

NORTH YORKSHIRE HOLSTEINS SELL TO 2650 GNS IN CHESHIRE

Michael Barker Farms of Ellerton Abbey, Nr, Richmond, North Yorkshire for a variety of reasons made the decision to cease milk production at Abbey Farm and as a consequence of this, also decided to hold the sale of the entire milking portion of their SWALEDALE Herd in Cheshire at Beeston Castle Auction; their thinking being, the market is in the centre of the country and easily accessible to potential buyers from all directions.

This proved to be a remarkably good decision as buyers flocked to Beeston from all sorts of far flung places with buyers recorded from Central Scotland to Cornwall. This was a typical dales type herd; the cows had strength as well as width and generally the udders were very tidy. The top price was 2650 gns for Swaledale Rosemary 188th (GP81), a daughter of Scotchhills Patriot who was giving 37 kg with her second having calved about six weeks. Her buyers were F & N Brunt & Sons of Stone. Next in the price list was Swaledale Poppy 79th (EX92-4yr), a daughter of Cogent Scania who was dry and due with her fourth at the end of October to Ribblepark Delboy. She sold for 2500 gns to Rob Ward of Higher Heath Whitchurch. Swaledale Magdalen 165th (Ex91) is a daughter of Denmire Minstrel and she was sold giving 45 kg with her 5th having calved four weeks; she was sold for 2450 gns to JDR & MJ Warburton, Lower Whitley, Warrington.

At 2350 gns Messrs WA & AE Turnock of Yarlet, Stafford purchased the recently classified Swaledale Diana 41st (Ex91), another daughter of Minstrel milking with its fourth calf and at 2300 gns they purchased Swaledale Poppy 68th (Ex90). Also at this figure the second calf Swaledale Primrose 34th (VG85), a fresh second calver sold to GA Hargreaves & Son of Stoke on Trent and the sales volume buyers B & NP Kennerley of Bowden, Altrincham paid up to 2300 gns for Swaledale Valentine 37th (Ex91) who topped his purchase of 18 animals for his Kenbow Herd.

Milking Heifers sold to 2250 gns for Swaledale Dancing 68th (GP84-2yr), a daughter of Lucente purchased by Donaldson Partners for their Barlees Herd at Middlesbrough and In-calf heifers topped at 2050 gns for the Cogent Lucky daughter Swaledale Rosemary 193rd purchased by the Kennerleys. Heifer calves topped at 1050 gns for a 9 month old daughter of Bolton purchased by HE Gibbins, Norbury.

AVERAGES:

127 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1636.75 including 37 heifer calves at £561.04; 8 Served Heifers £1588.13; 135 HEAD £1633.87.

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