

2,000GNS WATLAY HOLSTEINS

At the dispersal sale of Elwyn Watkins' Watlay herd of Holstein Friesians at Grafton, Hereford, prices reached 2,000gns.

The top price was paid by Pembrokeshire buyer, Mr D K Williams of Haverfordwest, for Watlay Barometer Agnie 9th GP81, a 2nd calver by Genus Barometer off a 9,028kgs Haldrey Leadership VG85 cow. The December calver was giving 42kgs daily when sold.

Mr Williams also gave 1,650gns for Watlay Bandit Beth 4th VG86. The Hanoverhill Bandit daughter had calved in October with her 3rd calf and due again this October to Comestar Leader. Her 2nd lactation was 8,701kgs and was giving 30.4kgs daily when sold.

Her 2003 born daughter, Watlay Lookout Beth 6th GP80, was the highest priced calved heifer and was also purchased by Mr Williams. She had calved on Christmas Day and was giving 34kgs daily at the time of sale.

Served heifers sold to 900gns for Watlay Meadowlord Pyotts 6th, a Eastview Meadowlord daughter off a 8,654kgs EX90 Supersires Minator dam. The buyers were M J & S C Pugh, Bodenham, Hereford.

Messrs Pugh also paid the top heifer calf of 550gns. The Shoremar James sired calf was off a 9,693kgs Haldrey leadership dam.

Averages:

9 calved heifers	£1,116.50
49 cows	£909.42
7 unwarranted cows	£364.50
9 served heifers	£644.00

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co