

ERUPTION OF HIGH PRICES AT KEDAR BROWN SWISS – TOP 4000 GNS SEVEN OVER 3000 GNS

A very good crowd assembled at 'Beyond the Burn', Mouswald, Dumfries for the first sale of cattle from the Kedar Herd, the property of father and son team, Gavin and Jonathan Lochhead who own the largest herd of Brown Swiss in the UK. Numbers in this fully organic pedigree herd have outgrown the farm and had to be reduced before the winter. The Lochhead's therefore made a great selection of fresh calved cows and heifers, recently served heifers due to calve from next April onwards as well as maiden heifers and heifer calves from their highly respected herd.

Buyers travelled from all over and it was no doubt a bonus to many that the herd was fully organic and from a farm which resides in a four year parish so far as TB is concerned. Apart from the locality buyers were recorded from Central and South Western Scotland, Cumbria, North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, Lancashire, Wrexham, Shropshire, West Wales and Northern Ireland. However there were three that dominated proceedings purchasing 35 of the sixty eight head on offer between them.

The milkers were a fantastic trade with seven of the twenty six making between 3000 and 4000 gns. The top seller was the fresh heifer, Kedar Becks Franzi, a daughter of the highly respected Kedar Becks and out of a German imported dam. She calved at the end of August and was sold giving 26.0 kg. to the father and son team of RD & DE Burden of Loppington, Nr. Wem, Shropshire. They also purchased the leading cow, Kedar Becks Ulla (VG86), a fresh second calver for 3500 gns., Kedar Seattle Buttercup, a fresh substitute heifer by GS Prophet Seattle for 3400 gns., Kedar Seattle Sonja, a fresh heifer for 3300 gns and Kedar Becks Ossi, another fresh Becks heifer for the level 3000 gns.

The only other two to break the 3000 gns marker were the fresh heifer Kedar Becks Lobby which sold for 3200 gns to Richard Tomlinson of Rossett, Wrexham and Kedar Special Melanie, by Quincy Even Special who sold at 3050 gns to Robert McColm of Lochans, Nr. Stranraer.

Close calving heifers topped at 2000 gns for Kedar Seattle Fabi who was springing to Kedar Special Alan; she was the choice of Richard Tomlinson. Heifers which had been served for the Spring sold to 2400 gns for Kedar Special Soraja 3rd and was purchased by the Burdens who also acquired the leading maiden heifer, Kedar TD Christina, by Webster Ridge TD for 2450 gns.

Heifer calves sold to 850 gns for a two month old daughter of Webster Ridge TD to Richard Tomlinson who also bought her dam by Becks for 2400 gns.

Bulls were the hardest commodity to move and topped at 1050 gns for the near two year old Kedar Special Alan purchased by I & C Findlay of West Calder, Edinburgh.

TOP PRICES:			GNS
Lot 22	KEDAR BECKS FRANZI PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	4000
Lot 6	KEDAR BECKS ULLA PI (VG86)	D Burden, Shrewsbury	3500
Lot 27B	KEDAR SEATTLE BUTTERCUP	D Burden, Shrewsbury	3400
Lot 12	KEDAR SEATTLE SONJA PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	3300
Lot 18	KEDAR BECKS LOBBY PI	R J Tomlinson, Wrexham	3200
Lot 21	KEDAR SPECIAL MELANIE PI	Robert A McColm, Stranraer	3050
Lot 26	KEDAR BECKS OSSI PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	3000
Lot 16	KEDAR EMERALD GUAYANA PI	R J Tomlinson, Wrexham	2850
Lot 7	KEDAR CASPER ZIEGEL PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	2800
Lot 29	KEDAR SEATTLE ESTHER PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	2550
Lot 55	KEDAR CHRISTINA PI	D Burden, Shrewsbury	2450
Lot 19	KEDAR SEATTLE CHLORA 2 ND	Robert A McColm, Stranraer	2400
Lot 20	KEDAR BECKS FRICKI PI	R J Tomlinson, Wrexham	2400
Lot 36	KEDAR SPECIAL SORAJA 3 rd	D Burden, Shrewsbury	2400

AVERAGES:

26 Cows and Milking Heifers £2497.78 (including 1 Bull and 8 Heifer Calves at £565.83); 2 Close calving heifers £2021.25; 19 Recently Served Heifers £1345.66; 10 Maiden Heifers £1014.30. 59 HEAD £1805.64

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