

BROWN SWISS DOMINATE ORGANIC CROSSBRED SALE AT WREXHAM

The first reduction Sale of Crossbred Organic Dairy Cattle at Lower Park Farm, Parkside, Rossett, Nr Wrexham was held on Thursday last on behalf of Richard Tomlinson. Numbers at Lower Park Farm and grown to in excess of 700 milkers and therefore, in order to reduce numbers enough, Richard decided to sell the entire unselected group of cows and heifers that had calved from the end of April.

Trade was good, particularly for the younger end of the sale with good looking heifers and second and third calf cows selling readily on a good trade. All the top prices were for Brown Swiss crosses with top seventeen prices from £1500 to £1680 being animals of this blood. Six of the top eight prices were purchased by Robert Latham of Ridley between £1600 and £1680 with others at £1620 and £1600 (twice) purchased by ED Goff of Whittington, Oswestry and IG & AJ Ball of Stoke-ob-Trent. H M Edwards of Llanrhaeadr, Oswestry purchased a fresh heifer at £1650. Ayrshire, Friesian and Jersey crosses all sold to £1500. In-calf heifers sold up to £1420 for another Brown Swiss cross purchased by Williams Bros of Boduan, Pwllheli who purchased a total of 12 head at the sale.

The largest volume buyers were NJR Farming Ltd of Acton Reynald, Shrewsbury who purchased 30 head.

The sale was further enhanced by the inclusion of 20 summer and autumn calving heifers from DJ Edge & Partners of Copp House, Saltney Ferry, Chester nearly all of which were Swedish Red crosses. Two had calved and the best of these made £1520 selling to A T Williams of Overton, Wrexham who purchased a total of 16 head at the sale while in-calf heifers sold to £1320 to G B Cope, Nantwich.

AVERAGES:

**LOWER PARK FARM: 127 Calved Cows and Heifers £1137.56; 11 In-calf Heifers £1260.91;
138 HEAD £1147.39**

COPP HOUSE: 2 Calved Heifers £1450.00; 18 Served Heifers £1112.78; 20 HEAD £1146.50.

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