

2,400 GNS TOP AT OAKLE HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN SALE

Martin Baber achieved a top price of 2,400gns when he dispersed his Oakle herd of Holstein Friesians at Churcham, near Gloucester.

The top price of 2,400gns was paid for Oakle Speak Lucy, a heifer sired by Speak Easy off a Lakemead Sunburst dam which had been calved exactly a month. The buyers were N W Williams & Sons of Usk, Monmouthshire.

The second calver Oakle Chianti Aster, a daughter of Tallent Chianti out of a 7,534kgs 4.90%F Moet Powerpack sired cow, sold for 2,350gns to Amos Partners of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Another Herefordshire milk producer, M Lowe & Son of Withington, paid the next highest price of 2,280gns for the third calver Oakle Dynasty Molly. The Kelstein Dynasty daughter was two months calved having recorded 7,691kgs 4.82%F 3.86%P in her last lactation.

Exactly a third of the milkers sold for over £1,500 to the huge crowd of buyers from all the neighbouring counties and further afield including Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Wiltshire and West Wales, with many returning home empty handed.

In-calf heifers sold to 1,400gns, maiden heifers to 920gns twice.

Leading prices in the machinery section included the 1,300 gallon Major Slurry Tanker at £2,000 and the Teagle Tomahawk 404 Straw Chopper also at £2,000.

The fodder also sold well with the 600 ton clamp of grass silage making £5,300 (£8.83 per ton) and the big bales of barley straw selling for £15 per bale.

Averages:

84 milking cows and heifers £1,415.12

15 in-calf heifers £1,092.33

15 maiden heifers £754.60

7 calves £483.00

1 Hereford stock bull £1,207.50

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards