



MARKET DRAYTON DAIRY SALES

WEDNESDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2021 (10.30AM)

64 DAIRY CATTLE

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£2,100 TOP

A difficult trade. The large numbers of milkers currently on the market nationally and the basic law of supply and demand mean only one thing and that is lower prices. Ironically, there was a larger number of buyers present than usual and they were also bidding online via MartEye. However, it is abundantly clear that the widespread use of sexed semen and the spiralling costs of fertiliser, diesel, electricity and labour are now most definitely impacting dairy replacement values. It is only the tank filling heavy milking cows and strong 2 ¼ to 2 ½ year old heifers giving 30 to 35 litres calved less than a month that are selling best. The milk buyers need to wake up and pay urgent attention, if they do not raise the milk price very soon by a substantial amount to reflect these rocketing costs, there will be less British milk and beef in future. They simply must pass the cost on to the supermarkets and the housewife will have to pay more. Party political broadcast over, now back to the cattle trade.

It was a bull this week that topped the proceedings, the 15-month-old Holstein Friesian bull from David Rees Farms, Nantwich, sold for £2,100.

The females sold to £1,900 for a calved heifer from Hennikers Holsteins. Other calved heifers over £1,800 included £1,880 D & W Davenport, Sandbach, £1,880 D & E Monk, Ormskirk, £1,850 OC Whittaker & Sons Ltd, Tabley.

Only 6 cows forward selling to £1,750 for a third calver from MW & JM Trevor-Jones, Oswestry.

In all, 15 milkers sold over £1,600.

12 crossbred bulling heifers sold to £690 and 3 Jersey cross heifer calves to £40.

Averages:

Top 10 Calved Heifers £1,761

41 Heifers (all in) £1,399

**Weekly Sale of Fresh Dairies
Every Wednesday at 10.30am**

PLEASE RING WITH YOUR ENTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK'S DAIRY SALE
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**Monthly Sale of Youngstock
Every First Monday at 10.30am**