

## 1,600 GUINEA TOP AT BEECHDEAN

The large dispersal of 328 registered Holstein Friesians for Beechdean Farms at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, attracted buyers from 16 English and Welsh counties. Both the top priced cow and heifer journey to West Wales to the herd of Mr T G Davies at Hundleton, Pembrokeshire.

Leading lady Beechdean Sprite 56<sup>th</sup> was a Cogent Cracker daughter which was 4 weeks into her 2<sup>nd</sup> lactation and giving 43kgs daily. Her 1<sup>st</sup> 305 day lactation was 9,766kgs and her Ricecrest Marty sired dam peaked at 9,199kgs.

The top priced heifer was Beechdean Blackbird 14<sup>th</sup>, a Comestar Export daughter, which was 4 weeks calved and giving 28.8kgs daily. Her dam was a 10,838kg daughter of Priscilla-S-Wind Pappy and her grand dam was sired by Skalsumer Sunnyboy.

C M Pugh of Kempley, Gloucester, paid 1,420 guineas on two occasions for heifers that had been calved 6 weeks. The first was Beechdean Amanda 8<sup>th</sup>, a daughter of Bosside Ruben off a 9,982kg Crichel Principal. The second was Beechdean Violet 27<sup>th</sup>, a Crichtel Principal daughter off a 11,096kgs Norriellake Cleitus Luke cow. She was giving 32kgs daily when sold.

Selling was completed in 4¾ hours with 44 four figure prices being recorded in all by auctioneers Gwilym Richards and Jason Brown.

The day's principal buyer was A J Walker (Farm) Ltd purchasing 67 cattle for their herd based locally at Princes Risborough. Their top priced purchase was the 1,350gns Beechdean Anna 44<sup>th</sup>, a heifer by Comestar Export that had been calved 6 weeks off a 10,629kg Kirkbly the Dazzler cow.

Served heifers sold to 780gns, maidens to 580gns and baby heifer calves to 300gns.

Averages:

31 calved heifers	£1,153.65
155 warranted cows	£960.04
10 served heifers	£682.50
41 maiden heifers	£472.76
52 'A' lot heifer calves	£282.09
58 unwarranted cows	£284.41
1 Holstein bull	£735.00
1 Hereford bull	£630.00

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co