

MILKING HEIFERS TO £2100 AND IN-CALF HEIFERS TO £1850 AT BEESTON MID-MONTH.

Another good turnout of stock amounting to some 260 head were presented for sale at the Wright Manley's famous Mid Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy Cattle at Beeston Castle Auction Cheshire on Tuesday last, 8th June. There were not as many buyers about but still a very good trade was experienced with several buyers taking large numbers. If anything the best heifers were back a little and some of the young stock were harder to clear at recent rates.

Top price of the day was £2100 achieved twice for two calved heifers from Mark Bowden, Malpas and both purchased by James Harrison Farms Ltd of Tattenhall. They were Holbeck Shottle Primrose, a daughter of Shottle off an Ex91 11000 kg dam by Roylane Jordan and Barmere Lucente Jessima, a Lucente daughter off an 11000 kg Shottle dam; both were giving 37 kg. James Harrison bought two more heifers from the same home at £2050 and £2000; the dearer of the two was Checkley Bambam Barbara 9th by Braedale Bambam bred from 4 generations of VG/Ex dams and the other was Shenington Shottle Flower, a Shottle daughter off a GP82 Goldwyn dam. Wilmot Blockley of Tarvin also purchased from Mark Bowden securing a Modesto daughter bred in the Holneck Herd for £2080.

Brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury always bring good quality heifers to the sale; their top was £2080 for the homebred Burnbrae Vaughn Sincere sired by Stardale Vaughan selling to JG Williams, Nantwich with another homebred heifer Burnbrae Melody Tulip 3rd by Moet Melody selling for £2050 to Wilmot Blockley. The only other to break the £2000 mark was Grantchester Bambam Pam, Braedale Bambam out of EX91 dam by Chesapeake consigned by Ivygrove Holsteins of Norbury, Whitchurch who sold for the level figure to an undisclosed Lancashire client. Top price cow was £1680 for the third calf Rainborough Jenny 26th (GP83) a daughter of Alfrag Juror Kendal from W Ridge & Partners of Rotherham selling to John and Charles Sherwin of Middlewich.

This month there were several coloured breed and cross bred animals which sold on very fast trade with all the top prices being traded by O C Whittaker & Sons Ltd of Tabley, Knutsford who regularly consign good quality animals to the Mid Month. Their top was £1780 for a calved Shorthorn heifer by Nejay Royalty with two Ayrshires selling at £1500 and £1450. They also sold a Jersey cross calved heifer at £1360.

A super consignment of in-calf heifers from the noted Maesyrafon Herd of Holsteins Based near Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire sold very well to many keen bidders. The property of well known Breeder John Evans, the herd has a reputation for breeding cows that are high yielding and long lived. The top price was £1850 for Maesyrafon Gail, a daughter of Kings-Ransom M Duce tracing back to the wonderful Gail/Tina family at Startmore Holsteins, Canada. She was purchased by Simon Davies of Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire who was one of the volume buyers at the sale. He also purchased the Boulet Charles daughter Maesyrafon Rita 22nd tracing back to Oakridges for £1820. GA Goodwin & Sons of Whitchurch also purchased a number of these heifers paying up to £1800 for Maesyrafon Welcome 113th by Mr Crescentmead Altaplus. The 25 Maesyrafon Heifers all calving in July and August averaged £1518. Commercial in-calf heifers sold to £1700 for a July calving daughter of Kelstein Oliver from Alan Orme of Whitley, Warrington selling to Terry Goldstraw, Audlem.

Maiden heifers sold on a steady trade and topped at £940 for Heathleigh Kendall Tina 2nd, an August 08 daughter of Alfrag Juror Kendal whilst an entry of Shorthorn Maiden Heifers from David Price Jones of Overton-on-Dee sold to £880 for Dee Rosa 7th, a daughter of Marleycote Thunder out of a VG86 dam selling to Rob Kite of Stafford who also took another by Winbrook Vince from the same home for £800.

AVERAGES:

122 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1423.29; 65 Served Heifers £1260.62; 34 Maiden Heifers (Mostly Stirks) £561.47; 1 Heifer Calf £250.00.

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