

BROWN SWISS TOP THE COLOURED BREEDS SALE AT BEESTON WITH A 2600 GNS BID FOR SCOTTISH HEIFER

A huge entry of almost 200 head of Coloured Breed dairy cattle met with an almost total clearance and sold to a large attendance of buyers who travelled from Scotland in the north to Cornwall in the South, from Pembrokeshire and Anglesey in the West to Norfolk in the East. Whilst trade was generally very good and nearly every animal changed hands some breeds sold better than others and in fact the Brown Swiss were the most keenly sought.

AYRSHIRE

There was a good show of Ayrshires which sold very well but without having a flyer. They were led by the first animal in the ring, Middle Oranje MMS, a fresh heifer by Middle Marlow's Son, consigned by David Graveston of Bolton-by-Bowland. She sold giving 24 kg to Alan Norbury of Knutsford who owns the dam. Mark Partington of Bolton sold a lovely fresh heifer by Brierside Winning Hand for 1750 gns to Steve Bailey of Audlem and Alan Coutts of Knutsford sold a fresh heifer by Shady Lane Walnut Conn for 1700 gns to Phil Stubbs of Crowton, Northwich.

Messrs. EH Arden & Son of the Green Lane Herd at Broughton Chester sold 20 recently served and bulling heifers and these sold to 900 gns for a daughter of Andy's Flintoff purchased by Messrs Dakin, Clitheroe.

SHORTHORN

There was a small consignment of Shorthorns forward and these were headed by a very smart fresh heifer consigned by Graham Madeley of Telford; Rodway Marie 69th is sired by Kingsdale Libby's Rebel and sold for 1700 gns to N Bloor & Partners of Warmingham, Sandbach. David Dent of Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria sold a homebred fresh third calver by Winbrook King Henry for 1350 gns to the same buyers.

BLUE SHORTHORNS

A small entry of three unregistered Blue Shorthorn crossbreds from A Howe of Millers Dale, Buxton sold very well and topped at 1900 gns for a fresh heifer selling to Owen Hughes, Anglesey who purchased another from the same home at 1750 gns.

BROWN SWISS

The top price of the sale was 2600 gns for a very smart fresh heifer consigned by Jonathan Lochhead of Dumfries who runs the largest herd of the breed under the Kedar prefix. Hid top seller was Kedar Emeron Liesa, a daughter to the German sire Emeron and out of VG85 dam. She was purchased by RE & JS Jones of Abergavenny. Robert Aspden of Oakhanger, Crewe had the next highest price selling at 2150 gns for his Butterton Broker Avril which sold to Ben Elkin of Hilderstone, Stone. John West of Farrick Farms, Chipping, Preston and a good day selling three fresh second calf cows at 2050 gns twice to D & HE Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach and at 2000 gns to DM Riley of Minshull Vernon, Crewe. Johnathan Lochhead also sold a daughter of Lyndale Emory Emerald for 1900 gns to R & M Harvey of Auldgirth, Dumfries.

The Cimarron Partnership of Mike and Jayne Edwards of Malmesbury, Wiltshire sold three lovely Brown Swiss cross Shorthorn in-calf heifers which sold up to 1350 gns. There was also a great consignment of Maiden heifers which were very keenly sought and sold top as top of 950 gns twice for two eleven month old daughters of Oak Forest Cosmos consigned by Robert Aspden and sold to Robert McColm of Stranraer

JERSEY

The Jerseys were probably the breed for which the bidding was not just as brisk; having said that nearly everything sold and buyers were pleased with their resulting sales. The top price was 2150

gns for the fresh heifer Enchanted Just Wait Magdalen, a grand daughter of Rapid Bay Just Wait consigned by Enchanted Holsteins of Preston selling to Ted Fearon of Cartmel, Cumbria. Mr. Fearon also purchased a VG88 second calf daughter of Pavenham Iben Jude from Ravenfield Jerseys of Cowden, Nr. Hull. Ravenfield also sold a lovely daughter of Vindication, Greyleys Violin at 1880 gns purchased by Mitchell Oldershaw of Lockington, Derby.

In-calf heifers sold to 850 gns for Woodbine Pheobe Bay, a daughter of Vindication, bred from 3 generations of VG dams and in-calf for October to Kaarmona Beclear. She was consigned by Mark Smith of Leicester and purchased by A Porter of Clitheroe. Unregistered Heifer Calves from DM Riley Minshull Vernon sold to 350 gns for a daughter of SHF Centurion Sultan selling to R & KG Downing, Stafford.

GUERNSEY

There was a small entry of adult Guernsey which sold reasonably well and topped at 790 gns for a second calf dry cow from GJ Reynolds of Benenden Kent selling yo G & MM Dakin. In-calf heifers from the same home sold to 880 gns for a daughter Tiresford River. However the Guernsey section was dominated by the dispersal of the entire young stock portion from the Thornton Herd, the property of Andrew and Michelle Hall of Thornton Hough, Wirral which sold to a large ring of buyers. The top price was 1550 gns for Thornton Rachel 5th, a daughter of Spring Walk Icy Iceberg due in October to Thornton Eros. He sold to MT & JE Hassall & Sons for their Elanbee Herd at Ridley, Tarporley. The previous heifer to the top seller was the second highest price; Thornton Isobel 73rd by Thornton Troy out of Ex90 dam sold for 1420 gns to R Jones, St.Clears, Carmarthen. Two other autumn calving heifers sold at 1400 gns each selling to Steve Pendlebury, Market Drayton and Richard Harper, Nantwich, respectively.

Recently served heifers sold up to 1080 gns for Thornton Lady 4th, by Jens Gold G Hawk selling to the Hassall family whilst the Sniders Option Aaron daughter, Thornton Isobel 75th, topped the maiden heifer section selling at 950 gns to CJR & SMH Evans of Bancyfelin, Carmarthen. The Berkeley Farm Dairy of Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire claimed the next two highest prices in this section selling at 880 gns and 820 gns. Calves topped at 650 gns.

AVERAGES:

AYRSHIRE – 11 Milking Heifers £1515.82; 14 Recently Served Heifers £792.00; 6 Maiden Heifers £588.00

SHORTHORN – 6 Cows and Milking Heifers £1412.25; 1 Maiden Heifer £567.00; 1 Bull £735.00.

BLUE SHORTHORN CROSSBREDS – 3 Cows and Milking Heifers £1645.00

BROWN SWIS – 12 Cows and Milking Heifers - £1774.50; 3 Served Heifers £1295.00; 15 Maiden Heifers £905.80.

JERSEY – 29 Cows and Milking Heifers £912.78; 5 Served Heifers £737.10; 4 Bulling Heifers £585.38. 3 Heifer Calves £346.50.

GUERNSEY – 5 Cows £564.90; 4 Served Heifers £826.88

THORNTON GUERNSEY YOUNG STOCK DISPERSAL – 8 In-calf Heifers £1315.13; 6 Recently Served Heifers £826.00; 20 Maiden Heifers £688.28; 6 Heifer Calves £434.00; 4 Bulls and Bull Calves £333.38.

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