

MID MONTH ON FIRE!!

RECORD TOP PRICE AND AVERAGE FOR MILKERS

The September edition of Wright Manley's Famous Mid Month Sale attracted an entry of almost 400 head of pedigree and commercial dairy cattle of all age groups. This, as many will know, is the largest sale of commercial dairy cattle in the UK and as a result attracts buyers from all over and they certainly turned up in vast numbers for this sale; a record top price and a record average was achieved.

Trade was phenomenal for the milking cattle with an increase in average of £213.00 per head on the month. No less than fifty animals sold for £2000.00 or more. These top fifty cattle averaged £2291.00 which in itself is quite incredible. Some eighty different buyers were recorded with many going home empty handed.

The top price was £2920 the highest ever recorded for a calved heifer at the Mid Month Sale and it would appear the £3000 heifer at a commercial sale is edging ever closer. The top animal was the leading lot from a consignment of ten from brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury. She was Burnbrae Rampage Amanda and had calved ten days and was sold giving 37 kg. to C Mellor of Bettisfield, Whitchurch. The Taylors had other heifers by Stanbro More, Picston Shottle, Autumn Ridge Matson and Burlane Tennyson selling at £2750, £2650, £2600 and £2470 all purchased by regular customers D & H E Colclough & Son of Hassall, Sandbach. The Taylors also sold another heifer at £2500 to Mrs MJ Winward & Son of Tarvin.

David Bramall of Minshull Vernon, Crewe had a good day selling three heifers bred in the Cassia Herd sired by either Riverdane World Newz or Chapentier Magot at £2500, £2450 and £2400; two were purchased by David Metcalfe of Muggington, Derby and the other by GA Hargreaves & Son of Cresswell, Stoke-on-Trent. Mark Bowden of Malpas is always amongst the leading prices and he sold three heifers at £2480, £2450 and £2420; the highest priced was a daughter of Moet Melody and sold to JDR & MJ Warburton of Lower Whitley, Warrington whilst the other two were daughters of Shottle and Baroque Allen that sold to the Colclough's. They also purchased two other heifers at £2450 each; a Shottle from W Ridge of Rotherham and a Cichel Knighthood from GW & J Mercer of Bury,

The fast trade was not restricted to the calved heifers but also to the cows with and second calver by Shottle from John and Ruth Edge of Wimboldsley, Middlewich selling for £2550 and another by Bassingthorpe Drayman from BJ & SE Randles of Tarporley selling for £2400; both were purchased by the Colclough's.

There was a very good entry of almost fifty served heifers and they also sold on an exceptional trade topping at £2000 for a daughter of Ladino Park Talent due in October to the Angus. She was consigned by Tom Williams of Towcester, Northamptonshire and sold to C & S Fitton & Son of Middlewich.

Over 100 Maiden heifers were consigned to this month's sale and all the top prices in this section of the sale were achieved by Showell Farms of Nuneaton who sold 25 bulling heifers from their Moordown Herd. Their top seller was a daughter of Zenith that sold for £1120 to T & A Jones of Betws-y-Coed, Gwynedd. A further dozen from the same home sold for prices between £1000 and £1100. Included in the sale was a consignment of Brown Swiss cross bulling and yearling heifers from ME Ashford & Son Beccles, Suffolk which sold to a top £930 for an April 2010 born heifer.

Another good entry of Heifer Calves this month sold to £500 for an entry from Andrew Speed of Alsager selling to P Holt & Sons of Blackpool.

AVERAGES:

199 Cows and Milking Heifers (All Breeds) £1760.65; 48 Served Heifers £1323.75; 100 Maiden Heifers £697.40; 34 Heifer Calves £333.53.

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