

BIDDING FRENZY AS DUNWOOD HOLSTEINS SELL TO 2600 GNS

Everyone is well aware that trade for all classes of dairy cattle has been on fire this Spring, not just in the North West Midland area but all over the country. However the trade experienced for the dispersal of the entire Dunwood Herd of pedigree and commercial Holsteins reached unprecedented levels when they were sold at Beeston Castle Auction on Thursday, 18th June.

The property of Peter and Gwyneth Pearson who had decided to cease milking at their Dunwood Farm located in the North Staffordshire hills between Leek and Stoke-on-Trent, this was a typical herd of commercially, well managed milky cows, averaging over 9000 kg on grass and concentrates, that would perform well wherever they went. Consequently, its dispersal attracted buyers from all over the Midlands and North West, West Wales and Bedfordshire and many went home empty handed, such was the fierce trade experienced.

Top price was 2600 gns for Dunwood Shottle Ros, a young dry cow by Picston Shottle due with her second calf at the end of the June. She sold to GF & BJ Beeston of Adbaston, Stafford. Three animals made 2450 gns each and all three sold to David Gray of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire and all three were milking heifers due with their second calves later this year. A total of 29 out of the 107 milkers made 2000 gns or more.

In-calf heifers met as fierce a trade as the milking cattle selling to 2300 gns twice for daughters of Moet Melody and Roylane Jordan selling to Harrison Partners of Macclesfield and Messrs. Beeston as above. Maiden heifers sold to 1160 gns for a daughter of Bomaz Homestead purchased by EC Hine & Son of Bradnop, Leek who also had a daughter of Far-o-la Devoted at 1150 gns. Heifer calves were another great trade selling to 800 gns twice for August 08 daughters of Melody and Homestead.

The cattle were distributed far and wide with volume buyers being EC Hine & Son of Leek who purchased 30 head; PG Thomas of St.Cleairs who purchased 18 milkers; RG Green of Stone who purchased 13 cows and heifers and David Gray of Leighton Buzzard who purchased 10.

TOP PICES:

			GNS
Lot 92	Dunwood Shottle Ros	GF & BJ Beeston, Stafford	2600
Lot 75	Dunwood Melody Emerald	D A Gray, Leighton Buzzard	2450
Lot 82	Dunwood Melody Joyleen	D A Gray, Leighton Buzzard	2450
Lot 95	Dunwood Shottle Ulrika	D A Gray, Leighton Buzzard	2450
Lot 63	Dunwood Meadowlord Nadia	JA & C J Sherwin, Holmes Chapel	2400
Lot 94	Dunwood Shottle Isadora	G Thomasson, Whitchurch	2400
Lot 98	Dunwood Mike Luciuda (GP83-2yr) (VG86-MS)	D A Gray, Leighton Buzzard	2400
Lot 124	Dunwood Melody Farida	Harrison Partners, Macclesfield	2300
Lot 127	Dunwood Roylane Britt	GF & BJ Beeston, Stafford	2300
Lot 132	Unregistered Heifer	GF & BJ Beeston, Stafford	2300

AVERAGES:

107 COWS AND MILKING HEIFERS £1822.48 including 31 Heifer calves at £619.16; 10 In-calf Heifers £2014.95; 28 Maiden Heifers £1024.50; 145 HEAD £1681.66

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers