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IFT photo by Phyllis Coulter

**Theresa Miller was all smiles at Prairie View Farms' 11th annual production sale on April 9. So were dozens of people enjoying seeing the cattle and the people, many for the first time in a while.**

## Sale this year brings joy for Illinois cattle community

**By Phyllis Coulter**

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**G**RIDLEY, Ill. — On a sunny Friday afternoon in April, about 350 people got their boots on to walk among the cattle at Alan and Theresa Miller's farm in central Illinois.

Prairie View Farms production sale has been an annual tradition for more than a decade when juniors, 4-Hers and others come to the Gridley, Illinois, farm to find the right animal to show or to add to their operation.

This year was especially fun after the pandemic disrupted so many events last year.

"It's the first time a lot of us have seen each other in a while," Theresa said as she greeted ranchers and friends arriving to look at the cattle April 9.

At one time, Prairie View Farm had 300 cattle. Now they have 200, which is the right size for them, Theresa said. The Millers operate in close partnership with Alan's sister and her husband, Cathy and Brandon Jones, raising donor-quality purebred Angus females and herd sire prospects for both Angus breeders and commercial cow producers.

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