

BRILLIANT DAY FOR ABBOTSLEY JERSEYS TOP OF 2400 GNS

The Dispersal of the entire milking portion of the Abbotsley Herd of Jerseys together with autumn calving heifers and all heifer calves born this year took place at Whitehall Bank Farm, Draycott-in-the-Clay, Sudbury, Derbyshire on Thursday, 11th August on behalf of Roy and Christine Bailey, who are two of the nicest people one can meet in the Jersey breed following their decision to stop milking.

A huge crowd was in attendance with thirty five different buyers being recorded. They travelled from all over from South West Scotland in the north to Cornwall in the south as well as Devon, Somerset, Buckinghamshire, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Powys, North and South Yorkshire as well as a great number from the locality. Three animals have also been sold for export to Northern Ireland and sixteen to Southern Ireland.

The herd followed an all year round calving pattern and was full of quality cattle in all age groups and there was great demand for all age groups too. The first cow in the ring, the ten year old eighth calver Abbotsley Rockys Dodo (Ex91-3E) got the sale off to a great start selling for 920 gns and she was one of sixteen head purchased by Dallyns Dairy Ltd of Barnstaple, Devon. Trade continued to be brisk with plenty of bidding throughout the sale.

A total of four animals broke the 2000 gns mark and sold to a top of 2400 gns. The top seller was the fresh second calver Abbotsley Sambo Goldie (VG86-3yr), a daughter of Lester Sambo off an EX91 daughter of Classic Rochette Invincibull. She sold in a joint deal between Richard Saxby of Long Preston, Skipton and John Dickinson of Scaftworth, Doncaster. Not far behind was another Sambo daughter, the fresh third calver Abbotsley Sambos Opal (Ex91-4yr) whose dam was Abbotsley Boys Opal (EX93-3E) a former Champion and Burke Trophy winner at the RASE Show. She sold for 2380 gns S & S Murray (Farms) Ltd of Wolverhampton. Sambo daughters continued to dominate the top prices when the fresh second calf Abbotsley Sambos Melanie (VG87-3yr) sold for 2100 gns to GAG Evans & Son of Guilsfield, Welshpool.

The only other to animal to make 2000 gns was the outstanding in-calf heifer Abbotsley Liberations Galaxy, a daughter of Raughton Liberation out of a (VG87) Sambo dam. She now joins the herd of S & S Murray Farms. Calves were a great trade and sold to a top of 1350 gns for the beautiful January born calf Abbotsley Charmers Jojo; this potential show calf is a daughter of Classic F O G Charmer out of a VG87 dam by Abbotsley Zebres Rocky and was purchased by Sally Parfitt of Wells, Somerset who also acquired the fourth calf Abbotsley Aims Anita (Ex91-4yr) for 1900 gns

JULES TOP PRICES TO 1320 GNS

AVERAGES:

108 Cows and Milking Heifers £1145.18 (including 28 Heifer Calves at £478.50); 14 In-calf Heifers £1065.00; 124 HEAD £1126.12.

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.