

## **MILKING HEIFERS TO £2650 TWICE AT BEESTON MID-MONTH. GREAT TRADE FOR THE BEST AND YOUNG STOCK WERE FLYING HIGH.**

Wright Manley's famous Mid-Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy Cattle attracted another massive entry of 337 Head forward on the day with only one animal failing to find a new home.

The milking section of the sale had 202 forward with every animal sold. Trade on the day was very good especially as the overall quality can only be described as being 'far from vintage.' The best heifers were tremendously well sold with plenty of competition for the very best. However only, twenty broke the £2000 barrier which is a reflection on how few quality animals were forward. The top prices were dominated by brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury who sold ten heifers to average just under £2200 including seven of the top ten prices. His top price was £2650 for the red and white Burnbrae Rustler Marijke Red, a daughter of Sir Ridgedale Rustler Red selling to JA & MH Wright, Sandbach who also purchased daughters of Drake, Reece and Bolton at £2600, £2500 and £2400 from the Taylors. David Guy of Middlewich purchased daughters of Reece and Kendall from the same home at £2350 and £2300 whilst Ian Dodson of Halifax purchased a very smart Brown Swiss first cross heifer at £2250 also from the Taylor's.

The other joint top priced heifer at £2650 was consigned by Catton Holsteins, Burton-on-Trent, a fresh calved heifer by Picston Shottle's full brother, Cattonhall Lucky Charm. She was also purchased by Messrs Wright who also secured a lovely heifer by Cogent Matisse from Helen Gibbins of Norbury at £2300.

Mark Bowden of Malpas always consigns good quality stock and this month he had two heifers over the £2K mark; a Bolton daughter bred at Swaffham sold at £2300 to Wilmot Blackley, Tarvin and a Ja-Bob Jordan Red daughter sold at £2150 to Ian Dodson. A third from the same home by Final Cut sold at £2000 to David Guy. Stuart Wood of Norbury sold a brace of heifers to Richard Williams of Wrinehill at £2020 and £2000 and Mark Boughey of Tarporley also sold a pair at £2000 each. Top price cow was a second calf daughter of Ocean-View Zenith from Graham and Barbara Bell of Ridley which sold at £1950 to Neil Evans, Bronington.

Young stock were a great trade and were completely dominated by the entry of the entire unselected group of heifers born between October 08 and September 09 from the high yielding Holbeck Herd the property of R Sharman & Son of Southwell, Nottinghamshire. Their 80 heifers whose combined average age was less than twelve months averaged an incredible £1062 each. But they were really good and in great condition. Twelve heifers made £1200 or more selling to a top of £1750 for the July 09 born Holbeck Wisconsin Shannon, a daughter of April-Day Wisconsin Red and bred from 4 generations of VG/Ex dams. She was purchased by Greenbirch Farms of Eccleshall. Next in order were two true red daughters of the same bull, both born in June last year and both out of VG dams by Arnell Elegant. They sold for £1650 and £1500 each to Rob Swain, Market Drayton.

A two year old pedigree Hereford Bull from GH Morgan, Abergele sold for £1500 to D Drinkall, Darnhall.

### **AVERAGES:**

**202 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1300.23; 13 Served Heifers £1165.38; 121 Maiden Heifers £955.25; 3 Heifer Calves £320.00. 1 Hereford Bull £1500.00**

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