

2022 Hokkaido Autumn Sale Review

With the conclusion of the 2022 Hokkaido Autumn Sale on October 18th, the 2022 yearling sale season also ended. The final sale of the year was strong, with a gross of ¥1,291,730,000 (US\$8,727,905) and selling 329 of the 426 cataloged yearlings for a clearance rate of 77.2%. The average and median ¥3,926,231(US\$26,528) and ¥3,300,000(US\$22,297) increased from last year.

Two colts shared the title of sale topper at the sale. First was Hip 352, by Duramente(JPN) was purchased by Masuomi Yamamoto, and the second was Hip 418, by Mind Your Biscuits(USA), which was bought by Hiroyuki Yoshioka, both for ¥17,600,000(US\$118,918). The highest-priced filly was Hip 72, by Real Steel(JPN), which Katsutoshi Yoshida acquired for ¥15,400,000(US\$104,054).

Moanin(USA) exited the sale with the highest gross of any stallion, selling all ten lots up for auction, grossing ¥51,590,000(US\$348,581) and averaging ¥5,159,000(US\$34,858). Real Steel(JPN) was a close second selling seven for a gross of ¥50,600,000(US\$341,891) and an average of ¥7,228,571(US\$48,841). Majestic Warrior(USA) and his son Best Warrior(USA) both enjoyed a strong sale. Majestic Warrior(USA) sold seven with a gross of ¥48,400,000(US\$327,027) and an average of ¥6,914,285(US\$46,718). Best Warrior(USA) sold eight yearlings, bringing a gross of ¥40,810,000(US\$275,743) and an average of ¥5,101,250(US\$34,467). Asia Express(USA), who, like Moanin(USA), is also by Henny Hughes(USA), sold all thirteen of his offered yearlings, grossing ¥38,720,000(US\$261,621) and averaging ¥2,978,461(US\$20,124).

The 2022 Hokkaido Sales season remained strong despite the yen's weakness and a shaky economy overall. The Japanese horse economy has remained strong as domestic betting continues to increase, providing solid prize money incentives for owners to earn and put towards purchasing their next generation of racehorses. The 2023 Hokkaido Sales season will begin in May with the Training Sale in Sapporo, Hokkaido. From everyone at Hokkaido Sales, we hope you have a safe and prosperous new year and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

US\$1 = JP¥148



Hip352, a Duramente(JPN) colt out of Spring Thunder(JPN) sold for ¥ 17,600,000.



Hip418, a Mind Your Biscuits(USA) colt out of Precious Vigor(JPN) sold for ¥ 17,600,000.