

LIZ FAMILY DOMINATES PRICES AT QUARRY BROWN SWISS SALE IN WEST WALES - TOP PRICE OF 4400 GNS

A good crowd mainly from the locality travelled to Caerleon Farm, Llanboidy, Nr. Whitland, Carmarthenshire for a reduction sale of the Quarry Brown Swiss and Caer Holstein Herds on behalf of Alun and Carolyn Davies who were having to severely reduce numbers before the arrival of winter.

The top prices were dominated by members of the Liz family which originate from the purchase of Mapleyard Patrick Liz (VG87-2yr) from Canada in the mid nineties. The top seller was Quarry Cartoon Liz 2nd a third calver who freshened in July and who has been recently scored EX91 and who was g.g.daughter of the imported cow. She sold for 4400 gns to local breeder Kevin Thomas of Tavernspite who was restocking his Allstar Herd after a TB breakdown. Kevin secured most of the leading priced and best bred Brown Swiss; for 3600 gns he purchased the second calver Quarry Ace Liz (VG87-3yr) who is the 6th successive generation of cows classified in the top two grades. At 2600 gns he acquired the the (VG85-2yr) heifer Quarry Collect Liz 3rd and at 2400 gns Quarry Payoff Liz (GP84-2yr) who was also a milking heifer.

Other families which caught the eye were the Kuba's which originate from a German import in the nineties and the Claret's which come from a graded-up family and who have really made their mark on the herd. Kevin Thomas also had members of these lines on his shopping list; Quarry Ace Kuba (VG85) a milking heifer by R Hart Christian's Ace sold for 2500 gns and Quarry Collect Claret (VG86) by R Hart BC Collection another milking heifer but due with her second in February sold for 2400 gns.

The Caer black and whites who run alongside the Brown Swiss sold to a top of 2150 gns for the Silky Gibson, second calver, Caer Whisky 22nd sold giving 35 kg to Richard Morgan of Clunderwen. He also purchased Caer Sherry 31st (VG87-3yr) a young dry cow springing with her third to Eastview Mason for 2100 gns. At the same price the fresh heifer Caer Stormatic Lovely 57th (GP83-2yr) sold to near neighbours, Messrs Eynon of Llanboidy.

In-calf Heifers sold to 1500 gns twice; firstly the Holstein Caer Freeman Mary 38th by Braedale Freeman went to Richard Morgan then the Swiss, Quarry Scuba Liz 2nd sold at the same price to Messrs Eynon. The maiden heifers topped at 1350 gns for the yearling Quarry Broker Kuba by Blessing Ensign Broker selling to Messrs. Wheeler of Llanboidy.

AVERAGES:

37 Brown Swiss Cows and Milking Heifers £1744.13 (including 4 Heifer Calves at £590.62;
19 Holstein Cows and Milking Heifers £1677.78 (including 5 Heifer calves at £441.00)
Overall Milkers 56 Head £1721.62(including 9 heifer calves at £507.50). 2 Brown Swiss In-Calf Heifers £1347.50; 2 Holstein In-Calf Heifers £1443.75; 5 Brown Swiss Maiden Heifers £886.20.
66 HEAD £1632.90

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire in conjunction with Huw Evans of Carmarthen, were the Auctioneers.