

WELSH PIGS TO 520 GNS AT BEESTON

The Third Annual Show & Sale of Modern Pigs under the auspices of the Pedigree Welsh Pig Society attracted an entry of 61 animals for their recent sale, of which 53 were forward on the day.

The Interbreed Championship at the pre sale show was won by the only Duroc entered in the event; this outstanding gilt consigned by Jan and Andrew Walton of Backford, Chester was sired by Deva Thunder and came from the Maddaford Nancy family. She was due on 1st October to Deva Boldstroke 457th.

The reserve Interbreed Championship was awarded to the Welsh Breed Champion, a November 2010 born boar bred from the Julia x James line consigned by Messrs. E W Austin of Reynoldstown, Swansea.

A good crowd of buyers were present and had travelled great distances including three different buyers from Scotland.

The top price of the day was 520 gns achieved for the Reserve Breed Champion in the Welsh and again consigned by Messrs Austin; this gilt Burry Emma 238 is from a fabulous line of fast growing pigs and was sold to Messrs DA & CL Owens of St Clears, Carmarthenshire. Two litter sisters from the same home made 490 gns each and both in-pig to Cranerow Workman 3rd; these were from the Theresa line and sold respectively to DC Houldey of Lockerbie and GI & M Mault of Corwen. Helen Tongue of Devauden, Chepstow sold a member of her Daffodil family to the sales volume buyer Joe Hilling-Leigh of Tushingham, Whitchurch for 480 gns.

Welsh Boars sold to 430 gns for an entry from R A Windsor Nantwich selling to WD & RE Edwards and son of Oswestry and Welsh Maiden Gilts sold to 500 gns for a member of the very rare Elenora family consigned by AP Schofield of Market Rasen, Lincs and selling to B Mulkeen, North Ashton Wigan.

The Interbreed Champion Duroc sold for 420 gns selling to DG Pryce of Westbury, Shrewsbury; Landrace sold to 300 gns twice for in-pig gilts from DA & CL Owens of St. Clears; a Hampshire boar made 260 gns from MJ Kiddy & Son of Bedford selling to Makin Bacon Scotland of Falkirk and Large Whites sold to 240 gns for an in-pig gilt also from Messrs Kiddy.

AVERAGES:

6 Welsh Boars £332.50; 19 Welsh In-Pig Gilts £365.29; 6 Welsh Maiden Gilts £260.75; 1 Large White Boar £210.00; 5 Large White In-Pig Gilts £189.00; 4 Landrace In-Pig Gilts £304.50; 1 Duroc In-Pig Gilt £441.00; 1 Hampshire Boar £273.00; 45 HEAD £306.37

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