

44 FOUR FIGURE PRICES WITH A TOP OF 1,850GNS

The sale of the milking portion and served heifers from the loose housed Elcombe herd of pedigree Holstein Friesians for John Rymer and his family at Dursley, Gloucestershire, attracted a considerable crowd of buyers from across England and Wales.

However, the top priced animal stayed locally selling for 1,850gns to D A & L A Cullimore, Berkeley. Their purchase was the Mtoto sired calved heifer Elcombe Prelude Topsy off an Eastview Blacktone dam.

The second highest price of 1,700gns was paid by Milkwood of Newport, Pembrokeshire, for the highest yielding cow on the day, Elcombe Princess 43rd. The 4th calver by Love had previously recorded 8,192kgs in her 3rd lactation, and was currently giving 34.4kgs after calving on 1st October.

Milkwood also paid 1,600gns for the 2nd calver Elcombe Weaverline Topsy 2nd, a Weaverline Bench Eddie daughter.

R J Francis, Devizes, Wiltshire, paid 1,650gns for Elcombe Grandprix Orchid, a 2nd calver sired by Himster Grandprix.

Another Grandprix daughter, Elcombe Grandprix Orchid 12th, sold to Gloucestershire buyers Burcher Son & Jones of Arlingham for 1,600gns.

P A & I A Robertson of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, gave 1,550gns for the Weaverline Bench Eddie sired calved heifer, Elcombe Weaverline Topsy 3rd.

The served heifers sold to 1,020gns paid by Carmarthenshire buyer E W Carlisle of Newcastle Emlyn for Elcombe Mtoto Rose, a daughter of Mtoto due in late December to Oceanview Zenith.

The Rymer family have retained the remaining youngstock.

Averages:-

7 freshly calved heifers	£1,521.00
88 cows and heifers	£1,023.75
7 served heifers	£871.50

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co