

LOOSE HOUSED PIMHILL HOLSTEINS SELL TO 2220 GNS AT BEESTON

A very good crowd were present at Beeston Castle Auction for a major reduction sale of the milking portion of the loose housed and fully organic Pimhill Herd of pedigree Holstein cattle on behalf of R Mayall & Daughter of Lea Hall Farm, Harmer Hill, Shrewsbury who are reducing their milking herd from three units down to one.

The herd calved all year round and achieved a combined average of 8284 kg. 3.67% butterfat and 3.05% protein. Modern sires have been used for many years and the herd was regularly classified.

Trade started off very briskly for the older cows, levelled out for a short while and really came good for the younger cows and milking heifers but there is no doubt that had they been cubicle cows the average would have been at least £200 per head more than was achieved. The top price was 2220 gns achieved for Pimhill Mike Clover 2nd (GP80-2yr), a daughter of Lucky Mike bred from 7 generations of VG/EX dams from the Pedran Clover family. She was coming to the end of her first lactation and is due again the Mr. Sam in early June. She was purchased by Rhodri Ellis for his organic herd at Rhewl, Nr. Ruthin.

The next top seller was Pimhill Iron Marcia (G76-2yr), a fresh second calver by Boss Iron giving 37 kg daily. She was purchased by Chris Jerman of Chirbury, Powys. The leading priced older cow was Pimhill Derry Christine (Ex92-2E), a fourth calf daughter by Derry from the Christiane family; she was bred to Solid-Gold Colby and was one of eighteen head purchased by the Watkins family of Carmarthen. Another leading buyer who took many of the better fresh calved cattle was WO Dilks of Ashbourne; his leading purchase 2150 gns was Pimhill Bradley Japonica, a fresh heifer by Rockall Bradley.

TOP PRICES:

		GNS
Lot 280	Pimhill Mike Clover 2 nd (GP80-2yr)	RT & AM Ellis, Ruthin 2220
Lot 262	Pimhill Iron Marcia (G76-2yr)	Chris Jerman, Montgomery 2200
Lot 318	Pimhill Bradley Japonica	W O Dilks, Derbyshire 2150
Lot 85	Pimhill Derry Christine (EX92-2E)	J M Watkins & Family, Carmarthen 2100
Lot 178	Pimhill Kendall Cotton (GP84) (VG87-MS)	W O Dilks, Derbyshire 2050
Lot 183	Pimhill P Melody Topsy (F73-2yr)	W O Dilks, Derbyshire 2050
Lot 244	Pimhill Best Joy (VG85-2yr)	JF & LV Corfield, Welshpool 2050
Lot 310	Pimhill Promise Hazel	Chris Jerman, Montgomery 2050
Lot 316	Pimhill Iron Nuthatch	John Young, Monmouthshire 2050
Lot 327	Pimhill Garrison Rita	John Young, Monmouthshire 2050
Lot 190	Pimhill Ready Zara (VG86-3yr)	DW & M Bailey, Stoke on Trent 2000
Lot 317	Pimhill Bradley Cotton	W O Dilks, Derbyshire 2000

AVERAGES:

303 Cows and Milking Heifers £1335.72; 1 In-calf Heifer £1575.00; 304 HEAD £1336.50

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