

MAY BRISTOL DAIRY SALE PEAKS AT 2,000GNS

Silage making, the lack of rain and the current regular occurrence of large herd dispersals throughout the country resulted in a much smaller attendance of buyers and a marked reduction in prices.

However, the best calved heifers and cows still attracted spirited bidding with both sections peaking at 2,000gns.

Chris Elmes of Swindon, Wiltshire, consigned the top priced calved heifer Swallowdale Ross Dainty, a daughter of Durham Ross and out of a 13,154kg Deslacs Milkstar dam. She was giving 36.2kg daily when sold to an undisclosed West Wales buyer.

Leading the cow category was the 2nd calver Radnor Blitz Seabreeze sired by Fustead Emory Blitz. She had been calved 6 weeks and giving 57kg daily. The vendor was R R Jones & Co of New Radnor, Powys, and the purchasers were B M Coombes & Sons Ltd of Wedmore, Somerset.

The same buyers paid 1,950gns for Bettiscombe Samuelo Pinkie from R E Bugler & Partners, Dorset. This second calver by Regancrest Mr Samuelo gave 8,750kg as a heifer and was giving 50kg daily.

Messrs Bugler also sold their calved heifer Bettiscombe Donnie Talitha, a Wardle Donnie daughter, to West Wales for 1,900gns. Their best three heifers averaged £1,942.50.

Averages:

22 calved heifers	£1,469.05
18 calved cows	£1,095.00
3 served heifers	£945.00
4 maiden heifers	£735.00
47 head	£1,229.84

Joint Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards and Norton & Brooksbank