

## **MASSIVE STARCROSS DISPERSAL SELLS ON A FAST TRADE – TOP OF 5200 GNS**

A really good crowd of purchasers assembled at Stockery Park Farm, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire for the dispersal of the entire Starcross Herd of Pedigree and Fully Organic Holstein cattle on behalf of DM Beresford and Partners who have sold the farm to a neighbour.

Buyers gathered in plenty of numbers and the cattle were sold to offlying counties such as Cumbria, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Worcestershire, Anglesey, Gwynedd, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Cornwall as well as Cheshire and its surrounding counties.

This very well managed herd under the leadership of Joanna Beresford achieved a herd average of 9200 kg which is phenomenal for organic production and, of course, featured many outstanding individuals. Top price went to Starcross Lee Wendy (VG87) a second calver who freshened in May, was giving 33.6 kg daily and was bred back to Shottle. She was one of fifteen top cows purchased by brother Rhys and Huw Jones for the Clywedog Herd at Wrexham they also acquired a Kelstein Dynasty daughter for 3100 gns, a Roylane Jordan daughter for 2800 gns and an Outside daughter for the same money amongst their purchases.

Three animals broke the 4000 gns barrier; the first of these was the reigning Cheshire Show Reserve Female Champion, Starcross Jordan Guard (VG89) who was the choice of Oggie Smith at 4400 gns. Also at 4400 gns was Starcross Jordan Galante (VG87-2yr), a beautiful heifer who calved in January and was back in-calf for March to Dolman and whose proceeds were being donated by the Beresford's to the Household Cavalry Operational Casualties Fund to help wounded troops on their return from Afghanistan and Iraq. She was purchased by Richard Martin of Great Orton, Carlisle. The third at this level was the very smart second calver Starcross Jordan Peewit (VG87) who was back in-calf again for next February to Shottle and she sold for 4000 gns to P & R Robinson of Faddiley, Nantwich.

Heifer calves sold to a 1050 gns with two others at 1000 gns each. The top seller was a nine month old daughter of Bolton which sold to local buyers GA Riddell & Sons of Kermincham whilst the two 1000 gns sellers were both purchased by Jim Oneill of Market Drayton. They were for a Bickleygate Groundforce daughter of the top selling cow and a Regancrest Modest daughter out of the Jordan cow that made 4000 gns.

On the second day the in-calf and maiden heifers were sold and although the crowd was not as large a very fast trade was experienced. Top price was 2200 gns for Starcross Milkstar Melody 2<sup>nd</sup> who was springing to Overside Dictator and was purchased by organic farmers J Lovegrove-Fielden of Minsterley, Shropshire. He purchased many of the top animals in the various age groups including the top maiden heifer at 1650 gns for a 16 month old daughter of Braedale Bambam. The close calving heifers were a great trade with fourteen making from 1700 gns to 2200 gns.

### **TOP PRICES:**

		<b>GNS</b>
Lot 137	Starcross Lee Wendy PI (VG87)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 5200
Lot 129	Starcross Jordan Guard (EX91-4yr)	Jim Oneill, Market Drayton 4400
Lot 263	Starcross Jordan Galante (VG87-2yr)	Messrs J A Martin, Carlisle 4400
Lot 167	Starcross Jordan Pewitt (VG87)	P & R Robinson, Nantwich 4000
Lot 156	Starcross Dynasty Melody (GP82-2yr) (VG-MS)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 3100
Lot 199	Starcross Shottle Pewitt (VG85-2yr)	N A Jones, Narberth, Pems. 2850
Lot 135	Starcross Jordan Doris (VG86)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2800
Lot 151	Starcross Outside Ebony (VG85)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2800
Lot 92	Starcross Gibson Wendy PI (VG87)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2700
Lot 191	Starcross Jordan Pewitt 3 <sup>rd</sup> (VG87)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2700
Lot 196	Starcross Jordan Gascogne (VG88)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2700
Lot 170	Starcross Solution Whitie (GP81)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2650
Lot 195	Starcross Geno Rosebud (VG86-2yr)	G E Jones & Co. Wrexham 2550
Lot 294	Starcross Roxell Doris (GP82-2yr) (VG-MS)	Seaton Farms, Market Drayton 2550
Lot 203	Starcross Geno Pearl (GP82-2yr)	Messr F W Read, Alford, Lincs. 2500

### **AVERAGES:**

281 Cows and Milking Heifers £1600.96 (including 72 heifer calves at £595.29); 48 In-calf Heifers £1566,47; 20 Recently Served Heifers £1126.65; 85 Maiden Heifers £930.05. 434 HEAD £1443.89

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers