

2,400GNS TOP FOR PRIMANS HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

The dispersal sale of the pedigree Primans herd of Holstein Friesians for Betty and David Pullin on their Gloucestershire farm at Leonard Stanley, near Stroud, attracted a large crowd of buyers from thirteen counties to bid in person and online via MartEye with a third of the cattle finding new pastures over the Severn Bridge in Wales.

Ten cattle sold at or over 2,000gns with the top price of 2,400gns paid by a Ceredigion buyer for the September calved Paxon Twig GP84, a second calver giving 47.8kgs daily. The same buyer paid 2,100gns for a newly calved third calver which had recorded 12,521kgs in her previous lactation.

2,300gns was paid twice by the same Carmarthenshire buyer, firstly for a freshly calved third calver, and then for the top priced calved heifer which had been calved four weeks.

Another Ceredigion buyer took home a newly calved fourth calver at 2,100gns.

An April calved second calver sold for 2,050gns to a Cheshire buyer.

Four cattle sold at 2,000gns, two freshly calved heifers to a Gloucestershire buyer, a March calved third calver to a Herefordshire buyer and a July calved second calver to a Staffordshire buyer.

The milkers were keenly sought but the demand for followers was reflective of the current subdued trade nationally with in-calf heifers selling to 1,200gns, yearlings to 650gns and heifer calves to 580gns.

Averages:

5 fresh calved heifers £2,058

127 milking cows and heifers £1,550

25 faulted cows £899

16 in-calf heifers £1,006

17 recently served heifers £791

28 yearlings £495

48 heifer calves £337

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