

MORTY BLISS TOPS PRESTON DISPERSAL SALE AT 1700 GNS

A good crowd was in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction when Mr. Michael Williams of Church Farm, Preston Gubbals, Nr. Shrewsbury dispersed his Preston Herd of pedigree Holsteins. Trade was very fast throughout for all classes and in particular the in-calf heifers and young stock.

The top price, unusually, was for a member of the young stock and it was the recently bred heifer Honesberie Morty S Bliss, recently bred to Goldwyn and out of a VG88 Storm dam with an Ex-5E 10* g.dam that topped the sale at 1700 gns selling to Robert and Caity Higgins for their Bentleyford Herd at Dorrington, Nr. Shrewsbury.

The top priced cow was Smiddiehill Gibson Reward bred from five generations of VG/Ex cows and due with her second at the end of September to Braedale Icefyre who sold for 1220 gns to A & L Greenwood of Shotwick, Nr. Chester. Not far behind at 1200 gns was the homebred milking heifer Preston Ella who calved in February and who was also a daughter of Silky Gibson. She joins the very good commercial herd of C & S Fitton & Son of Middlewich.

Youngstock sold to 920 gns for the 15 month old heifer Preston Goldwyn Landgravine who has an PLI of £58. She sold to Gerald Creed of Emerald Acres Farming of Chedzoy, Somerset. Calves following their dams topped at 480 gns for a daughter Shoremar James that sold to Simon Cardan of Malpas.

AVERAGES:

105 Cows and Milking Heifers £900.90 (including 21 Heifer Calves at £379);

30 In-Calf and Served Heifers £1016.05; 56 Maiden Heifers £649.88.

191 HEAD £845.38

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers