

MANORHOUSE AND CRAVEN SUFFOLKS SELL TO 1200 GNS. HUGE CROWD ATTEND SKIPTON

A massive crowd gathered at Skipton Auction Mart, North Yorkshire for the dispersal of the entire Manorhouse and Craven Flocks of Pedigree Suffolk Sheep, the property of father and son team, David and John Calvert of Southfield Farm, West Marton, Skipton who were selling their pedigree sheep to enable the expansion of their commercial dairy herd.

Buyers travelled from all over the country as well as there being a good representation from the home county. Numerically it was only a small sale totalling 66 Head, but nevertheless 33 different names were recorded on the buyers list and there were many, many more bidders present who were unsuccessful on the day. The sheep were distributed nationwide with buyers from the following counties being successful Aberdeenshire, Ayrshire, Carmarthenshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumbria, Devon, Dumfriesshire, Durham, Lancashire, London, Monmouthshire, Northampton, Northumberland, Worcester, and Yorkshire.

With such a good crowd in excess of 250 people around the ring and the demand for Suffolks experiencing a renaissance, add to that an old established (1976) flock of repute, trade was, not surprisingly, hot.

The top price was 1200 gns for a one crop daughter of Safaddan Smartie carrying twins by Kings Talent purchased by H Annett and Son of Morpeth, Northumberland who also purchased a similar age ewe by the same sire for 900 gns. Another one crop ewe also by Smartie and carrying a single to Westcarse Wallice sold for 950 gns to C Lowry, Rockfield, Monmouthshire. Two crop ewes sold to 780 gns for a daughter of Glenhead Grimaldi carrying twins to Kings Talent purchased by P McFadzean of Dumfries while another by Manorhouse Solo sold for 750 gns to Geoff Riby of Bridlington. Three crop ewes sold to 720 gns for a daughter of Birness Goldstorm selling to Mr. Lowry whilst four crop ewes sold to 750 gns for a daughter of the 30000 gns Cairness Golden Star selling to CR Emmett of Portscatho, Truro, Cornwall.

Gimmers sold to 720 gns for another Smartie daughter carrying thwins to Rhaeadr Rocket Star. She was purchased N.Dalgarno of Tregony, Cornwall. The trade of the day was for the ewe lambs which were a particularly good group and topped at 920 gns for a daughter of Craven Cracker selling to P McFadzean. A Kings Talent daughter sold for 800 gns to JA & M Gornall of Clitheroe and a Craccker daughter making 750 gns to Robert Percival of Carlisle.

The rams topped at 750 gns for the two year old Westcarse Wallice selling to S May of Barnstable, Devon.

AVERAGES:

30 Flock Ewes £541.50; 16 Gimmers £488.25; 14 Ewe Lambs £553.50; 6 Tups £570.50.

66 HEAD £533.75.

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.(With CCM Auctions Ltd)