

HOLSTEIN AND MONTBELIARDE YOUNG STOCK SELL ON FAST TRADE AT BEESTON

A super crowd of buyers were in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction for the sale of young stock from five well known breeders at Beeston Castle Auction. The sale comprised nearly all maiden heifers mainly from the age of fifteen months down to three months but there were a few calved and served heifers. The cattle were distributed from South West Scotland to West Wales and to Cornwall and to several other counties throughout England and Wales. Trade was really good from start to finish and animals from both breeds were keenly sought.

The principal vendor was R.Sharman & Sons of New Holbeck Farm, Halam, Nr. Newark, Notts who consigned 75 Holsteins and 53 Pedigree and Crossbred Montbeliardes from their noted Holbeck Herd. There were also 41 Holstein maiden heifers from the noted Coton End Herd of Tomkinson Farms Ltd of Gnosall; 12 Holstein Served and Maiden Heifers from the Leaventhorpe Herd of JV & JE Allen of Tutbury, Burton-on-Trent, 7 Holstein Served and Maiden Heifers from Rendham Herd of R Strachan & Sons of Saxmundham, Suffolk and 9 Calved and close calving Montbeliardes from the Brista Herd of PJ & FP Bridge of Ellesmere, Shropshire.

HOLSTEINS

The top price black and white was £1830 for the October calving heifer, Rendham Reece Matt Mobel sired by Askew Reece with two VG dams and two VG sisters. She was purchased by Douglas Forsyth of Whithorn, Wigtownshire who also took the top maiden heifer from Rendham at £1450, a daughter of Quality Fabulous bred from five generations of VG/EX dams. Mr. Forsyth was the leading buyer of the sale and took many of the leading lots including Coton-End Samson Lulu. A daughter of Nobold Talented Samson out of a (VG87) daughter of Mr. Sam who is the 9th generation of cows classified in the top two grades. He also took a Baxter daughter from the same home for £1290, another at £1240 plus daughters of Toystory, Lightning and Samson at £1220 each.

The Leaventhorpe Herd also has a good day selling to a top of £1270 for the fourteen month old Leaventhorpe Duplex Cora who has three VG dams selling to Mr. Forsyth who also took daughters of Talent and Baroque Allen from the same home at £1220 each. David Bostock of Wrexham also purchased Leaventhorpe Damion Lucy for £1250. The Holbeck heifers topped at £1220 three times all for eleven month old daughters of Lutz Brookview Burt and all making their way to South West Scotland.

MONTBELIARDES

Ian and Steff Sharman are gradually changing their herd from black and whites to Montbeliardes and have purchased nearly 300 in-calf heifers from France over the last eighteen months or so. They are to continue their policy of selling their surplus heifers as maiden heifers and stirks with Monties as they have done with the Holsteins. This sale was their first consignment of pedigree Montbeliardes and as far as we are aware was the first time a large group of pedigree yearlings and stirks of this breed had been offered for sale in the UK. They sold tremendously well and topped at £1200 for the six month old Holbeck Triomphe Columbia purchased by JS & IM Wilson of Millom, Cumbria who also took a similar aged daughter of Urbaniste at £1050. M Furness of Wormhill, Nr. Buxton took the next two top sellers at £1150 and £1100 for daughters of Triomphe and Ugostar. CF Morton of Samlesbury, Preston took the only other purebred to break the four figure barrier at £1020 for a daughter of Saturne.

Crossbred heifers from Holbeck sold to a top of £1200 for a March 2010 Swedish Red cross Holstein heifer selling to GA & SL Lea of Gawsorth, Macclesfield

The final consignor of the day was Peter Bridge who had a lovely entry of Calved and In-calf heifers from his Shropshire based herd and it was him who achieved the days top priced selling the in-calf

Brista Rai Regence for £2050 to JS & IM Wilson of Millom. He also sold the March calved Brista Plumitif Riviere, a daughter of Plumitif for £2020 to J A & MH Wright of Sandbach .

AVERAGES:

HOLSTEINS - 5 Served Heifers £1456.00; 113 Maiden Heifers £974.13; 17 Heifer Calves £569.41; 135 HEAD £941.11

MONTBELIARDES – 4 Pedigree Calved Heifers £1847.50; 5 Pedigree Served Heifers £1728.00; 34; 34 Pedigree Maiden Heifers £862.65; 4 Pedigree Heifer Calves £667.50; 1 Pedigree Bull Calf £450.00; 14 Crossbred Maiden Heifers and Heifer Calves £620.71; 62 HEAD £922.10

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