

## COMMERCIAL ORGANIC MILKERS TO 2,300GNS AT SHERBORNE

The top price was 2,300gns at the sale of the commercial herd of organically farmed Holstein Friesians for R A Jones Ltd and W O Slatter & Son at Sherborne, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, with a total of nine cattle making £2,000 or more.

The top priced lot was a 2<sup>nd</sup> calver by Moet Nansen which had recorded 7,798kgs as a heifer, the buyers were Marks Barn Farm Partnership of Crewkerne, Somerset.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> calver which had yielded 8,259kgs at 5.32%F 3.56%P with her 2<sup>nd</sup> calf was sold for 2,200gns to R Wilson of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. The same buyer paid 2,100gns for another 3<sup>rd</sup> calver.

S Jones of Corsham, Wiltshire, purchased the top priced calved heifer by the Brown Swiss sire Top Acres Power Surge off a 9,228kgs 5.18%F dam, the price was 2,150gns. The same purchaser acquired a calved heifer sired by the Holstein bull Moorshard Telegram for 2,050gns.

Served heifers sold to 1,420gns, yearling heifers to 760gns twice, and heifer calves to 480gns three times.

Averages:

219 cows and heifers av. £1,304.64 (including 83 heifer calves at £344.86)

40 served heifers av. £980.70

46 maiden heifers av. £535.96

2 Simmental stock bulls av. £1,454.25

1 Holstein stock bull at £1,281.00

308 lots av. £1,148.66

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