

Dellia Family Tops Wyevalley Sale at 5,500 guineas

Breeders from Devon, West Wales, Somerset and neighbouring counties assembled at Ross Market on Thursday for the sale of Eryl & Eirian Done's entire heifer crop from their first class Wyevalley herd. They were joined by 5 consignments from fellow breeders with connections to the herd.

Leading the bidding was the outstanding yearling heifer Wyevalley Dellia Darlene ET PI (lot 27), a Shottle daughter whose sister topped the last Wyevalley sale at 3,200 gns in 2004. Her dam was an 88 point Duster with 11,164kg in her 3rd lactation – a grand daughter of the world renowned Snow-N Denises Dellia EX-95, the mother of Regancrest Elton Durham. She stays in the county with local breeder Mr D.J Smith of the Wennetune herd.

Robert Horton of Hinton fame consigned 2 calves to the sale, including Hinton Goldwyn Rita Regina PI (lot 54) the only Goldwyn daughter in the sale and from the noted Ivory Mark family. Robert purchased her Bellwood grand-dam for 10,000 guineas at the 1997 Wyevalley sale – a shrewd purchase still at Hinton in her 8th lactation and on her way to 100 tonnes of milk. David Jones bidding for Sahara Holsteins made the winning bid of 3,600 guineas.

Tom & Mark Daymond made the long trip up from South Devon and secured the smart calf lot 31 Wyevalley Frisky Dellia Z ET, another Shottle daughter for 2,300 guineas. This well bred grand-daughter of Durham's dam joins the good Barday herd and is closely related to Messrs Nielson's noted Overside Fatal Dellia EX-93.

Young stock dominated the trade with milking cattle selling to 1,250 gns for John Griffin's fresh Lheros heifer from the Flo family and served heifers to 2,100 gns for Wyevalley Ed Barb PI (lot 11), pictured on the catalogue cover. She is bred form 6 generations of EX/VG cows from the famous Hanoverhill Barb family and was carrying an Allen/ Vesper embryo due in July.

AVERAGES:-

90 Wyevalley Lots	avgd	£758 (incl 70 young stock)
14 Consigned lots	avgd	£1,009

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