

MASSIVE DAY FOR OCTOBER MID MONTH AT BEESTON NEARLY 500 HEAD SELL TO A TOP OF £2700 FIFTY OVER £2000

The Largest ever entry received for Wright Manley's Mid Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy cattle at Beeston Castle Auction was a huge success with many new buyers in attendance and a virtual total clearance of all the 475 head presented for sale. Clive and Stuart took charge of the auctioneering and started selling at 10.20 in Ring One and Alastair and Simon took control of proceedings and started at 12.20 in Ring Two with both rings finishing just after 3.00 pm.

After the record breaking prices achieved at the September Sale it was hard to imagine that those figures would be repeated again and overall they were not. But the trade for milking cows was phenomenal and this commodity were just as dear, and in some instances more expensive than the last sale. Milking heifers overall were generally not as dear but neither was the quality.

The main consignors in the milking section were Mr. & Mrs John Randles who farm less than a mile from the market and are in the process of giving up milk production; they sold 45 cows and heifers from their pedigree Starward Herd all of which had calved since early September and they were a really good group of cattle achieving an average of £1937.38.

Most of the top prices came from the Randles consignment with the top bid being £2700 for Starward Shottle Lottie 2nd a third calver by Shottle sold giving 42.2 kg to D & HE Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach the second calf Starward Shadow Black Lady by Glebedale Shadow for £2400. From the same home Messrs RJ & DJ Clement of Norton, Stoke-on-Trent gave £2450 for a heifer by Coldsprings Hatley, John Bayley of Nuneaton gave £2380 for a third calver by Delka Juror Gordon, Dave Green of Lach Dennis, Northwich gave £2350 for a second calver by Bassingthorpe Drayman and at the same price Graham Hargreaves of Cresswell, Stoke-on-Trent purchased a heifer by Coldsprings Hatley. Eight other animals from this herd made between £2200 and £2320.

Other notable prices included £2480 for Shawfieldview Bond Orchid, a second calf daughter of Regancrest Juror Bond, from A & L Greenwood of Saughall, Chester; she gave over 11000 kg as a heifer and was one of the last animals in the sale and was purchased by Joylan Farms of St. Michaels, Preston who also purchased a second calf New World Empire daughter from D & E Monk of Ormskirk for £2400. Neil Lewis of Farndon had a good day selling to £2400 for a heifer giving 29 kg to the Colcloughs and John and Helen Gibbins of Ivygrove Holsteins sold their homebred Drake heifer to Peter and Audrey Howard of Darnhall for £2300.

The pick of the Coloured Breeds were three outstanding pedigree Shorthorn heifers from David and Liz Price-Jones of Overton-on-Dee who sold to £2090 for their Dee Autumn Rose 5th sired by Churchroyd Pluto and a non-pedigree Ayrshire heifer which made £1950 from Graham and Barbara Bell of Ridley, Tarporley.

In the milking ring there were fifty animals that achieved bids of £2000 or more and the only stock bull, a six and a half year old Hereford from AE Stubbs & Son of Crowton made £1800.

In Ring Two where all the in-calf, served and maiden heifers were sold, they too, experienced a great trade for all classes and in particular for the in-calf heifers. The top price was £1880 for a Brown Swiss cross heifer from Mike Ellis of Wem selling to Geoff Thomasson of Norbury. Alex Colquhoun Ltd of Montrose, Angus made the long journey from Scotland and were rewarded with a top price of £1820 for a daughter of New World Empire due in March to Million with sexed semen purchased by Charlie Fitton of Middlewich who also purchased November calving heifers by Overside Dragon and Burlane Tennyson from David Ishmael of Orrell, Wigan for £1800 each and a

January calver by Diamond-Oak Armstead from the Colquhoun's at the same price. Fred Schofield of Acton Bridge, Northwich had a lovely pen of November calving heifers selling to £1800 purchased by Brian Patten of Nantwich with others at £1780 and £1750 selling to Arthur Robinson of Little Budworth, Tarporley.

Maiden Heifers were also keenly sought with strong, non-pedigree bullers from WW & OW Edwards of Pwllheli taking the top prices selling to £1120 twice with another at £1100. A pedigree heifer from A & L Greenwood, Chester by Melarry Inquirer Final sold for £1080 and a pedigree yearling from Alex Colquhoun Ltd sired by Baxter sold for £1000. A nine month old Shottle daughter from ES Cole & Sons Ltd of Norfolk sold for £980.00

The only disappointing trade of the day was that of the heifer calves which in previous sales were averaging between £350 and £380 but took a big hit with a top price of only £210 being reached.

A total of 106 different buyers were recorded for the whole sale.

AVERAGES:

253 Cows and Milking Heifers £1652.45; 74 In-calf and recently served Heifers £1352.84; 117 Maiden Heifers £757.26; 22 Heifer Calves £155.00. 1 Stock Bull £1800.00.

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