

2500 GNS IS LEADING BID FOR NON-RECORDED STONELEDALE HERD AT BEESTON

A very good crowd of potential buyers were in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction for the dispersal of the entire milking portion of the STONELEDALE Herd of pedigree Holstein cattle on behalf of Geoff and Billy Todhunter of Stone House Farm, Little Bampton, Nr. Wigton, Cumbria who have decided to cease milk production on medical advice.

The Todhunter family is very well respected in Cumbrian farming circles and it was great to see so many of their friends and fellow Cumbrian milk producers supporting their sale. Nearly all the top priced animals were purchased by Cumbrian milk producers in a total of over seventy head which returned to the home County. Other cattle were sold to breeders in Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Lancashire and North Yorkshire as well as Cheshire and its surrounding counties.

The cattle were big, milky and good looking and although they were not officially milk recorded it did not appear to stifle bidding at all. The top price of 2500 gns was for Stoneledale Westminster Grey a June 05 daughter of Avenham Westminster who had been calved two months and was giving 41 kg. She was purchased by Messrs. Awde of Melmerby, Penrith who also purchased the young dry cow Stoneledale Jordan Unique at 2300 gns and the fresh heifer Stoneledale Jordan Fay at 2050 gns.

Messrs W E Callion & Son of Great Clifton, Workington purchased the fresh heifer Stoneledale Stormatic Katrina for 2100 gns whose g.dam was an EX90 Mileaok cow whilst Messrs Shaw of Rockcliffe, Carlisle purchased another fresh heifer by Jordan at 2080 gns. Messrs F & F Marrow of Sandbach, Cheshire purchased a Sinatra daughter due with her second in February for 2080 gns. Seymour Farms of Leegate, Wigton purchased several of the better animals and paid up to 2050 gns for a fresh second calver giving 42 kg.

Trade was very good from start to finish and much better than in the previous four weeks trading.

TOP PRICES :

			GNS
Lot 133	Stoneledale Westminster Grey	Messrs Awde, Penrith	2500
Lot 90	Stoneledale Jordan Unique	Messrs Awde, Penrith	2300
Lot 192	Stoneledale Stormatic Katrina	W E Callion & Sons, Workington	2100
Lot 155	Stoneledale Sinatra Irma	F F Marrow, Sandbach	2080
Lot 184	Stoneledale Jordan Contented 2 nd	TL & AE Shaw, Carlisle	2080
Lot 94	Stoneledale Roma Rachel	Seymour Farms, Wigton	2050
Lot 182	Stoneledale Jordan Fay	Messrs Awde, Penrith	2050
Lot 180	Stoneledale Champion Larissa	JG & JW Edger, Carlisle	2020
Lot 124A	Stoneledale Convincer Mystic 2 nd	JG & JW Edger, Carlisle	2000
Lot 173	Stoneledale Texan Meg	J Timperon, Carlisle	2000
Lot 195	Stoneledale Shottle Pandora	A W Matthews, Whitchurch	2000

AVERAGES:

167 Cows and Milking Heifers £1225.86; 6 In-Calf Heifers £1457.75; 173 Head £1233.90

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