

A 4,400 GUINEA RED HEIFER SIGNS OFF ACTONELM

The decision by Steve Hart and his family to disperse their Actonelm herd of Holsteins established over 60 years ago drew a huge crowd to their Monmouth farm with large loads travelling to West Wales and the West Country.

Roger Morse of Carmarthen purchased the two top prices, one of which was the front cover girl on the sale catalogue – the October calved red and white heifer Actonelm Dice Scarlet Red VG86 sold for 4,400gns. Her six month old heifer calf by Shanael Talent Alex was purchased at 1900gns by Richard Thomas of Carmarthen for his Churchvale herd.

The second top price was 3,800gns paid for the VG85 black and white heifer Actonelm Pernod Snowflake which calved in February and giving 35.2kgs. She was the 4th successive generation to be classified Very Good.

The well bred calved heifer Actonelm Empire Gail VG86, a daughter of the 8th generation Excellent Smartgrove Atom Gail, sold for 3,600gns to Somerset buyers R G & G E Pole. She had been bred back to Picston Shottle for August. Her mother had been purchased earlier in the day for 2,700gns by Robert Jones for the Hollysprings herd at Raglan, Monmouthshire.

Sion Davies of Carmarthen added the VG87 calved heifer Actonelm Matson Zisky 2 due in June with her next calf by Gillette Jordan to his newly established herd already numbering 500 cows for 3,000gns.

It was another red and white animal that led the served heifer section with a peak of 2,850gns. Purchasing the October calving Actonelm Bookman Beaujolais Red 2 were Pembrokeshire buyers K W Jenkins & Son. She was a daughter of West Port Bookman Red and out of 9 generations of cows in the top two grades.

The three year old stock bull Shanael Talent Alex sired by Ladino Park Talent and bred from 8 generations of Excellent cows sold for 2,000gns to M J & S C Pugh of Hereford who also purchased 13 heifer calves.

TOP 10 PRICES:

		GNS	
Lot 51	Actonelm Dice Scarlet Red VG86	J R & E Morse, Carmarthen	4400
Lot 57	Actonelm Pernod Snowflake 112 VG85	J R & E Morse, Carmarthen	3800
Lot 36	Actonelm Empire Gail VG86	R G & G E Pole, Shepton Mallet	3600
Lot 40	Actonelm Matson Zisky 2 VG87	S & S Davies & Daughters, Carmarthen	3000
Lot 45	Actonelm Matson Meadow PI GP83	R G & G E Pole, Shepton Mallet	2900
Lot 90	Actonelm Bookman Beaujolais Red 2	K W Jenkins & Sons, Pembrokeshire	2850
Lot 8	Smartgrove Atom Gail 91 EX91	R & J S Jones, Raglan	2700
Lot 59	Actonelm Delightful Snowflake 113 VG86	S & S Davies & Daughters, Carmarthen	2700
Lot 68	Actonelm Paxman Twinkle 3 PI	L T Foale & Son, Kingsbridge	2700
Lot 70	Actonelm Pernod Lulu	R G & G E Pole, Shepton Mallet	2700

AVERAGES:

56 Cows & Heifers av. £2,327.06

33 Served Heifers av. £1,537.77

23 Maiden Heifers av. £1,121.67

2 Bulls av. £1,470.00

114 lots av. £1,840.35 (inc. 29 heifer calves av. £1,012.84 and 2 bull calves av. £735)

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