The Ghost of Hayvalley rises to the top at 5,000 guineas

A strong team of determined bidders made for an excellent sale in Exeter market on Monday this week with 56 buyers from all parts of the South West, 14 from wales and 11 from Ireland, North & South. A significant number were buying on line through Marteye, now boosting trade for the third sale it has been used.

A fascinating catalogue containing many top Holstein families gathered together by David Renfree created wide interest and it was the great Ghost family, so successful in so many herds, that produced the top price. Hayvalley Beemer Ghost VG87 was not only a special heifer but **red** and making 13 generations of EX/VG cows in a row. She comes from a particularly strong line of the family at Messrs Baker's BB herd in Gwent. She travels to west Wales to Messrs M & C Davies at 5,000 guineas.

The Chassity family claimed second top price with Hayvalley Jordy Chassity VG87 making 4,300 guineas to one of several internet bids from Mr J Moore from County Offaly in Eire. Chassity calved her first in June having won prizes as a maiden heifer and sold giving 38kg daily. Her Artisan calf made 2,000 guineas at just 3 months of age.

The Cosmopolitan family from Larcrest are always keenly sort - the 43,000 guinea Centrepiece from Wiltor topping the 2019 table, and Hayvalley Amax Cosmopolitan VG87 fetched 4,100 guineas to Messrs Duthie from Magor, Gwent. She gave over 12,000kg 4.5f 3.4p as a heifer and sold fresh with her second giving 60kg.

The 58 calves at foot were a tremendous trade averaging £989 and peaking at 3,000 guineas for a red 4 month old Artisan calf from the Rae / Roxy family.

TOP PRICES

Price gns	Animal	Buyer
5,000	Hayvalley Beemer Ghost red VG87	M & C Davies Ltd
4,300	Hayvalley Jordy Chassity VG87	J Moore
4,100	Hayvalley Amax Cosmopolitan SP VG87	A Duthie & Partners
3,800	Hayvalley Aladdin Rae Red 2 VG86	P Gilman
3,300	Hayvalley Jordy Rae Red VG86	P Gilman
3,100	Hayvalley Ghostrider Mairy Red VG86	M.F Yendell & Son
2,900	Hayvalley Jedi Glenda VG88	D.W & C.E Jones

AVERAGES

99 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg. £2,002
3 Served Heifers	avg. £1,067
17 Maiden Heifers	avg. £1,239
58 'A' Lots at foot	avg. £989

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