

4,000GNS TOP AT RUCKHALL HOLSTEINS

South Wales and West Country buyers dominated the proceedings at the dispersal sale of the Ruckhall herd of pedigree Holsteins for Peter Andrews at St Weonards, Hereford, with 45% of the cattle travelling to the West Wales counties of Carmarthen, Ceredigion and Pembroke and a further 10% moving to the neighbouring county of Monmouthshire.

The top price of 4,000gns was for the homebred 4th calver Ruckhall Shottle Veetara EX90. The Picston Shottle sired cow was 2 weeks calved having given 9,503kg with her last calf. She was purchased by Tegwyn and Mary Davies of the Caeremlyn herd at Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

The 5th calver Ecstasy BSP Outside Kitty EX91 sold for 3,100gns. The 5th generation Comestar Outside daughter was dry carrying an August calf by Crackholm Fever. She was purchased by Sion Davies, one of a load of 38 destined for his new dairy unit being established near Carmarthen.

Her daughter, the 11 month old Ruckhall Goldwyn Kitty by Braedale Goldwyn sold for 2,400gns to the Withyland herd of T J Cracknell & Sons Newent, Gloucestershire.

Her full brother, the 3 year old stock bull Ruckhall Goldwyn made 3,000gns being purchased by S & A May of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

The Caeremlyn herd of Tegwyn and Mary Davies also gave 3,000gns for the 3rd calver Barmere Drake Blomke VG89. The four week calved Drake daughter was giving 42kgs daily.

Calved heifers sold to 2,950gns for Davlea Lyman Roxy GP83, a Comestar Lyman daughter from the renowned Roxy family. She was purchased by T J Cracknell & Sons for their Withyland herd.

In-calf heifers peaked at 2,000gns for Ruckhall Squawbuck Kimo. The Richaven Squawbuck daughter was purchased by W R & E M Evans of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

TOP PRICES:

			GNS
Lot 50	Ruckhall Shottle Veetara EX90	Henllan Farms, Whitland	4,000
Lot 65	Ecstasy BSP Outside Kitty EX91	S & A Davies & Daughters, Carmarthen	3,100
Lot 49	Barmere Drake Blomke VG89	Henllan Farms, Whitland	3,000
Lot 143	Ruckhall Goldwyn (BULL)	S & A May, Bromsgrove	3,000
Lot 32	Davlea Lyman Roxy GP83	T J Cracknell & Sons, Newent	2,950
Lot 46	Hafesp Gay 62 nd EX90	J R & E Morse, Carmarthen	2,900
Lot 111	Moundsmere Dynasty Jackie VG85	S & A Davies & Daughters, Carmarthen	2,900
Lot 39	Davlea Shaquille Lulu VG85	Henllan Farms, Whitland	2,800
Lot 16	Granchester September Raquel 2 nd EX92	Henllan Farms, Whitland	2,600
Lot 57	Fab Freelance Misha EX90	E M & E Morgan, Carmarthen	2,600
Lot 24	Ruckhall Mason Leona	Henllan Farms, Whitland	2,500
Lot 31	Ruckhall Kate GP81 ASR	S & A Davies & Daughters, Carmarthen	2,500

AVERAGES:

136 cows and calved heifers £1,724.86 (including 26 heifer calves at £793.15)

21 served heifers £1,536.00

19 maiden heifers £1,133.45

1 bull £3,150.00

177 lots £1,651.76

AUCTIONEERS: **GWILYM RICHARDS & CO**