## 2,500gns TOP BID FOR CHESTER HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

The dispersal sale of the Birchen herd of Holstein Friesians for John and Kathy Cottle attracted a large crowd of buyers to their farm just within Wales on the outskirts of Chester at Sealand.

The top bid of 2,500gns by a Derbyshire buyer was for a daughter of De Su Fantasmic which was three weeks into her third lactation after recording 8,665kgs with her second calf. At the time of sale, she was giving 48.1kgs daily.

The freshly calved heifers peaked at 2,400gns for a week calved daughter of Drakkar Barbican off a 7,687kgs 4.32%F 3.78%P Welcome Armitage Pesky dam. She was purchased by a Cheshire buyer.

In-calf heifers sold to £2,079 for a Denovo Julep daughter off a 11,139kg Welcome Armitage Pesky dam. She was carrying a Wiltor Porter for September and went to new home in Cheshire.

Recently served heifers sold to £987 to a Cheshire buyer.

Yearling heifers sold to £924 and heifer calves to £504 with both section leaders going to pastures new in North and South Wales.

Fifty one cattle sold for over £1,900 with twenty nine of those over £2,000.

Averages: 147 milking cows and heifers £1,683 21 faulted cows £964 10 close calving heifers £1,866 40 recently served heifers £900 60 yearlings £597 58 heifer calves £334

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