

## **HOT NORMANDE TRADE ON HOT DAY**

The sale of Normande cattle for Peter and Helen Hawkins on the hottest May day in history resulted in a hot trade.

A crowd of enthusiastic buyers from 10 English and Welsh counties, including Carmarthenshire, Cheshire and Somerset, travelled to the farm at Broadwas on Teme in Worcestershire for the rare opportunity to add Normande cattle with their dual purpose traits to their herds.

Top price was 1,380gns for a freshly calved heifer sired by Uvray out of a 6,965 kgs dam. The buyers were the Mollatt Partnership of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

Another heifer by Uvray that had calved in December and due again in November to the Simmental sold for 1,350gns to P Westland of Warwick. Her dam had recorded 7,179kgs.

Uvray also sired the top priced cow, a 2<sup>nd</sup> calver that was due in July to the Simmental. She sold for 1,350gns to F W & H R Bonell of Crewe, Cheshire. Before drying off she had given 6,787kgs in her 2<sup>nd</sup> lactation.

The hottest trade of the day was for the group of in-calf heifers with a top price of 1,260gns for an August calving heifer by Voupigny out of a 7,708kg 5%F 3.67%P Viveco dam. The purchasers were F W & H R Bonell.

Averages:

75 milking cows and heifers £1,016

8 in-calf heifers £1,235

(12 aged, three quartered and high cell count cows £585)

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