

DECEMBER MID MONTH ENDS WITH FESTIVE CHEER FOR ALL VENDORS

The Mid Month sale at Beeston Castle Auction held on the 9th December, was the last Dairy sale of the year and what a finish it was, with an awesome trade throughout the day and a total clearance. Buyers from far and wide packed around the ringside to bid on what was on offer; in excess of 60 buyers were recorded with many more travelling home with empty trailers.

This sale achieved one of the best averages that we have experienced at a Mid Month Sale at £1385, with over 20 animals selling in excess of £1800. All categories of milkers were keenly sought, with many buyers taking the opportunity to secure milk in their tanks before the end of the year.

Prices peaked at £2320 for a tremendous heifer from Messrs A & B Weston, this super heifer Littonfields Asther 14th sired by Picston Shottle and bred from an VG-2yr dam calved on the 16th November and was giving 32kg daily; she was secured by Messrs D & H E Colclough & Son, Sandbach who also took home with them several other super heifers including a heifer from the same consigner at £2000.

Alan Outram had his usual entry of super fresh calvers with a price of £2200 being achieved for a fresh calved heifer, also from the same home was another fresh calved heifer that sold for £2050 both of these animals were secured by Messrs R J & D J Clement of Norton, Stoke On Trent.

It was the turn of the Ayrshires to take the headline next with two tremendous heifers from Mark Partington, of Bolton, the first super heifer sold for £2020 whilst the other realised £1580, they were both taken home by Mr A Jones for his Corwen based herd.

Several other top prices of the Sale were consigned by Mr A G Burton, Bedford; Wrestony Lena 154th sired by Ford, calved on the 16th November and was yielding 30kg a day, purchased by Mr D Moseley. Messrs G & A E Smith consigned Alandrew Integ Melissa a daughter of Integrity, who calved on the 26th November; she went on the lorry with the rest of the astute purchases made by Messrs D & H E Colclough & Son.

Selling for £1900 was a daughter of Brad from Mr R S Home who calved on the 11th November and was purchased by Messrs J H & R Morris of Wrexham.

Other Coloured breed animals sold to £1750 for a Shorthorn heifer from O C Whittaker & Sons, this pedigree heifer sold to Messrs R D & I E Kite, Milwich, Stafford, who also secured another super heifer for £1600 from the same home. Montbeliarde cows sold to £1000 for Messrs M Emmott, Market Drayton.

Included in the sale was the first portion to disperse the Hillespark herd the property of Messrs F R Buckingham & Son of Hillesden, Bucks. The animals on offer were the

entire Autumn fresh calved cows and Heifers, these were splendid cows that had tremendous dairy frames, displaying well attached udders with the highest price achieved for Lot 155, Hillespark Shottle Win 2nd, a cow that calved fresh with her second calf on the 31st October and was milking well achieving 45kg daily she was secured by a local buyer along with another great cow at £2000, Hillespark Jordan Tinker 5th, who was fresh calved and giving 40kg daily; sharing the same price was Hillespark Shottle Gold 14th a daughter of Picston Shottle, weighing in at 39kg secured by James Harrsion, Tattenhall. Several other lots smashed through the £1700 barrier! A final result meant 44 animals sold averaging £1536.36

In Calf Heifers sold to £1260 for a heifer due to calve in the early part of the new year from Marshall Pass, Nantwich. Messrs J A Longford & Sons, Statford on Avon consigned a group of In Calf Heifers selling to £1160.

Bulling Heifers sold to £770 for John Hall, Winsford, whilst others realised at £580 from Messrs J P & L F Jeffs, Wirral. A consignment from Mr S A Proctor, Whitchurch sold to £500.

Heifer calves sold to £300 for MT & JE Hassall & Sons, Ridley.

AVERAGES:

128 Milking Cows and Heifers £1385

44 Hillespark Dispersal Cows £1536.36

13 In Calf Heifers £1070.77

14 Maiden Heifers £543.29

2 Heifer Calves £250

Wright Manley of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers