

ELLERTONGROVE HOLSTEINS SELL TO 3100 GNS AT BEESTON

Gerald and Annette Atkin of Ellerton Grove Farm, Hinstock, Market Drayton made the decision last autumn, to cease milk production and sell their entire Ellertongrove Herd of pedigree Holstein cattle. The sale of the entire milking portion and all heifer calves under 12 months took place at Beeston Castle Auction on Tuesday, 30th June where a good crowd of buyers from all over the region and from West Wales gathered and saw prices rise to a top of 3100 gns.

This high yielding, loose housed herd was averaging 10200 kg. and although calving took place all year round, the great majority calve from Mid-August to the end of the year. The top priced animal was Ellertongrove Modesto Vicki (VG86-3yr), a daughter of Sikkema-Star Modesto, who gave 11000 kJg as a heifer, calved her second in April and was giving 58 kg. daily. The purchaser was John Shropshire of the Bridgelane Herd based at Cheswardine, Shropshire. The next top price was 2650 gns for Ellertongrove Okendo Ella 2nd, a milking heifer by the French sire Okendo, who calved last September and was due again with her second to Homestead in October. She was purchased by Norman Tomkinson of Gnosall, Staffordshire.

Two animals made 2400 gns each; the first was Tillbank Olive 123rd (VG86-3yr), a daughter of Inkersall Rollsader ET due with her third in September to Sollien Grandview who was purchased by Martin Lowry of Newcastle Emllyn, Carmarthenshire and the second was Ellertongrove Asner Teabag (GP80-2yr) who was due with her second in September and was purchased by Geoff Bonell of Buerton, Audlem. A further ten animals sold for 2000 gns or more.

Heifer calves were a very fast trade and sold to a top of 900 gns for Ellertongrove Grandview Grace, a November 08 daughter of Sollien Grandview, purchased by TE & MA Jerman of Berriew, Welshpool.

TOP PRICES:

		GNS
Lot 127	Ellertongrove Modesto Vicki (VG86-3yr)	CH Shropshire, Cheswardine 3100
Lot 148	Ellertongrove Okendo Ella 2 nd (GP84-2yr)(VG86-MS)	N Tomkinson, Stafford 2650
Lot 104	Tillbank Olive 123 rd (VG86-3yr)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen 2400
Lot 134	Ellertongrove Asner Teabag (GP80-2yr)	F G Bonell, Audlem 2400
Lot 133	Ellertongrove Asner Empress (G75-2yr)	DE Jackson & Son, Market Drayton 2350
Lot 139	Ellertongrove Okendo Sazuna (VG85-2yr)	R & J Madders, Stafford 2350
Lot 135	Ellertongrove Okendo Sharon (G79-2yr)	R & J Madders, Stafford 2300
Lot 105	Ellertongrove Lookout Macosi (VG86-3yr)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen 2250
Lot 141	Ellertongrove Okendo Chloe (GP81-2yr)	DE Jackson & Son, Market Drayton 2250
Lot 116	Ellertongrove Eddie R Dazzle (GP83)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen 2200
Lot 131	Newchurchwell Hillcrest Clarrie 3 rd (GP81)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen 2200

AVERAGES:

159 COWS AND MILKING HEIFERS £1485.18 including 41 Heifer Calves at £733.98

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers