

RHONDDA VALLEY HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS TO 1,020GNS

At the dispersal sale of Keith Roberts' 6,000 litre average commercial herd of Holstein Friesians on his hill farm 700 feet above the Rhondda Valley at Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, cows sold to 1,020gns.

The top priced cow was a 2nd calver sired by Fustead Mountain Buzz and out of a Etazon Ferrari sired dam. She had been calved 4 weeks and was giving 31.1kgs daily when sold. The buyers were J J Robbins & Sons, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan.

The next highest priced lot was another 2nd calver that had been calved 5 weeks and giving 31.4kgs daily. She was purchased by N A Jones, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, for 920gns.

Calved heifers sold to 850gns paid by W Walters, Bonvilston, Cardiff, for a Riglio Indro Juror daughter giving 25.3kgs after being calved 9 weeks.

Principal buyer was G Pearce purchasing 23 cattle for his herd based near Chippenham, Wiltshire.

The 16/16 Alfa Laval herringbone parlour sold to £4,500.

Averages (without calves):

22 calved heifers	£747.41
69 warranted cows	£542.08
38 unwarranted cows	£281.24

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co