SHOTTLE TWINS SELL FOR 2,700GNS EACH AT THE SENSATIONAL GLADVALE SALE

An outstanding trade was achieved at the dispersal sale of the Gladvale herd of pedigree Holstein Friesians for Mark and Fi Woodall at Dymock, Gloucestershire, with English, Welsh and Scottish briskly bidding for the quality cattle on offer resulting in 20 cattle making 2,000gns or more.

Top price was 2,700gns for each of the inseparable Picston Shottle sired twins which were virtually 'joined at the hip' since birth. Both were bred from 3 generations of Excellent or Very Good cows. One had just calved her 3rd calf and the other was due in 10 days time with her 3rd calf by Destry. Both were purchased by R F J & R Partridge & Son of Broad Oak, Hereford.

2,550gns was paid for the October calving 2nd calver by Askew Reece. She was purchased by Thomas Plas of Carmarthenshire.

Last Autumn calved heifers sold to 2,300gns and 2,250gns both going to Welshpool buyer A M Windsor.

In-calf heifers peaked at 2,000gns for a Reece daughter due in June to Goldenboy being purchased by R F J & R Partridge & Son.

Heifer calves sold to 1,200gns for a daughter of Coldsprings Ponder off a 9,680kg Shottle dam. The buyers were W Bennett & Son of Newent, Gloucestershire.

Averages: 74 cows and calved heifers £1,921.50 (including 27 heifer calves at £680.17) 10 served heifers £1,711.50 11 maiden heifers £918.27 95 lots £1,783.23

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