

DAIRY COWS TO OVER £3,000 FOR THE PARTRIDGE BROTHERS

Cows sold to a top of over £3,000 at the dispersal sale of the Dyrfal herd of pedigree Holstein Friesians for brothers Oliver and Edward Partridge.

A packed ring of buyers had assembled from all over the Southern half of England and Wales to their tenanted farm straddling the border between the two countries near Monmouth.

23 cattle sold for over £2,000 with the top price of £3,045 (2,900gns) being paid by a Carmarthenshire buyer for Miresdale Heatherbell 496, a 2nd calver sired by Morningview Liffott that had calved in September having given 9,770kgs as a heifer. She had a 10,942kgs dam and 15,526kgs grand dam.

The same Carmarthenshire buyer paid 2,550gns for the top priced calved heifer Dyrfal Destry May. The Scientific Destry daughter had calved last month and was out of a 10,996kg VG85 Richaven cow. Her grand mother was an EX93 13,080kg cow.

Another 2nd calver Dyrfal Smirnoff Margaret that had calved in January was sold for 2,450gns to a Herefordshire buyer. She had given 9,177kgs in her first lactation with both her dam and grand dam yielding over 13,500kgs in their best lactations.

The red and white Dyrfal Berkley Hannah Red second calver by Pen-Col Berkley-Red sold for 2,350gns to a Dorset buyer. She had calved last month and was giving 57kgs daily. As a heifer she had given 9,853kgs and her mother 10,924kgs.

In-calf heifers sold to 1,700gns for a Genus Harper daughter due in May to an Aberdeen Angus service and was purchased by another Carmarthenshire buyer.

A total of 59 buyers from 17 counties were successful on the day with many unable to purchase on the fast trade when the 401 cattle were sold individually at the rate of under one a minute in just 6 ½ hours.

Volume buyers included one Cornwall purchaser buying 46, one Devon buyer taking home 26, 24 were bought by one Worcestershire purchaser and 21 by one Dorset buyer.

A total of 84 cattle were purchased by buyers from the three South West Wales counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

The slurry umbilical system sold for a total price of £68,000, the 20,000 litre milk tank sold for £21,000 and the maize silage to £40 per ton.

Averages:

338 cows and heifers (no calves) £1,440

40 cows and heifers (3/4rd /empty) £828

23 in-calf heifers £1,365

Auctioneers:

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