

Hokkaido September Sale Review

The 2022 Hokkaido September Sale rebounded after a slightly disappointing 2021 with a record 77.8% clearance rate and an increase in gross and record average and medians. All in all, 413 yearlings were sold throughout the two days sale, where 531 horses were cataloged. The gross totaled ¥2,091,650,000(US\$1,452,347) while the average was ¥5,064,527(US\$35,170) and the median was ¥4,180,000(US\$29,027). Despite a hard-hit economy, the domestic horse market stays resilient.

The sale topper was Hip 113, a colt by Drefong(USA) sold to Masatsugu Takezono for ¥22,000,000(US\$152,777). Drefong(USA) had had stellar luck with his first crop at two and now at three in particular, so the demand for his progeny this year has been high. The highest-priced filly was Hip 333 by Mikki Rocket(JPN) which Masatoshi Haramura bought for ¥15,400,000(US\$106,944). G1 Takarazuka Kinen winner Mikki Rocket(JPN) has been off to a decent start at stud.

Dirt stallions once again led the way in the sale, with JPN1 JBC Sprint winner Danon Legend(USA) selling seventeen lots for a gross of ¥90,970,000(US\$631,736) and an average of ¥5,351,176(US\$37,160). G1 February Stakes winner Moanin(USA) sold twenty lots for ¥83,380,000(US\$579,027) and an average of ¥4,169,000(US\$28,951). G2 UAE Derby 2nd Epicharis(JPN) sold eleven yearlings for a gross of ¥71,500,000(US\$496,527) and averaged ¥6,500,000(US\$45,138). Talismanic(GB)'s progeny has shown an aptitude for dirt as his freshman crop has debuted this year. He sold eleven lots at the sale grossing ¥65,670,000(US\$456,041) and averaging ¥5,970,000(US\$41,458). Dirt champion Espoir City(JPN) also sold eleven lots, grossing ¥64,240,000(US\$446,111) and averaging ¥5,840,000(US\$40,555).

The final yearling sale for Hokkaido Sales will be the Hokkaido Autumn Sale on October 17th and 18th at the Hokkaido Sales Pavilion in Shizunai, Hokkaido.

US\$1 = JP¥144



Hip 113, a Drefong(USA) colt out of Win Iceberg(JPN) sold for ¥ 22,000,000.