

A GREAT TRADE AT OPENING NEW YEAR SALE FOR MID-MONTH DAIRY CATTLE AT BEESTON TOP HEIFER SELLS FOR £2600

The extreme weather conditions severely curtailed the entry at the January Mid-Month Sale of pedigree and unregistered Holsteins and coloured breed dairy cattle. Instead of the 240 cattle expected the entry was reduced to 150 head. The weather also had an effect on the number of buyers present with several long distance buyers failing to make the journey.

Despite the constraints, there were enough buyers around the ring for the animals to meet a pleasing Sale. The Milking cows and heifers were in keen demand with many prospective buyers looking to top up numbers with the selection on offer. Buyers were selective on what they secured with the stronger animals the choice of the day. The days trade was led by a super heifer from DJD & JB Taylor, who had a quality consignment once again. The heifer sired by Picston Shottle, who was fresh calved and was giving 36kg daily. The lucky bidder was Messrs J L & E M Parker & Son, Stafford, who also took home another heifer from the same home, a heifer sired by Askew Reece and giving 32kg she realised £2100. The Taylors also had two more heifers which sold in excess of £2000.

Messrs DJ & S Windsor took £2180 for a heifer from their on going herd dispersal, the heifer which calved on the 6th January and sired by Moet Nansen was purchased by Messrs P & A Howard for their local based herd. Selling for £2000 was a heifer from Mark Bowden, this pedigree heifer sired by Askew Reece is giving 33.5kg daily; she was snapped up by Mr Geoff Thomasson of Norbury.

Cows were in keen demand, with the top selling to £2000, this pedigree cow Lavenham Annie 1361st (VG85) sired by Merchant and consigned by R Darlington was purchased by Messrs J G & C A Bayley of Nuneaton, Warwickshire who also secured several other lots.

Shorthorn Milking Heifers sold to £1550 and £1500 for two good pedigree heifers from JAC Madeley & Son. Messrs Johnson of Utkinton secured both animals.

In calf Heifers from Messrs J A Longford & Sons of Warwickshire who have dispersed their cows as they calve, had a splendid selection of Heifers, which were in calf to the Aberdeen Angus, selling to a top of £1680 twice, the bidding was fierce between Bournes of Bickerton and J T Lakin who took the 14 heifers between them.

Calves sold to £350 for a heifer from T N Jones with two other calves from Messrs L E Weston realising at £320 with Mr Matthew Jackson taking all three home with him.

Despite the very extreme weather the demand for animals on offer was tremendous and we look forward to next month when we hope to see trading back to normal.

AVERAGES:

147 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1330.14; 14 In-Calf Heifers; 3 Heifer Calves £330

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