

THREE DAYS OF INCREDIBLE TRADING FOR CPLAVENHAM HOLSTEIN DISPERSAL. 1000 HEAD SELL WITH MILKERS TO 7500 GNS AND MAIDENS TO 4100 GNS. EIGHTY FIVE OVER 2000 GNS.

One of the largest dispersals in the history of the Holstein breed took place over three days under the joint hammers of Wright Manley of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire and Harrison & Hetherington of Carlisle on behalf of Messrs Coopon Lavenham who have decided to cease milk production at Birds Farm, Thorpe Morieux, Nr. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

The sale of the milkers, close calving heifers and all calves born since the beginning of November took place on Thursday and Friday, 13th/14th March at Birds Farm whilst the in-calf and served heifers and all the maiden heifers were removed to Beeston for sale on Monday, 17th March.

This was an extensive event which attracted buyers from Scotland to Dover, from Devon to Norfolk and from West Wales and Northern Ireland. Large numbers draw the crowd and the volume buyers and even though the milkers were sold in an area where there are few milk producers, the buyers were there in force and they meant business. Many went home with in excess of 30 head, the largest volume buyer being the Druids Lodge Estate from Bicester, Oxfordshire who purchased 138 head.

The star of the milking herd was undoubtedly Lavenham Duchess 1097th, a daughter of Boulet Charles bred from five generations of cows classified in the top two grades, who freshened in December with her third calf having given over 11000 kg. in her second lactation. She now joins Jim Warnock's noted Capellefern Herd based near Dover, Kent who also purchased her ten week old heifer calf by Ladys-Manor Wildman for 1000 gns.

The next two top prices were for animals purchased by an undisclosed Scottish buyer; Ferrers Jordan Isabel 3rd is a massive milking heifer by Royle Jordan who has given 10000 kg. in 261 days of her 1st lactation and is due again in June to Kamps-Hollow Convcd RSVP. She sold for 4800 gns and has massive show potential. Also making the journey north was the fresh third calver Lavenham Poverty 115th, a daughter of Robthom Integrity, who gave over 13000 kg in her second note and was sold giving 52 kg. daily.

Three animals sold for 3000 gns each; the first was another fresh third calver, Laavenham Lady Dilly 69th, a daughter of Miley Gilbert who now joins John Cawston's Poringland Herd at Bungay, Suffolk. The next was Lavenham Nancy 103rd, another fresh third calver, but she was giving 62 kg. daily and is a daughter of Comestar Outside, and sold to join the Cotswold Herd of ERM Robinson at Cheltenham, Gloucs whilst the Dutch born Koepon O-Man Velvet who gave 12000 kg as a heifer also made this figure in a sale to the previously mentioned undisclosed Scottish buyer. A further forty four animals sold for 2000 gns or more on the first two days trading.

Close calving heifers sold at the end of the second day sold to 1750 gns each both for animals bred in the Smallburgh Herd and both purchased by Neil Evans of Bronington, Whitchurch. Heifer calves were a great trade through the course of the first two days and sold to a top of 1180 gns for the three month old Cplavenham Final

Cut Perla, a daughter of Gillette Final Cut and bred from 8 generations of VG/Ex cows. She sold to Alastair Shirt of Tarporley. A further seven calves sold from 800 to 1000 gns. Opening the days trading on the second day was the farm's three year old Simmental stock bull which sold for 2000 gns to Peter Hunter of Wigton, Cumbria.

THE THIRD DAY

Trade was extremely brisk on the first two days, but on day three it was electrifying. A huge crowd turned up at Beeston Castle Auction for the sale of the in-calf, recently served and maiden heifers and what a days trading it was. The heifers were in outstanding condition and bidding was furious from start to finish with buyers keen to acquire quality individuals.

The in-calf heifers were an incredible and remarkably consistent trade and some 90% were carrying pregnancies to sexed semen from either Shaker, Principal or Dictator; however the top was only 2850 gns for this category, but it should be noted that thirty one sold for 2000 gns or more. The top price in-calf heifer was CPlavenham Mandy, a daughter of Oseeana Astronomical bred from seven generation of dams classified in the top two grades from the renowned Singing-Brook Mandy family and she now makes the journey to Devon and joins Derek Pyle's Hemburyfort Herd near Exeter. The next two top sellers in this section both sold at 2400 gns each for daughters of Comestar Lheros and Paradise-DND Suede selling to VW Truman & Partners of Leicester and Danny Mckay, Ballymena Co.Antrim respectively. Mr Mckay was the third day's volume buyer taking 61 head and these will form part of the basis of his new herd which is due to go into production in early April.

Maiden Heifers were a tremendous trade and it was this section that produced the days top price; Cplavenham Desire Mandy was born in August last year and is maternal sister to the top seller in in-calf heifer section. She sold for 4100 gns and now joins Gordon Throup's Gorthrop Herd at Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. The next top selling maiden heifer was Cplavenham Wildman Mystery, a daughter of Wildman bred from the Shower family and sold to T Dougan, Newtown Hamilton, Co Armagh.

TOP PRICES – DAYS ONE AND TWO

LOT	BUYER	PRICE GNS
192	J WARNOCK & SON, DOVER (CAPELLEFERN)	7500
268	UNDISCLOSED SCOTTISH BUYER	4800
564	UNDISCLOSED SCOTTISH BUYER	3100
503	CR CAWSTON LTD, BUNGAY.(PORINGLAND)	3000
529	ERM ROBINSON,CHELTENHAM (COTSWOLD)	3000
586	UNDISCLOSED SCOTTISH BUYER	3000
266	TOMKINSON FARMS LTD. GNOSALL(COTONEND)	2900
234	P WYATT & SON, NORWICH	2800
237	P WYATT & SON, NORWICH	2800
258	RGL TAYLOR & PRTS NORFOLK(STREAMLET)	2800
286	TOMKINSON FARMS LTD	2800
299	TOMKINSON FARMS LTD	2800
540	RGL TAYLOR & PRTS	2800
214	J WARNOCK & SON	2700
240	DANNY MCKAY, BALLYMENA, N.IRELAND	2700
282	PENHILL FARM LTD, CARMARTHEN (RICHLEY)	2700
624	TM PATON & SON, MILTON KEYNES (SWANSWAY)	2700

DAY THREE – IN-CALF AND SERVED HEIFERS

690	DE PYLE, EXETER (HEMBURYFORT)	2850
680	VW TRUMAN & PRTNS, LEICS (DALBYTOP)	2400
699	DANNY MCKAY	2400

DAY THREE – MAIDEN HEIFERS

890	G.THROUP, STONE (GORTHROP)	4100
899	T.DOUGAN, CO.ARMAGH, N.IRELAND (HARES)	2000
817	WR & JE DIXON, WIGTON (BEECHHOUSE)	1750

AVERAGES

617 Cows and Milking Heifers £1367.75 (including 88 Heifer Calves at £515.45); 15 Close calving Heifers £1470.00; 1 Simmental Bull £2100.00; 2 Holstein Bulls £945.00; 105 In-calf and Served Heifers £1846.40; 171 Maiden Heifers £1032.93. 911 HEAD £1361.63.

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