RAC COWS PEAK AT 2,000 GNS

2,000 guineas was achieved on two occasions for cattle at the dispersal of the commercial herd of Holstein Friesians for the Royal Agricultural College Farms at Elkstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

The first to reach the joint top price was the Picston Shottle sired heifer due with her 2nd calf to Fertility Plus in 6 weeks time. Before being dried off she had recorded 9,058kgs. The buyers were W J Jones & Co of Carmarthen.

The same buyers paid 1900gns for the first lot, the June calved 2nd calver by Summershade Igniter giving 42.3kgs daily.

The other 2,000 gns lot was a March calved heifer by Lutz Brookview Burt giving 36.9kgs daily and served to calve in March of next year to Fertility Plus. The purchasers were S & M May of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Messrs May also paid 1950gns for a second calver by Comestar Outside. She was giving 38.3kgs daily after calving in July.

1950 gns was also realised for a 4th calver by Granduc Tribute that had calved five weeks ago and giving 44.2kgs daily. Her 3rd lactation was 9,201kgs. The buyers were D B Walters & Sons of Carmarthen.

Yearling heifers sold to 830gns twice, both sired by Shanael Outside Josh. Heifer calves by the same bull sold to 550gns.

Averages:

144 milking cows and heifers £1,158.07 22 yearling heifers £635.72

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