

## KILPECK MILKERS TO 1,700GNS

Auctioneers Gwilym Richards & Co report a very well attended sale at Kilpeck, near Hereford, for Steve Gladwyn and family of their herd of Holstein Friesian dairy cattle with 54 successful purchasers from 16 counties.

Top price was 1,700gns for a 2<sup>nd</sup> calver that had calved in June and back in-calf for next May. She had previously given 11,020kgs at 4.30%F and 3.69%P as a heifer. The purchaser was R M Robinson of Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

The same purchaser took home two other 2<sup>nd</sup> calvers at 1,680gns and 1,670gns, both of which had calved in November and giving 37kgs and 39kgs daily respectively.

A 4<sup>th</sup> calver that had calved in March and due next April sold for 1,450gns. She was still giving 31.5kgs daily when sold having given 11,007kgs in her third lactation. The buyer was R J Prout of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Lying off in-calf heifers calving in June and July of next year sold at 820gns and 800gns, yearling heifers to 520gns and heifer calves to 540gns.

It was only the fresh and heavy milking cows that attracted spirited bidding with the rest of the all year round calving herd and the followers selling to limited interest from dairy producers suffering from the low milk prices and delayed basic farm payments. Cattle with blemishes were heavily discounted.

### Averages:

74 milking cows and heifers £1,008  
(23 three quartered and high cell count cows £432)  
12 served heifers £774  
32 maiden heifers £435  
141 lots £775 (inc 21 heifer calves at £300)

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