

Good Trade at Bristol in appalling weather

Stormy weather led to few absentees at the December Dairy Sale at Bristol this week but the group of determined buyers that attended made sure the trade was in the current buoyant mode.

The top price in the calved heifer section was 1,800 guineas twice. Firstly a daughter of Clarby Gibson Flame from the Sevenoaks herd and secondly for one of Adrian Ratcliffe's consignment – a Shanael Acalde daughter purchased at the Haresfield dispersal 2 year ago. Yearling heifers peaked at 820 guineas for a Zenith from the Comely Melody family, consigned by David Coombes.

Ted & Richard Wakefield sold the entire milking portion of their commercial herd from Lypiatt near Stroud to a top of 1,550 guineas for a fresh Hylke daughter giving 35kg. Considering the herd is loose housed and mainly spring calving with 50% having had 4 or more calves, to average £952 with no calves at foot, looked highly respectable. The maiden heifers, all by the superbly bred British Friesian sire Winnoch Officer, sold up to 860 guineas.

Averages:-	8 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg.	£1,769,25
	7 Maiden Heifers	avg.	696.75
E.G Wakefield	45 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg.	£952.93
	8 Maiden Heifers	avg.	682.50

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