

THEY'RE GETTING DEARER...A LOT DEARER!! HIGH PRICES FOR ALL CLASSES AT BEESTON MID MONTH DAIRY SALE SIXTEEN OVER £2K AND UP TO £2500

The monthly sale of all classes of pedigree and commercial dairy cattle at Beeston Castle Auction attracted a much smaller entry of cattle than usual and no doubt this shortage of cattle on the market is the main reason for driving up cattle prices. The sale received its smallest entry for over twelve months but there were still over 170 head for sale on the day.

There were lots of buyers on the ground including many new faces as well as some that hadn't been seen for a while. Less numbers and more buyers obviously increased the competition and pushed up the trade significantly.

The top price was £2500 for a heifer entered by regular customer Mark Bowden of Malpas; Joylan Wild Snowball, a daughter of Ladys Manor Wildman who had calved two weeks and was sold giving 38 kg. to D & H E Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach. The same buyers purchased the next top seller; Bannistree Queen 158th a daughter of Picston Shottle from D & E Monk of Ormskirk was sold giving 33 kg.

John and Helen Gibbins of Ivygrove Holsteins, Whitchurch had a good day; they sold Shenington Wildman Chancery another daughter of Wildman for £2350 to P & A Howard of Darnhall, Winsford and the Joylan Intention daughter Ashdon Trulin 33rd for £2250 to W E Blockley, Tarvin. Mr. Blockley also had another from Mark Boughey of Tarporley for £2280 for a daughter of Bolton bred in the Swaledale Herd. The Colclough's were back in the market purchasing Holywood Modest Merrygirl, a daughter of Modesto, from brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury for £2220. They also bought the heifer Wimboldsley Master Florentine from John and Ruth Edge of Middlewich sired by their stock bull Woodmarsh Master for £2200 who also sold the top priced cow, a second calver by Moordown Cannock who had given over 9500 kg. as a heifer for £2020 to C J Phillips & Co of Pontesbury. A further ten heifers animals from £2000 to £2100 and the top twenty average was an amazing £2140.00.

A small entry of coloured breed cattle sold very well; Brown Swiss sold to £1900 for a fresh heifer from the Taylors of Myddle; Ayrshires sold to £1700 for a fresh heifer from Mark Partington of Bolton who also sold a second calf Ayrshire for £1650 whilst a Shorthorn cross heifer from OC Whittaker & Sons of Knutsford sold to £1900.

A good entry of In-calf heifers sold well topping at £1660 twice for daughters of Lucente and Buckeye both consigned by R & B Smith of Towcester, Northants and both selling to Brian Mould of Levedale, Stafford.

Three stock bulls were entered and all sold very well; an eighteen month old Simmental from R Evans of High Peak sold for £2300 and two 2007 born Herefords sold at £1550 and £1500.

Young stock also sold well with a pair of autumn 2009 bulling heifers from PT Hollins of Marbury selling for £850 each whilst a lovely entry of yearlings and stirks from the Elanbee Herd of Holsteins of Mike and Julie Hassall sold to £820 for a daughter of their stock bull Elanbee Corgi Kari. Crossbred bulling heifers sold to £500.

Heifer Calves were a tremendous trade selling at far higher prices than of late with a top price of £540 being achieved for a daughter of Palmcrest Blitz Blade from John and Charles Sherwin of Middlewich who sold another at £450

AVERAGES:

113 Cows and Milking Heifers £1580,57; 13 In-calf Heifers £1520.00; 17 Maiden Heifers £679.08; 25 Heifer Calves £324.40; 3 Stock Bulls £1783.22.

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