

4,000GNS TOP AT INAUGURAL BRISTOL MONTHLY DAIRY SALE

The inaugural monthly collective sale of pedigree and commercial dairy cattle held at the Bristol Sales Centre on 25th January and jointly conducted by Gwilym Richards and Norton & Brooksbank was greeted with great enthusiasm with buyers in attendance from throughout the southern half of England and Wales.

The sale offered something for everyone from the very well bred pedigrees to the commercial milker with only 2 animals from the 131 forward failing to sell.

The sale got off to a roaring start with a superb consignment of registered calved heifers with tremendous natural milking ability from the 11,450 litre Kingsfoll herd of Simmons Farms Ltd at Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. Their consignment of 7 heifers levelled at £1,906.50 with a best of 2,000gns paid for Kingsfoll Baxter Una sired by Baxter and out of a 13,380kg Shark daughter. She was the first animal to be offered and was one of six heifers purchased throughout the sale by Astridge Farm Ltd of Tenby, Pembrokeshire.

Top price was 4,000gns achieved for the calved heifer Holmead Talent Roxy 2 from R T & M S Cox, Shaftesbury, Dorset. The Ladino-Park Talent daughter from the great Roxy family was bred from 9 successive generations of cows in the top two grades. The buyer was P J Andrews of the Beneknowle herd at Plymouth Devon.

Second highest price was 3,000gns for Walkabout Shottle Rolls, a Picston Shottle sired heifer from Messrs E Gay, Axminster, Devon. She was purchased by M A Jeanes Farms Ltd of Bridgwater, Somerset, for their Stowey herd.

Bulls sold to 1,780gns for the 15 month old Holmead Jetson Red from R T & M S Cox selling to C H Prichard, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

Buyers attended from 12 English and Welsh counties and as far afield as Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Devon and West Wales.

The next sale is on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 with many consignments already entered and further entries are now invited to the joint auctioneers.

Top Prices:

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Lot 10	R T & M S Cox	Holmead Roxy 2	P J Andrews, Plymouth	4,000
Lot 36	E Gay	Walkabout Shottle Rolls	M A Jeanes Farms Ltd, Bridgwater	3,000
Lot 63	I G & H B Morgan	Llan Dolman Jill	D A & C L Owens, St Clears	2,300
Lot 62	M W & G M Williams	Lyganlan L H Daintyllass	I & M Mifflin & Sons, Chippenham	2,250
Lot 27	BB Farms	Gatrog Doleros Maise	D A & C L Owens, St Clears	2,200
Lot 14	A J Bennett & Sons	Lilylane Enigma Betsy	I & M Mifflin & Sons, Chippenham	2,150
Lot 11	R T & M S Cox	Holmead SS Rosina VG86	D A & C L Owens, St Clears	2,000
Lot 1	Simmons Farms Ltd	Kingsfoll Baxter Una	Astridge Farm Ltd, Tenby	2,000

Leading Herd Averages (3 or more):

R T & M S Cox (Holmead) –	£2,723.00
BB Farms (BB) –	£2,065.00
A J Bennett & Sons (Lilylane) –	£2,047.50
D Pyle (Hemburyfort) –	£1,995.00
Simmons Farms Ltd (Kingsfoll) –	£1,906.50

Sale Averages:

27 pedigree calved heifers	£2,066.17
14 commercial calved heifers	£1,364.25
3 bulls	£1,141.00
129 head overall	£1,226.63

Joint Auctioneers: *Gwilym Richards and Norton & Brooksbank*

Prices Ranges:

£4,000 and over	- 1
£3,000 to £3,999	- 1
£2,000 to £2,999	- 7
£1,800 to £1,999	- 14
£1,600 to £1,799	- 11
£1,400 to £1,599	- 7
£1,200 to £1,399	- 13
£1,000 to £1,199	- 18