

## **A GLORIOUS SHOWER TAKES THE TOP BID AT 3300 GNS FOR NUTHATCH YOUNG STOCK AT BEESTON**

A very good crowd were present on Monday afternoon, 4<sup>th</sup> October for the sale of the entire unselected crop maiden heifers and calves born between March 2009 and April this year from the Nuthatch Herd, the property of Sheikha Noora Al-Khalifa, who for twenty five years has farmed Bremridge Farm, East Village, Crediton, Devon where she owns 550 milking cows plus followers.

The reason for the sale of young stock was to ease the pressure on the farm due to the lack of winter keep. As a result nearly 200 head of young stock were entered for sale and they sold on a great demand to a large ring of buyers. The top price of 3300 gns was for the fourteen month old Nuthatch Goldwyn Shower 3<sup>rd</sup>, an outstanding daughter of Goldwyn bred from seven generations of Very Good or Excellent dams. She sold to Wendy Brassington buying on behalf of her family's Cracking Herd based at Roden, Nr. Telford.

Next top price was the eleven month old Nuthatch Bolton Delight 2<sup>nd</sup> ET, a daughter of Bolton and also bred from seven generations of dams classified in the top two grades. She sold for 2500 gns and now joins Rob Ward's Wayring Herd at Whitchurch, Shropshire. At just 100 gns less was the nine month old Nuthatch Shottle Lustre 4<sup>th</sup> with eleven generations in the top two grades and whose third dam was the famous Idee Lustre (EX95-3E) 8\*. This lovely Shottle daughter sold to Stan Price of Stockport. Two animals made 1900 gns each; the first was another member of the Lustre family, Nuthatch Million Lustre 2<sup>nd</sup> also purchased by Stan Price and the second was her full sister Nuthatch Million Lustre 6<sup>th</sup> ET purchased by P & R Robinson of Woodhey Holsteins, Nantwich.

A total of fourteen animals sold at 1500 gns or more and there were several volume buyers including Stowell Farms of Marlborough, Wiltshire who purchased forty one head, Nick Hector or Wedmore, Somerset who purchased thirty, C & SG Dibble Ltd of Holberton, Devon who took fourteen and RJ Court & Sons of Banbury who also bought fourteen

### **AVERAGES:**

**186 Maiden Heifers £913.05**

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