

**2,720 GNS TOP PRICE AND £2,049 MILKING AVERAGE
FOR SANDIFORD HOLSTEINS AT MARKET DRAYTON**

The dispersal sale of the Sandiford herd of pedigree Holsteins for Dale Farming at Market Drayton Market, Shropshire, met a red hot trade with 48 successful buyers from all over England and Wales competing for the top rated cattle moved for convenience of sale from their Staffordshire home near Stone.

The top price was 2,720gns for an October calved third calver by Smiddiehill Katmandoo, one of 20 milkers purchased by a Gloucestershire buyer. The same buyer gave 2,500gns for a September calved second calver sired by Bidlea Amadeus, and 2,400gns December calved second calver by the same bull.

Calved heifers sold to 2,550gns purchased by a Denbighshire buyer. The daughter of Aintree Zachary which had calved in late September was joined by a January calved non pedigree heifer at 2,400gns and a December calved second calver by Smiddiehill Excalibur also at 2,400gns.

Aintree Zachary also sired a November calved second calver sold at 2,500gns sold to a buyer from the Lleyn Peninsula. The same buyer paid 2,400gns for an October calved heifer by Kirkblythe Dombi.

In-calf heifers sold to 2,050gns and 2,000gns three times, all purchased by the same Denbighshire buyer. They were due to calve over the next three months to the Aberdeen Angus stock bull which sold for 2,450gns.

Bulling heifers sold to 1,100gns, yearlings to 1,080gns and heifer calves to 780gns.

56 cattle sold over £2,000 in all.

Averages:

116 milking cows and heifers £2,049
(including 40 heifer calves at £477)
14 unwarranted cows (high cc, $\frac{3}{4}$) £858
64 in-calf heifers £1,695
14 bulling heifers £1,026
17 yearlings £973
1 Aberdeen Angus stock bulls £2,572

Auctioneers:

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