

£2650 TOP PRICE AND ANOTHER FAST TRADE AT BEESTON'S MID MONTH SALE

A huge entry of over 400 head of commercial and pedigree dairy cattle and young stock met with a flying trade at Beeston Castle Auction's Mid Month Sale. Lots of buyers present from all over and in particular a number from West Wales who were attracted to the sale because of the large numbers. Buyers like choice and that is what they get at Beeston and plenty of it.

The trade throughout the sale was very good and in particular for the fresh milking heifers with bidding for the best of these being particularly fierce. The best young cows also sold very well but it has to be stated that second quality cows of varying ages were harder to clear. In the young stock section the in-calf heifers were in great demand but the maiden heifers were harder to sell, and in particular the crossbreds which to be truthful was a little surprising. Conversely however, heifer calves were a really great trade.

Prairie Delegate Cornelia a fresh calved daughter of Watergate Delegate from Mark Bowden of Malpas claimed the top price selling at £2650 to F & N Brunt & Sons of Moddershall, Stone who also paid £2500 for Holbeck Outside Primrose daughter of Comestar Outside also consigned by Mark Bowden. Next in line was the fresh heifer Danevale Azure Fay, by Cogent Azure, sold giving 34 kg daily; she was the choice of Ben Elkin of Hilderstone, Stone who paid £2450 to acquire this good heifer. A further six heifers sold at £2400 each including entries from RG & A & RT Lloyd, Anglesey; DW & MN Ishmael, Wigan; J & JM Walmsley, Garstang and Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury. Messrs Taylor also had the Top price cow, Burnbrae Tulip Sincere, a second calf daughter of Subliem Tulip Red who was 40 kg a day and sold to Ben Elkin for £2350. In total 35 animals sold for £2000 or more.

Purebred coloured breeds were well represented and were lead by a fresh second calf shorthorn from David Dent of Kirkby Stephen which realised £1820 to E Thomas, Llandudno. A fourth calf Ayrshire cow from AJ Thompson & Son, Kent sold to £1680. A Blue shorthorn cow from A Howe, Buxton sold for £1820 to Owen Hughes, Anglesey. A black legged Shorthorn cross heifer made £2000 to Ben Elkin and a fifth calf Jersian from Catton Holsteins, Burton-on-Trent made £1350.

In-calf heifers were a wonderful trade and the top price was £1800 for a daughter of Welcombe Golduster; Madryn Duster Blodwen was consigned by Dylan Jones, Pwllheli and purchased by Colin Weston,Whitchurch. Heifers from Mr Jones' herd were very keenly sought as he had seven of the eight top prices in this section. Ayrshire in-calf heifers sold to a top of £1420 for an entry H Coy & Son, Melton Mowbray. Maiden heifers sold to £900 each for pedigree heifers by Zenith and Mr. Sam from Phil Coker of Boduan, Pwllheli. Crossbreds sold to a £800 each for a pair from H Coy & Son. Heifer calves sold to £420 for a non pedigree Holstein from CE Hancock & Son, Sandbach who also sold a pair of Jersey crosses at the same price.

AVERAGES: (all breeds ranked together)

210 COWS AND MILKING HEIFERS £1521.18; 63 Served Heifers £1175.56; 114 Maiden Heifers £559.12; 14 Heifer Calves £345.00.

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