

## Dispersal of the Garann Herd of Pedigree Friesians

After the best part of a century of milking cows at Burnetts Hill, Gareth and Ann Gamage took the decision to disperse their Garan herd of pedigree Friesian cows at Whitland Mart.

The cows were a commercially managed pedigree herd, run purely on a grass and silage based system and they had attracted all the regular buyers to the mart with cows mostly going to local supporters and some up the M4 to Bridgend and Ystradgynlais.

Trade got off to a good start with the first lot of the day Garann Edward Pansy 2 VG85 selling at £1520.

Top price of the day was £2050 for Garann Capital Fran 2 VG86. She was a January calved 3<sup>rd</sup> calver by Gillette Capital and out of a 91pt Sinatra cow that joined the Marshall herd in Rhydargaeau.

Next up, also from the Fran family was Garann Barney Fran. She had calved her second a week before the sale and really looked a storming cow on the day, heading to Tregaron for £1900.

The top ten cows all sold over £1600 and the milking portion averaged £1115 throughout.

As always in quality dispersal sales it's the youngstock that thrives at sale. Incalf heifers were in very high demand and the blistering trade saw 58 heifers average £1186 and top at £1700 for Garann Burner Rachel who was due in September. Bulling heifers sold to £780 and heifer calves topped at an impressive £800 for the August born Garann Altaspring Princess. Heifer calves averaged £477.

### Averages

Cows/Heifers in milk (including faults)	£1115
Heifers in calf	£1186
Bulling/Maiden heifers	£622
Heifer Calves	£477

Auctioneers: J J Morris Whitland with Gwilym Richards & Co