

Red Rose Blossoms at Bristol with 3,350 guinea price tag

A strong trade with above average top price was once again the pattern at the February Bristol Dairy Sale on Tuesday this week. A good crowd of buyers from the West Midlands, Devon and Wales saw a complete clearance and 9 animals making 2,000 guineas or more.

It was Messrs Harries from Llanelli's *red* Blackrose that caught the eye of several in the catalogue and several more when they saw her in the pen at Bristol. By Wisconsin and backed by 7 generations of Excellent & VG cows she traces to the legendary Stookey Elm Park Blackrose EX-96. She sold 5 weeks fresh giving 32kg and travels back to Wales to Roger Morse's Cowindale herd near Carmarthen with a price tag of 3,350 guineas.

The second highest price was 2,400 guineas paid for a tremendously milky cow from the Chalkfarm herd in Norfolk. Mike Toms made the long journey over with his trailer containing 3 quality animals that averaged £2,240. Chalkfarm Decker Lavender 137 VG-85 gave 13,227kg 4.15% in her second lactation and sold 4 weeks calved giving 56.4kg. She also heads for Wales.

Regular supporter Richard Thomas of Churchvale sold two heifers for 2,300 & 2,350 guineas and hopes to be back in March with some more quality animals.

The largest consignor was David Goddard from Tewkesbury who consigned 18 fresh cows & heifers from his highly productive Ashmead herd. These averaged over £1700 with a top of 2,350 guineas for a fresh Picston Shaker daughter that gave 9,700kg 4.47% as a heifer

AVERAGES:

Pedigree	10 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg.	£2,242
	18 Ashmead cows & calved heifers	avg.	£1,723
	28 Pedigree animals	avg.	£1,908
Non Pedigree	9 Calved Heifers	avg.	£1,585

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TOP PRICES

LOT	NAME	BUYER	PRICE
10	Eola Wisconsin Black Rose Red ET PI	J R Morse (Cowindale)	3,350
4	Chalkfarm Decker Lavender 137 VG-85	Undisclosed Welsh buyer	2,400
8	Annerch Sirius Lowri	J.R Morse (Cowindale)	2,350
32	Ashmead Shaker Carnation 3	Amos Partners	2,350
9	Nevern Tennyson Lady	W. J Evans (Treddiog)	2,300
3	Chalkfarm Ross Lavender 145	Undisclosed buyer	2,250
39	Ashmead Lucente Amy	--do--	2,150
50	Ashmead Banjo Sarah GP-81	Amos Partners	2,100
24	Non-Pedigree heifer	Amos Partners	2,050