tenn.	
Ratliff Rueben Melody, heifer calf 11 mos.	7,400
(Christy Ratliff)	
Ratliff Maximizer Velvet, open yearling 17 mos.	5,600
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Huronion Centurion Muffin 50R, cow 4 yrs.	4,400
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Ratliff Governor Atlee-ET, heifer calf 7 mos.	4,100
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Cory Salzi and Oat Hill Dairy, Eden Valley, Minn.	
First choice female sired by a Tower Vue Prime Tequila-ET and out of Ratliff King Snickers	7,300
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Amanda Nelson, and Frank Pretz, Garnett, Kan.)	
Jason Luttrop, Berlin, Wis.	
Ratliff Prospect Jori, bred heifer 2 yrs.	6,200
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
River Valley Farm, Tremont, Ill.	
Sambo Fabulous-ET, cow 5 yrs.	6,200
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Nelson Farms, Dassel, Minn.	
Ratliff Barbaro Vegas, cow 2 yrs.	6,100
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Alyssa Nuttleman, Bangor, Wis.	
Ratliff Res Cassidy-ET, cow, 4 yrs.	6,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
John Grantham, Clute, Texas	
South Mountain Jasmines Jackpot-ET, cow, 4 yrs.	5,500
(Nature Ridge, Nelson Farm and Ron and Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan.)	
Logan and Jordan Elmore, Elizabethtown, Ky.	
Ratliff Giller Fallon, bred heifer 19 mos.	5,500
(Amanda Nelson, Garnett, Kan.)	
Elise Carpenter, Russell Springs, Ky.	
Ratliff Res Ashley-ET, cow 3 yrs.	5,300
(Amanda Nelson, Garnett, Kan.)	
Ethan and Eli Graybill, Freepport, Ill.	
Ratliff Res Crazy, cow 3 yrs.	5,200
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Katrina Watson, Decatur, Texas	
Ratliff Jade Pearl, cow 3 yrs.	5,000
(Christy Ratliff)	
The Billings Farm, Woodstock, Vt.	
Ratliff F Prize Kirby-ET, cow 5 yrs.	4,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Iris Quinlan and Skyler Strandberg, Alma Center, Wis.	
Ratliff Sultan Venus, cow 2 yrs.	4,700
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Derek Leon Page, Mount Vernon, Mo.	
Ratliff Comerica Miss-ET, heifer calf 5 mos.	4,500
(Christy Ratliff)	
Wes Frazee, Portales, N.M.	
Ratliff Sambo Kegan-ET, heifer calf 7 mos.	4,400
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Avonlea Genetics Inc. and Nelson Eduardo Ziehsdorff, Brighton, Ont.	
Ratliff Minister Ruthie-ET, heifer calf 8 mos.	4,300
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Blake Renner, Fortuna, Calif.	
Ratliff Sambo Dynasty-ET, heifer calf 5 mos.	4,200
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Erin Leach and Cameron Maxey, Linwood, Kan.	
Ratliff Action Khloe, heifer calf 7 mos.	4,100
(Ron and Christy Ratliff and Gene Henderson, Garnett, Kan.)	
McCalister Russell, Hilmar, Calif.	
Ratliff Mason Kamie, bred heifer 21 mos.	4,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	
Frank and George Pretz, Garnett, Kan.	
Ratliff Minister Kennedy-ET, heifer calf 6 mos.	4,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff)	



Several times throughout the sale, buyers had their choice of two animals. Pictured here are the choice of full sisters, Ratliff Sambo Mocha-ET and Ratliff Sambo Murphy-ET. “Murphy” was chosen and went on to be the high seller of the sale at \$20,000.