

Hinton cow tops Bristol Sale at 2,200 guineas

All bar two of the 60 cattle consigned to the February Bristol Dairy Sale found new homes with prices ranging from 500 to 2,200 guineas. An average of £1642 for the pedigree cattle revealed a sound if not spectacular trade, as buyers voiced concerns over dwindling feed and bedding stocks and a wish for a long, hard and unprofitable winter to come to an end.

Robert Horton of the highly regarded Hinton herd sent 7 splendid fresh cows to the sale averaging 52kg daily. This consignment averaged £2,030 and included the top price of 2,200 guineas for Hinton Talent Carol 2 GP-83 2yr. Having given 10,104kg at 4% as a heifer she sold to John Hill of Messrs M.A Jeanes (Farms) Ltd giving 49kg daily after 4 weeks into her second lactation. John Hill also claimed a smart Shottle daughter from the famous Lynne family at 2,150 gns. Having posted 13,465kg in her second note this VG-85 young cow was sold giving 56kg daily.

Roland and son Simon Bugler consigned a very tidy group of 11 heifers from their good Bettiscombe herd in Dorset. These levelled out at £1,878 apiece, selling to a top of 2,150gns for a superb heifer by Woodmarsh Asterix. Bred from a 12,000kg dam, she was just 11 days calved and giving 32kg. She travels to West Wales to join the Caria herd at St. Clears.

The next sale at Bristol is the dispersal of Messrs Whipps' high yielding Wortwell herd, numbering 240 head of top quality cattle. The next 'Dairy Sale' is on March 29, with another dispersal included of 200 head of high quality pedigree Holsteins. The popular sale is gathering momentum with buyers for all grades of stock. We look forward to the next event.

Averages:-	18 cows	avgd	£1,676
	24 Calved Heifers	avgd.	£1,678
	42 pedigree Holsteins	avgd.	£1,677
	1 Brown Swiss cow		£1,596
	17 Non-pedigrees	avgd.	£ 982

	60 Head	avgd	£1,479

TOP PRICES

LOT	NAME	BUYER	PRICE – GNS
43	Hinton Talent Carol 2 GP-83	M.A Jeanes (Farms) Ltd (Stowey)	2,200
40	Hinton Shottle Lynne VG-85	M.A Jeanes (Farms) Ltd (Stowey)	2,150
42	Hinton Black-Aaron Helena GP-81	E & H.M Sheldon (Clingre)	2,150
88	Bettiscombe Asterix Eden	D.A & C.L Owens (Caria)	2,150

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