

NORFOLK HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS TO 1,050GNS

Welsh and West Country buyers were out in force for the chance to purchase from the loose housed all year round calving Silvergate herd that had been moved to Ross-on-Wye Cattle Market by C B Gay & Partners following their decision to cease milk production on their North Norfolk farm.

Both top priced lots were purchased by D B & R M Edwards of Rockfield, Monmouth. They paid 1,050gns for Joice 20th, a Eastview Meadowlord daughter that calved in November with her 2nd calf and was still giving 29.4kgs daily. For 950gns, Messrs Edwards acquired another 2nd calver Natalie 16th, a daughter of Chartoise Herby that was due to calve again in July after giving over 7,700kgs to date.

The autumn calving served heifers sold to 850gns for N Lely 21st, a S Man daughter off a 7,321kgs cow sired by Archibold. The buyer was R P Price of Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Bulling heifers peaked at 530gns paid by M J C Hocken, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, for Averil, a daughter of Avenham Westminster off a 7,091kgs Moet Alicia Frontier cow.

Averages:

52 warranted cows and heifers	£706.33
20 served heifers	£698.78
8 bulling heifers	£507.94
8 heifer calves	£316.31
18 unwarranted cows and heifers	£289.33

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co in conjunction with Irelands