

## **TRADE KEEPS HOT AT BEESTON MID MONTH 41 OVER £2000, 7 OVER £2500 AND UP TO £2600**

The Mid Month Sale continues to attract large entries of pedigree and commercial fresh calved dairy cattle of all breeds and classes and is indeed the largest sale of its kind in the country. Large entries therefore attract buyers in big numbers and this was indeed the case at the last sale; cattle were distributed all over the country from Scotland to Kent, from Carlisle to Somerset and from Aberystwyth to Oxford as well as most places in between.

Two animals realised the two price of £2600 and both were purchased by regular customers, D & HE Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach. The first at this figure was Wintersell Anita 22<sup>nd</sup> consigned by Gordon Reynolds of Cranbrook, Kent; this daughter of Alpag Iron Active was sold giving 31 kg having calved on Christmas Day. The second at £2600 was the homebred Wigland Spirte Rose from Mark and Ann Bowden of Malpas; this daughter of Cedarwal Spirte was sold giving 30 kg.

The same vendor/buyer match of Bowden and Colclough were responsible for the top selling cow, Limpsfield Modesto Comedy, a second calf daughter of Sikkema Star W Modesto, giving 40 kg and selling for £2550. The next highest priced cow was another second calver from D & E Monk of Ormskirk who sold a daughter of Drake for £2220 to B & M Elkin of Stone.

Back to the heifers - Gordon Reynolds was in the money again with two more of the leading priced animals; Wintersell Ena 765<sup>th</sup> by Markwell Braveheart sold for £2550 and Wintersell Leona 355<sup>th</sup> by Huddleston Spooky sold for £2500, both going to David Guy of Kinderton, Middlewich.

Two other heifers made £2500 each; the first was Irthingvale Martian Princess by Denmire Martian from Graham and Barbara Bell of Ridley, Tarporley sold to Anthony Mathews of Alkington, Whitchurch and Wigland Baroque Jane by Magor Baroque Allen from Mark and Ann Bowden selling to the Colcloughs.

Jack and Barclay Taylot of Myddle, Shrewsbury sold two heifers at £2400 each; the first being Ketteringham Matson Gaylass delling to David Guy and the second being an unregistered heifer selling to the Colclough's. The final leading lot was Burbank Raindance Maria, a daughter of Ards Raindance from David Burgess of Saughall, Chester, which sold for £2300 to the Colclough's

It wasn't only the black and whites that were a good trade, but also the Coloured Breeds. These were topped at £2000 for a Shorthorn heifer by Attwell Atom from Graham Madeley of Telford that sold to Messrs Malkin of Stone and was closely followed by a Brown Swiss heifer from Farrick Farms of Preston sired by Etvei selling to Messrs Jerman, Welshpool. Jerseys topped at £1250 for a fresh heifer from David Jones of Ormskirk with two others at £1200 each from Judith Waring, Beverley and Andrew Woodmansey, Beverley respectively.

Trade was good for all categories and this continued into the sale of in-calf heifers and young stock; the top price in-calf heifer was Deehaven Baroque Erland, a daughter of Magor Baroque Allen from David Ishmael of Orrell, Wigan. This heifer was due in February to Woodmarsh Topshot (sexed semen) and sold for £2050 to G A G Evans & Son of Guilsfield, Welshpool. Another from the same home by Ladys Manor Montague sold for £2000. Recently Served heifer from AM Yardley of Stafford sold to £1380.

Maiden Heifers were a really good trade and were totally made up of heifers between four and 12 months. The top price was £920 for Wimboldsley Million Lace, a six month old daughter Million from J R Edge, Middlewich and then there were two January born daughters of Bolivia Allen and Mr. Minister from John Allen of Tutbury at £880 each

Heifer calves continue to be a great trade and were headed by two pedigree calves by Cogent Loader from Lees Dairy Farmers of Market Drayton selling at £510 and £500

### **AVERAGES (ALL BREEDS TOGETHER):**

**45 Registered Cows £1531.44; 20 Unregistered Cows £1501.00; 98 Registered Calved Heifers £1814.80; 23 Unregistered Calved Heifers £1574.35; 186 MILKING CATTLE £1688.01; 15 In-calf Heifers £1642.00; 4 Served Heifers £1165.00; 15 Maiden Heifers £710.00 15 Heifer Calves £320.56. 1 Angus Bull £1750.00**