

**2,500GNS TOP PRICE AND £2,080 COW AVERAGE
FOR TETBURY ORGANIC PWAB MILKERS**

The milkers at the dispersal sale of the pedigree Hillmist herd of Holstein Friesians for Chris and Liz Best on their Gloucestershire farm at Leighterton, near Tetbury, averaged £2,080.

The Organic Production without Antibiotics dairy herd attracted determined buyers from throughout England and Wales to bid in person and online via MartEye with twelve cattle selling over £2,000.

Top price was 2,500gns paid by a Staffordshire buyer for an in-calf buyer due later in July to a sexed service by Stantons Chief. The Mr Moviestar Mardigras daughter had a 12,271kgs Picston Shottle grandmother.

The same buyer paid 1,200gns for the top priced maiden heifer and 1,050gns for the top priced heifer calf.

Leading the milking section at 2,350gns was a heifer due next month to a sexed Aladdin Red service. She was still milking having given 7,298kgs in 305 days in her first lactation and was one of twelve purchased by a Devon buyer.

Fifteen milkers went to a Wiltshire buyer including the second highest priced cow at 2,300gns. The Laurelhill Regent daughter had produced 9,028kgs in her third lactation and was due later in the month to the British Blue.

One Leicestershire purchased 20 youngstock and three Welsh buyers were successful.

Averages:

34 milking cows and heifers £2,080

(including 13 heifer calves at £634)

3 unwarranted cows £1,102

10 in-calf heifers £1,869

14 maiden heifers £893

74 head £1,434

Auctioneers:

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