

LYDNEY COMMERCIAL MILKERS TO 1,900GNS

A ring of determined buyers with a strong West Wales influence created a very selective trade for the commercial herd of Holstein Friesian cows which were all in-calf to Gelbvieh bulls at Ross-on-Wye Cattle Market on Thursday 16th March 2017.

The vendors Jim and Will Hunt had removed the cattle from their farm on the banks of the river Severn near Lydney, Gloucestershire, for convenience of sale.

The top price of £1,995 (1,900gns) was paid by a Pembrokeshire buyer for a freshly calved heifer.

The same buyer paid 1,650gns twice for third calvers which had calved in January.

Another Pembrokeshire buyer paid 1,650gns and 1,600gns for freshly calved heifers.

November calved second calvers sold to 1,600gns.

Although the trade for the fresh milk was subdued, the best trade was for the July and August calving cows which were consistently selling between 1,100gns and 1,300gns.

In-calf heifers for July calving sold to 1,320gns.

Yearling heifers sold to 580gns and heifer calves to 210gns.

The Gelbvieh stock bulls sold to 1,500gns.

Other buyers came from the surrounding counties, Carmarthenshire, Montgomeryshire, Flintshire, Shropshire and Wiltshire.

Cows and heifers with udder defects and high cell counts were heavily discounted.

Averages:

165 milking cows and heifers £1,000.75
62 unwarranted cows and heifers £637.96
38 served heifers £1,006.07
25 maiden heifers £417.27
21 heifer calves £179.25
2 Gelbvieh stock bulls £1,286.25

Auctioneers:

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