

NON-RECORDED COMMERCIAL HOLSTEINS SELL TO £2750 FOR GNOSALL HERD

The Dispersal of the entire milking portion plus a group of yearling heifers took place at Chelford Agricultural Centre for Messrs. JE & S Hodgkins and removed from Plardiwick Farm, Gnosall, Stafford for sale convenience. The herd was not officially milk recorded and only thirty members of the milking portion were registered.

The number of potential buyers who were present at the start of the sale was very encouraging especially as the sale was restricted to those who reside in the Blue Tongue Surveillance or Protection Zones. More turned up during the course of the sale which resulted in a very fast trade from start to finish.

Nine animals broke the £2000 barrier selling to a top of £2750 with another at £2700; both these top priced animals were pedigree and both sold to Tomkinson Farms Ltd of Gnosall. The leading priced animal was the milking heifer Pinebreck Sept Una, a daughter of September Storm out of an EX93 dam and due again in September to Talent; the other at £2700 was the milking second calver Yockings Gate Gibson Snowdrop (GP83-2yr)(VG-MS) who calved in February and sold giving 37 kg. Five more cows made from £2000 to £2180 and a further eight sold from £1800 to £1950.

There was just one in-calf heifer and she sold at £2100. This daughter of Comestar Outside was carrying a Bazadaise calf and was purchased by TW Goldstraw of Audlem, Crewe. The group of maiden heifers, whose average age would be no more than 12 months, sold extremely well to a top of £1150 twice for daughters of Lystel Lancelot and Fustead Emory Blitz purchased by FF Marrow Sanadbach and Billington Hall Farm, Eccleshall respectively.

AVERAGES

124 Cows and Milking Heifers £1227.17 (including 3 young heifer calves at £363.33);
1 in-calf heifer £2100; 21 yearling heifers £946.67; 146 HEAD £1192.80.

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction were the Auctioneers.