

£3,675 TOP FOR MALPASS DAIRIES

Buyers from Wales and the West Country mingled with a very large Midlands turnout at the dispersal sale of the pedigree Cowley herd of Holstein Friesians for Richard Malpass and family which was held on their farm at Gnosall, Stafford where 73 cattle sold for over £3,000 to a top of 3,500 guineas.

The top price cow was a third calver which had been calved a month giving 45kgs daily after recording 13,875kgs in her last lactation. She was purchased by a West Wales buyer from near Cardigan for 3,500gns. Her heifer calf by Lock sold for 550gns to a North Wales buyer.

A Staffordshire buyer gave 3,450gns for a freshly calved Peak Tropic sired third calver which had given 15,789kgs as a second calver

Another Staffordshire buyer gave 3,400gns for a February calved daughter of Rengade Improbable that had given 10,356kgs as a heifer and giving 53kgs daily when sold.

Milkers calving later in the year again met considerable interest with December calvers selling to 3,400gns, the Alvarez sired second calver had given 14,267kgs as a heifer and went to a new home in the Cotswolds.

November calvers also sold to 3,400gns for a Cascade sired second calver to a Derbyshire buyer.

Cows back in calf for calving from August to October were regularly making over 3,000gns with 25 being purchased by one Cornish buyer.

In calf heifers peaked at 2,500gns to a Somerset buyer, the Luster daughter was off a 13,368kgs dam and due in June.

Yearlings sold to 1,900gns for a Totem daughter out of a 17,972kgs Mogul dam from a Derbyshire buyer.

Averages:

269 milkers (inc. faults) £2,452

63 in calf heifers £1,952

111 yearlings £1,088

61 heifer calves £392

504 head £1,840

Auctioneers:

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