

MILKING HEIFERS TO £2020 AT BEESTON MID MONTH SALE

The Mid Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial dairy cattle attracted another massive in excess of 450 head for the May sale comprising 190 cows and heifers in milk. 30 in-calf heifers, over 200 maiden heifers, 40 heifer calves and 4 stock bulls.

The top price of the day was £2020 for a heifer from Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury for Ketteringham Matson Neeltje, a fresh heifer sired by Autumn Ridge Matson out of a 12000 kg dam which sold to Wilmot and David Blackley of Tarvin who also purchased the homebred Burnbrae Melody Klassic, by Moet Melody from the same home for £1970. The Taylors also sold a Brown Swiss heifer by Vichi for £1900 to Brian Charlesworth of Church Minshull.

Helen and John Gibbins of Ivygrove Holsteins, Norbury sold the heifer Sprinswood Garrison Opal for £2010 to WA & E Dutton of Knutsford for £2010 whilst David Ishmael of Orrell, Wigan sold their homebred Gathurst Quietly 64th by Overside Dictator got £1940 to JG Williams Nantwich. Two other heifers made £1900 each; the first was a homebred Holbra Tristan daughter from from EV & B Boughey & Son of Tarporley selling to John Gleave, Middlewich whilst late on in the day John Allen of Burton-on-Trent sold a Talent daughter for £1900 to Neil Evans of Bronington, Whitchurch. The only other animal to break the £1900 mark was the top price cow, a fresh second calver by Langs Twin B Dondee giving 51 kg. from Ian and Stepf Sharman of Newark selling to ED Morris, Oswestry.

Served heifers sold to a top of £1340 for a daughter of the homebred Cattonhall Prince from Catton Holsteins, Burton-on-Trent. There was a large entry of over 200 maiden heifers and trade was not easy which is very surprising for the time of year. Holsteins sold to a top of £900 for the eight month old Hernehouse Joy Rosy by Roylane Jordan from Boty Farms Ltd of Kent selling to Enchanted Holsteins of Preston who also purchased Sandringham Mr Burns Kim from Peter Mercer of Crewe for £880. A lovely entry of first cross Montbeliardes from JD Edge & Sons of Eccleshall sold to £720 on three occasions. A large entry of 40 heifers calves topped at £380 four times for entries from Grosvenor Farms Ltd, Chester, JA & CJ Sherwin of Middlewich and Starways of Warrington. Stock bulls sold to £1720 for Limousin cross Belgian Blue from B & M Elkin Ltd of Stone selling to Mike Cliffe of Nantwich.

AVERAGES:

184 Cows and Milking Heifers £1489.89; 25 Served Heifers £1009.14; 98 Holstein Maiden Heifers £650; 52 Montbeliarde cross yearlings and stirks £518.85; 40 Heifer Calves £273.25. 2 Stock Bulls £1560.

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