



This beautifully restored 1940 International Farmall H tractor was donated by Sid and Pam Freeman of Caldwell for the 2011 Idaho FFA Foundation Tractor Raffle. Numerous FFA supporters made donations of time and materials to restore the tractor. Contact your local FFA Chapter for tickets.

Statewide Raffle Underway to Benefit FFA

By Jake Putnam

The Idaho FFA Foundation is conducting its first ever statewide Tractor Raffle to benefit Idaho FFA members. Tickets are now being sold for \$10 each for a chance at winning a beautifully restored classic 1940 International Farmall H Tractor. Idaho First Lady Lori Otter and Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould helped kick-off the campaign by purchasing the first two tickets during the Meridian FFA Community Appreciation Breakfast on February 18.

Canyon County farmer and Farm Bureau member Sid Freeman came up with the idea for the raffle to raise funds for the Idaho FFA Foundation and for scholarships for Idaho FFA students for post-secondary education. He and his wife Pam donated the tractor to begin the project and then he procured all of the donations for the restoration of the tractor, including new tires

and a sprayer tank.

“It has been a dream of mine to do a project like this to help Idaho FFA members,” said Freeman, a former FFA member. “FFA has made such a difference in the lives of so many students and helped them go on to be strong leaders in our communities. I want to do my part to advance this outstanding organization and to help provide financial support to important FFA programs.”

“We have a goal of raising \$50,000 with the raffle this year,” Freeman added. “Most of the funds raised will go toward scholarships and programs through the Idaho FFA Foundation that benefit students statewide, but the local FFA chapter designated on the winning ticket will also receive a portion of the ticket proceeds.”

“The success of this raffle will be determined by how many tickets the kids are able to get sold. Our hopes are that the citizens of Idaho can see how beneficial the

FFA programs are for the communities of our state. And that they will see this effort as an opportunity for them to enhance their own communities.”

Tickets may be purchased from any local Idaho FFA chapter or from the Idaho FFA Foundation by calling 208-861-2467 or emailing your ticket request to lwilder@idffaoundation.org until April 5. Tickets will be sold at the Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls April 6-8, and the winning ticket will be drawn during the conference on April 8.

The Idaho FFA Foundation would like to thank the following generous businesses and individuals who donated resources, materials and time to make the project possible: Sunny View Farms, Sid and Pam Freeman, Caldwell; Burks Tractor, Caldwell and Twin Falls; Campbell Tractor Co., Nampa, Glens Ferry, Wendell, See *FFA TRACTOR DRAWING* page 38

5 YEAR LIVESTOCK COMPARISON

	01/23/2007	01/28/2008	01/28/2009	01/25/2010	02/21/2011
Under 500 lbs.....	100-132	90-146	90-124	100-135	137-179
500-700 lbs.....	92-124	90-127	78-112	80-120	120-167
700-900 lbs.....	85-106	85-106	74-91	77-100	105-137
Over 900 lbs.....	73-93	81-94	75-87	80-94	95-116
Feeder Heifers					
Under 500 lbs.....	90-120	85-112	80-116	87-130	108-161
500-700 lbs.....	85-113	85-109	75-99	81-107	97-153
700-900 lbs.....	80-97	78-98	72-84	74-93	91-128
Over 900 lbs.....	76-96	75-93	50-72	80-84	90-110
Holstein Steers					
Under 700 lbs.....	60-79	50-69	38-59	51-72	65-102
Over 700 lbs.....	53-68	48-64	40-60	43-72	65-94
Cows					
Utility/Commercial.....	34-52	35-54	29-48	33-58	54-84
Canner & Cutter.....	27-45	22-42	21-38	23-47	40-72
Stock Cows.....	450-1000	525-960	360-875	525-1010	875-1500
Bulls - Slaughter					
.....	42-59	39-67	38-60	43-68	65-95

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 15% from Previous Year

February 18, 2011

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2011 totaled 230,000 head, up 15 percent from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is down 4 percent from January 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 31,000 head, up 4,000 head from January 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during January totaled 40,000 head, down 1,000 head from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during January.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2011. The inventory was 6 percent above February 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 547,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, slightly above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during January, 20 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

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Homedale and Fruitland; Les Schwab Tires of Idaho; GSL Soda Blasting, Caldwell; Platt Farms, Caldwell; The Paint "Guy", Adrian, OR; Hammond Land & Livestock, Doug Hammond, Middleton; J&J Machinery, Notus; G&R Ag Products, Inc., Caldwell; The Sign Shoppe, Caldwell; Homer Lott, Caldwell; John and Sam Malcom, Star; Brett Gould, Middleton; Wes Freeman, Middleton; and Tyler Simmons, Middleton.

FFA is a national organization preparing youth for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA has been an integral part of agriculture programs in Idaho high schools since 1928, currently with 10,000 Idaho agricultural science and technology students, 85 active chartered Idaho FFA chapters, and 4,000 Idaho FFA members.

The Idaho FFA Foundation was established in 1980 as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation for the purpose of promoting the FFA in Idaho and providing strategic financial resources for Idaho FFA programs and activities that will benefit agricultural education students and help them develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

For more information, please contact Laura Wilder, Idaho FFA Foundation at 208-861-2467 or visit www.idffaoundation.org.



From left, Wes Freeman, Middleton FFA and Brett Wilder, Meridian FFA look on as Idaho State Agriculture Director Celia Gould and First Lady Lori Otter purchase the first two tickets for the Idaho FFA Foundation's 2011 Tractor Raffle during the Meridian FFA Community Appreciation Breakfast on February 18.