

Commercial cows reach 2,700 guineas at Nuneaton Dispersal

One of the strongest trades ever seen for commercial cows made for a flying sale when Tim Sinnott and family sold their superb herd of unregistered Holsteins on farm this week. A herd average of 13,400kg, block calving July-October, excellent health record and very low cell counts allied to outstanding type drew great interest from discerning dairy farmers from all over the midlands, Carmarthen, Herefordshire & Cheshire. Several buyers left with empty trailers as it soon became obvious this was not a day for standard pricing.

First to reach 2,700gns was a third calf daughter of ABS Mystical that calved in late August and sold giving 64.5kg daily. She was one of a number of top end purchases by Luke Neville from Matlock in Derbyshire.

At the same money a daughter of ABS Grazie, that gave 12,500kg as a heifer calving at 1/11 sold to Ferneylees Farm Ltd from Tarporley, Cheshire. This young cow also calved in late August and was producing 56kg daily. David Stewart of Ferneylees was one of the main buyers and also picked up young cows at 2,650 & 2450gns.

Henry Lewis of Tack Farm was another significant buyer filling more than one double-decker with quality animals for his large dairy enterprise in Herefordshire.

80 cows made 2,000 gns or more which was 36% of the milking herd and produced the impressive average of just short of £2,000 apiece. Heifer calves aged 3-4m mainly were easier to buy averaging £238 and peaking at 320gns three times for daughters of Atrium. 4 autumn calving heifers sold to 1,550 gns twice to Ferneylees farm Ltd.

AVERAGES:

192	Cows & Calved Heifers	avg. £1,966.07
4	Served Heifers	avg. £1,548.75
85	Heifer Calves	avg. £238.54
24	light, $\frac{3}{4}$ & high SCC cows	avg. £1,137.50
305	Head	avg. £1,413.95

TOP PRICES

71	T,G.W.Neville	2,700
139	Ferneylees Farm Ltd	2,700
113	Ferneylees Farm Ltd	2,650
108	T,G.W.Neville	2,600
206	T,G.W.Neville	2,500
104	T,G.W.Neville	2,450
124	Ferneylees Farm Ltd	2,450
126	J.G & C.A.Bayley	2,450
147	Ferneylees Farm Ltd	2,450
98	J.G & C.A.Bayley	2,400
117	H.Lewis (Tack Farm)	2,400
121	J.G & C.A.Bayley	2,400

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