

JERSEYS TOP BEESTON COLOURED BREEDS AT 2450 GNS BUT BROWN SWISS AND SHORTHORNS HAVE BEST TRADE

The quarterly sales of Coloured Breed Dairy Cattle at Beeston Castle Auction attracted an entry of 188 Head for its Summertime Special event representing the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Shorthorn, Jersey and Guernsey breeds.

A huge crowd were present on the day and the cattle were distributed far and wide from Argyllshire and Wigtownshire in Scotland to Middlesex and Dorset in the south. However the trade was a bit of a rollercoaster with generally plenty of demand for the best individuals and a selective trade for the more second quality entries.

AYRSHIRES opened the sale and probably had the most difficult trade, but it was not a vintage offering. The top price was 1700 gns for a very fresh heifer from Alan Coutts and Sons of Knutsford; their Knutsford Flo 167th is a daughter of Mccornick Nelson and had only been calved just over a week. She sold to Philip Jeffries of Welshpool. Another heifer from the same home by Hunnington Mandella sold for 1400 gns to R Tipping & Son of Byley, Middlewich.

SHORTHORNS were few in number but sold very well and made up to a top of 1820 gns. This was for a lovely second calf cow sired by Dunham Discovery from Geof Royle and family of Dunham Massey, Altrincham. This young, red cow was giving 31 kg. sold to P E Bailey & Sons of Oswestry who also purchased the pedigree heifer Ellerghyll Duchess Gwynne, sired by Marleycote Jack, from DW & SI Throup of Keighley, West Yorkshire. Another heifer from the Royle family, Dunham Heather 90th, a roan daughter of Nejay Prince 3rd sold for 1500 gns to PA & JM Astley of Oswestry. A first cross Shorthorn Friesian Blue roan heifer from A Howe, Millers Dale, Buxton sold for 1300 gns.

BROWN SWISS were probably the best trade of the day with plenty of bidding, particularly for the milkers. David Whitehead of Mottram St Andrew, Macclesfield, who has started to disperse his herd had the two top prices selling at 2080 gns and 2000 gns. The top price was paid for the fresh heifer Riverdean Sheila, a daughter of Top Acres Brinks and purchased by D & HE Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach whilst Riverdean Bee, a fresh second calver by Webscott Dominate sold for 2000 gns to EM Kirk of Leesthorpe, Melton Mowbray. Another first cross heifer consigned by breed society secretary, Angus Dalton of Ashbourne, made 1600 gns to the Colcloughs.

GUERNSEY were represented by just one entry, a fresh fourth calf unregistered cow consigned by RD Kite & Son of Milwich, Stone which sold for 920 gns,

JERSEYS were numerically the strongest breed on offer and included the final dispersal of the Loseley Herd, the property of Loseley Farms, Surrey. The top price of the day was for one of this dispersal, the outstanding young cow Loseley Zik Scandette 2nd (GP83) (VG88-MS) who was dry, expecting her third calf in September to Ahlem Lemvig Abe. She sold to S Parfitt of Masbury, Nr. Wells, Somerset. The next highest price was 2300 gns for the outstanding third calf cow, Loseley Paramount Wendy CM (Ex90), a daughter of Rockella Paramount, also due in September, but she was purchased by Gilmour Evans of Guilsfield, Nr. Welshpool. The next highest price in this section was for the second calf Loseley Sultan Wave (VG86) due in December and sold for 1350 gns to S & S Murray Farms of Wolverhampton. In-calf heifers from this dispersal sold readily to a top of 950 gns for Loseley Signature Bravo, a daughter of Family Hill Avery Signature selling to RH & CE Irwin of Campbeltown, Argyllshire whilst maiden heifers, which were also a fast trade, topped at 1280 gns for the ten month old Loseley Action Clover, sired by Forest Glen Avery Action selling to E Singleton of Inglewhite, Preston.

Consignments outside the dispersal sold to 1220 gns for a fresh calved Saxown bred heifer from Enchanted Holsteins of Preston selling to PA & JM Astley of Oswestry. In-calf heifers sold to 1000 gns for Greyleys Waves, a daughter of Family Hill Ringmaster from Ravenfield Jerseys, Hull selling to M. Caughie, Stranraer.

AVERAGES:

**AYRSHIRES – 11 Cows and Milking Heifers £1169.32; 19 Maiden Heifers £474.71;
SHORTHORNS – 6 Milking Cows and Heifers £1324.75; 3 Crossbred Milking Cows
and Heifers £1242.50; 1 Maiden Heifer £630.00**

**BROWN SWISS – 12 Cows and Milking Heifers £1220.63; 1 Served Heifer £1239.00; 3
Maiden Heifers £843.50; 3 Crossbred Maiden Heifers £602.00**

GUERNSEY – 1 Cow £966.00

**JERSEYS – 10 Cows and Milking Heifers £788.55; 12 Served Heifers £758.62; 2
Maiden Heifers £367.50. LOSELEY HERD: 35 Cows and Milking Heifers £777.90; 11
Served Heifers £812.32; 30 Maiden Heifers £535.50**

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