

FLYING TRADE AT PERSHORE

The milkers met a flying trade at the dispersal sale of Roger Hutchings' Darnells herd of pedigree Holstein Friesian cattle at Pershore, Worcestershire.

The freshly calved heifers averaged £1,258, twenty two cattle made over £1,000 and a third of the milking section sold for £900 plus.

Top price was 1,300gns for the four week calved heifer Darnells Talisman Jennifer 2nd, a daughter of Towerview Acres Talisman. When sold she was giving 28.6kgs daily. Her dam by Zicostar had recorded 7,189kgs as a heifer. The buyer was Mr T G Davies of Hundleton, Pembroke.

The highest price for a cow was 1,250gns paid by M Lowe & Son, Withington, Hereford, for another Talisman daughter, Darnells Talisman Seniorita 2nd. She had been calved 8 weeks into the 2nd lactation and was giving 35.9kgs daily when sold. In her 1st lactation she had recorded 8,075kgs.

Messrs Lowe also purchased two calved heifers at 1,200gns each, Darnells Talisman Isobella and Darnells Decisive Laura sired by Dromonby Decisive.

Other calved heifers sold to 1,250gns, purchased by P Thorneycroft, Bewdley, Darnells Ready Julie was a daughter of Bo Irish R J Lead Ready off a 8,159kgs Jolt.

D J Goddard of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, paid 1,250gns for a Boss Iron 2nd calver. Darnells Iron Greta 2nd had recorded 7,250kgs at 4.17% as a heifer. Her dam was a Cogent Lucky daughter.

In-calf heifers sold to 1,020gns for the Ready daughter, Darnells Ready Glenda, due in December to Cichel Principal. Her dam by Cogent Lucky had achieved 9,640kgs in her 3rd lactation. The buyers were J & O Wilkinson & Son of Crowle, Worcester.

Yearling heifers sold to 460gns on several occasions to Williams Bros of Pwllheli, Gwynedd, and P J Charles, Halesowen. Heifer calves behind their dams sold to 250gns.

Averages:

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| 9 freshly calved heifers | £1,258.83 |
| 64 cows | £824.74 |
| 13 unwarranted cows | £327.12 |
| 11 in-calf heifers | £834.27 |
| 25 yearling heifers | £406.14 |
| 20 heifer calves | £236.78 |

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co