

## **GREAT TRADE FOR SUSSEX HOLSTEIN HERD AT BEESTON – TOP OF 2500 GNS AND A BIG CROWD**

A great crowd of buyers descended on Beeston Castle Auction for the dispersal of the entire, old established BROADFORD Herd, the property of HCC Francis and Sons of Wood Barn Farm, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex. The cattle were distributed from Cumbria to Sussex as well as Lancashire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, Carmarthenshire and Cheshire and its surrounding counties.

This sale had many attractive features; it was a dispersal, the cattle were very good, they were mostly fresh and from a herd that had been closed for thirty years. They were also from a herd that was on a four year TB testing cycle. The top price was 2500 gns for the fresh 3<sup>rd</sup> calf Broadford Present 184<sup>th</sup> (VG87), a daughter of Moet Nansen sold giving 50.6 kg. daily and purchased by RJ & CM Williams of Sontley, Wrexham who also purchased the next top seller, Broadford Fannie 375<sup>th</sup>(GP82-2yr), a fresh calved heifer by Atlas with three Excellent dams for 2450 gns Messrs Williams also purchased two other fresh heifers by Atlas and Shottle for 2200 gns.

Making the long journey to Stinchcombe in Gloucestershire was the August calved heifer Broadford Lily 115<sup>th</sup>, a daughter of Drake selling to E & MH Sheldon and also making an even longer journey was the second calf daughter of Roylane Jordan, Broadford Edith 172<sup>nd</sup> (VG85) purchased by Roger Morse of Carmarthen.

Next in the list of top sellers was the fresh heifer Broadford Edith 185<sup>th</sup> (VG85-2yr), a daughter of the Shottle son, Nethanvale Mel with two Excellent dams. She was one of ten head purchasd by Spotacre Farms of Stone. Norman Tomkinson of Gnosall purchased fresh calved heifers by Reece and Drake for 2220 gns and 2150 gns respectively

Young stock were a great trade; the few in-calf heifers sold to 1750 gns for Broadford Fannie 371<sup>st</sup>, Nethanval Mel and due in February to Overside Dragon, purchased by AR Cox & Son of Marston, Stafford. Maiden Heifers sold to 1550 gns for the 14 month old Broadford Present 205<sup>th</sup> by Autumn Ridge Matson and who was one of 21 maidens purchased by Stowell Farms of Marlborough, Wiltshire. Heifer calves sold to 650 gns on three occasions and a two month old bull calf by Wa-Del Junction sold for 700 gns.

### **TOP PRICES:**

			<b>GNS</b>
Lot 55	Broadford Present 184 <sup>th</sup> (VG87)	RJ & CM Williams, Wrexham	2500
Lot 105	Broadford Fannie 375 <sup>th</sup> (GP82-2yr)	RJ & CM Williams, Wrexham	2450
Lot 110	Broadford Edith 185 <sup>th</sup> (VG85-2yr)	Spotacre Farm, Staffordshire	2350
Lot 89	Broadford Lily 115 <sup>th</sup> (GP80-2yr)	E & HM Sheldon, Gloucester	2300
Lot 104	Broadford Fannie 374 <sup>th</sup> (GP82-2yr)	N Tomkinson, Stafford	2220
Lot 49	Broadford Edith 172 <sup>nd</sup> (VG85)	J R Morse, Carmarthen	2200
Lot 103	Broadford Fannie 372 <sup>nd</sup>	RJ & CM Williams, Wrexham	2200
Lot 113	Broadford Edith 186 <sup>th</sup>	RJ & CM Williams, Wrexham	2200
Lot 111	Broadford Present 200 <sup>th</sup>	N Tomkinson, Stafford	2150
Lot 57	Broadford Lily 109 <sup>th</sup> (VG85-3yr)	Spotacre Farms, Staffordshire	2100
Lot 66	Broadford Fannie 356 <sup>th</sup> (G78-2yr)	J L Trow, Shrewsbury	2020
Lot 62	Broadford Fannie 354 <sup>th</sup> (VG86-3yr)	Spotacre Farms, Staffordshire	2000

### **AVERAGES:**

**89 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1831.48 (including 1 bull calf at £735.00 and 41 heifer calves at £559.32;  
7 Served Heifers £1507.50; 38 Maiden Heifers £1052.76; 134 Lots £1593.72**

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