

MILKING HEIFERS TO £2000 AT BEESTON MID-MONTH.

Wright Manley's famous Mid-Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy Cattle attracted another massive entry of some 380 head of pedigree and commercial dairy cattle of all classes and ages, most of which were Holsteins but also included Ayrshires, Shorthorns, Guernseys, Normandes, Jerseys and a few crossbreds.

The virtual drought conditions, lack of rain and therefore lack of grass definitely affected the attendance and as a consequence trade was down which, of course, is not unusual for this time of the year. But nevertheless over seventy different buyers were recorded with animals going as far as Essex and South Wales.

Mark Bowden of Malpas, a regular vendor who consigns quality heifers to the market every month topped the sale with only animal to make £2000. This was for the pedigree heifer Holbeck Dondee Grandma sired by Langs Twin-Elm B Dondee who was fresh and giving 34 kg. and sold to G Green & Son of Northwich. A further five heifers made from £1900 to £1980 for entries from EV & B Boughey & Son, Tarporley, J & JM Walmsley, Preston, RS Home, Wirral, DJD & JB Taylor, Shrewsbury and another from Mark Bowden. Ten more heifers made from £1800 to £1880.

Cows topped at £1750 for the pedigree fresh, second calver, Rainborough Lod Fan 262nd from W Ridge & Partners, Rotherham; she is a daughter of Alfrag Juror Kendal and was sold giving 39.5 kg to P & A Howard of Winsford. Coloured breed entries topped at £1600 for a lovely fresh Normande cross heifer from Rob Kite of Milwich Stafford which realised £1600 in a sale to DR Evans & Co., Carmarthen. A blue roan shorthorn heifer from the same home made £1430.

In-calf Heifers were a good trade particularly for the best sorts and were led by two daughters of Emerald-Acres Baxter from Alan Orme of Whitley which sold at £1880 and £1850 to Terry Goldstraw of Audlem. Bulling heifers sold to £940 for a pedigree heifer by Millsco Messiah Ivory from DM & PA Scott of Hanmer. Yearlings sold to £750 for a pedigree heifer by Charpentier Magot from G E Jones & Co., Wrexham

A three year old Hereford Bull from SJL Roberts of Telford sold for £1350.

AVERAGES:

219 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1210.61; 24 Served Heifers £1136.25.38; 95 Maiden Heifers £555.25; 5 Heifer Calves £305.00. 1 Hereford Bull £1350.00

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