

BEESTON COLOURED BREEDS IN THE MONEY – RECORD BREAKING 3000 GNS TOP PRICE FOR MRI.

A marvellous entry of over 220 head for the Spring Edition of Wright Manley's coloured dairy breed sales attracted buyers from Scotland to Cornwall which resulted in a wonderful trade for every commodity on offer representing Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Red Holstein, Shorthorn and Meuse Rhine Issel (MRI) breeds. The sale also included two herd dispersals – the entire milking portion of the Woodpecker MRI Herd, the property of M & J Siddorn of Tattenhall, Chester and the entire Pukeko Jersey Herd, the property of HH Knowles of Larbreck, Preston.

WOODPECKER MRI DISPERSAL

Yes, it was a hell of a good day's trading for nearly all the consignors with only three animals going home unsold but the best result of the day would be for the Siddorn family who broke the **breed record** when selling one of their Woodpecker Herd of MRI's for a breed record bid of 3000 gns. Woodpecker Emma 115th is a March 03 daughter of Robel and was a month fresh with her fourth calf giving 43 kg. She sold to breed stalwarts Barlow Bros of Croston, Nr. Preston, Lancs. Four other animals sold at 2050 or 2000 gns and all were purchased by Stuart Wood of Norbury, Whitchurch. They were all fresh calved second calvers or heifers sired by Pedro 2, Robel or DZ Alzonn Parom. Volume buyer in this section was Peter Denton of Lostwithiel, Cornwall who purchased 7 head up to a top of 1750 gns for amilking heifer by Pedro 2.

AVERAGE: 34 Cows & Milking Heifers £1464.44

PUKEKO JERSEY DISPERSAL

This small herd of Jerseys was full of outstanding cattle in all age groups, followed an all year round calving pattern and being sold due to the pending emigration of the owners. The top price was 1600 gns which was achieved on two occasions and for successive lots in the ring; the first was for Greyleys Carolyn (GP82-2yr), a November calved heifer by SHF Centurion Sultan purchased by PL Boam of Monyash, Bakewell and the second was for Ribblevalley Wait Milly (VG86-2yr), a July calved heifer, recently bred, and by Rapid Bay Just Wait selling to CM Haigh of Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire. The February calved second calver Pukeko Blackie (VG86-3yr) was sold going 33 kg daily and realised 1520 gns in a sale to DM Riley, of Minshull Vernon, Crewe. Calves at foot were a very fast trade topping at 800 gns for the August born Pukeko Rocco Maria by Saxown Cash Rocco selling to E Singleton of Inglewhite, Preston who also purchased the top served heifer, Pukeko Connection Tessa, by Giprat Belle's Connection, for 1180 gns.

AVERAGE: 66 Cows and Milking Heifers £1234.86(including 16 Heifer Calves at £558.47); 4 Served Heifers £934.50; 3 Maiden Heifers £619.50. 73 HEAD £1193.11.

MULTI-CONSIGNOR CATTLE BY BREED

AYRSHIRE

A small choice of fresh calved Ayrshire cattle were headed by a second calf cow from RC Adams of Rugeley, Staffs with a fresh homebred second calver, Tessvale CherryFan by Green Lane Marshall selling to GS & A Sheard from Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent. There was also a consignment of maiden heifers and calves from DO & L Blything of Kelsall, Chester which sold to 780 gns for a 5 month old stirk and 300 gns for 8 week old heifer calved all selling to J Whiteford & Sons of Carlisle.

AVERAGE: 7 Cows and Milking Heifers £1393.50; 12 Stirk Heifers £598.50; 13 Heifer Calves £282.69

SHORTHORN

Another small entry of Shorthorns peaked at 1520 gns for a crossbred heifer from G & B Bell of Ridley, Tarporley selling to G A Bartlam of Bramshall, Uttoxeter; also 1430 gns for second calver from MT Jones, Oswestry, selling to JG Williams Nantwich and 1380 gns for a 5th calver from the Price-Jones' of Bangor-on-Dee selling to David Airey of Knutsford.

AVERAGE: 7 Cows and Milking Heifers £1407.00

BROWN SWISS

There were only two Brown Swiss entered both from RD & PT Stubbs of Whitgreave, Stafford' a fresh second cross daughter of Top Acres PR Polaris that had given 7426 kg. as a heifer and was now giving 38 kg daily a fortnight into her second lactation made to 2550 gns selling to GA Bartlam of Bramshall who also purchased the other Swiss, a purebred fresh heifer by Blessing Emerald Absolute for 1700 gns.

AVERAGE: 2 Cows and Milking Heifers £2231.25

MRI

Two other MRI Cows were consigned by G Williams & Son of Lampeter, Ceredigion and topped at 1020 gns for a third calver.

AVERAGE: 2 Cows £1060.50

RED HOLSTEIN

Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury who are selling their herd as they calve sold the heifer Burnbrae Kian Marjan Red, by Kian, out of a twice 9000 kg dam. She sold for 2120 gns to DM Riley of Minshull Vernon. Two non-pedigree heifers from RD & IE Kite of Stafford sold for 1520 and 1500 gns each. The Kite's also sold a five bulling heifers which sold to 820 gns.

AVERAGE: 3 Milking Heifers £1799.00; 5 Maiden Heifers £840.00

JERSEY

There was a very good show of fresh cows and heifers in the Jersey section which topped at 1900 gns twice; the first at this price was a crossbred Jersey/Holstein from MT Jones, Oswestry which sold to GA Bartlam and the second was for a beautiful pedigree heifer from Richard Saxby of Skipton; Saxown Whisky Pansy 6th (GP83-2yr) by Wattlebank Whisky sold giving 20 kg to S & S Murray Farms of Wolverhampton. Mr Ted Fearon of Cartmel, Cumbria purchased the next two top sellers in this section; Ellerdine Connection Petunia by Giprat Belles Connection was purchased at the Ellerdine Dispersal sale as a calf by J E Hinks, who used to work for the Harris family of Ellerdine, sold for 1850 gns and was just a week fresh. Ravenfield Jerseys of Hull had a lovely show of cattle and topped at 1700 gns for Ravenfield Jess 13th, a fresh heifer, by the homebred Ravenfield Frankie and also joins Mr, Fearon's herd. Richard Saxby was in the money again selling the second calf Saxown Connection Cash 47th for 1550 gns to Beechdean Farms of High Wycombe, Bucks who purchased a total of 20 head at the sale.

AVERAGE: 17 Cows and Milking Heifers £1402.06; 2 In-Calf Heifers £960.75; 10 Maiden Heifers £376.95

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