2,800 GUINEA MALVERN MILKER

"Probably the best trade ever for a loose housed herd" was how auctioneer Gwilym Richards summed up the highly successful dispersal sale of the Heathmill herd of Holstein Friesians for John Perkins at Cradley, Malvern, Worcestershire.

Over half the cattle made in excess of £1,500 with nine over £2,000.

Top price was 2,800gns for Heathmill Lee Angela, a 2nd calver sired by Comestar Lee. She had last calved in December and was due again in December to the Belgian Blue. As a heifer she had recorded 7,526kgs and was now giving 27.2kgs daily. Her dam was a 11,444kgs daughter of Singing-brook Manager. The buyer was E R M Robinson of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

L E Poole & Son of Redmarley, Gloucester, paid the second highest price of 2,650gns for the 3rd calver Heathmill Kendall Maddy, a daughter of Alfrag Juror Kendall. She had recorded 8,707kgs as a 2nd calver and 7,949kgs in 237 days in her current lactation. On sale day she was still giving 25.4kgs daily and was carrying a November Belgian Blue calf. Her dam sired by Eastview Image peaked at 11,544kgs.

Messrs Poole also paid 2,200gns for another 3rd calver by the same sire Heathmill Kendall Maria. The January calver was giving 35.6kgs daily after giving 10,406kgs in her 2nd lactation. Her Londondale Leadman Maury dam had recorded up to 10,789kgs.

The only fresh calved heifer in the sale, Heathmill Hunter Holly sold for 2,200gns to J R Newton, Birtsmorton, Malvern. The 9 day calved heifer was giving 30kgs daily. The Hunter daughter was out of a 10,107kgs Farnear Luke Jade Whale sired cow.

J R Newton also paid the leading in-calf heifer price of 2,050gns for Heathmill Rover Melodie, due later in the month to the Aberdeen Angus. Her dam was a 9,506ks daughter of Alfrag Juror Kendall.

Averages:

61 milking cows and heifers £1,631.97 (with no calves at foot)

 10 in-calf heifers
 £1,659.00

 3 recently served heifers
 £948.50

 6 maiden heifers
 £799.75

 5 aged cows
 £483.00

 85 head
 £1,484.70

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co