

2,250GNS BRISTOL HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN

Prices peaked at 2,250gns at the Autumn Collective Sale at the Bristol Sales Centre, Easter Compton, Bristol.

Top price was paid for Dayhouse Shaker Dot, a calved heifer sired by Picston Shaker out of a 8,568kg Roylane Jordan, from G J & F L Robertson, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. The buyers at 2,250gns were G H & H C Morgan, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire.

The same buyers paid 2,150gns for the top priced cow, a 2nd calver from G J & F L Robertson, Dayhouse Igniter Dinki, which had recorded 7,488kg 4.78%F 3.35%P as a heifer. The Summershade Igniter daughter was off a 10,542kg 4.99%F 3.55%P Comestar Lee.

2,100gns was paid by B G & R M Coombes, Bridgwater, Somerset, for the calved heifer Goldenball Specialist Betsy sired by Joylan Specialist out of a Duncan Progress daughter. This was one of 18 calved heifers from Stowell Farms, Marlborough, Wiltshire, which averaged £1,793.75.

Spring calving cross-bred cattle from C & C Martin, Southampton, Hampshire, sold to 1,550gns for a Swedish Red cross Friesian 2nd calver to G H & H C Morgan. The same buyers paid 1,400gns for another Swedish Red cross Friesian 2nd calver, 1,400gns for a Jersey cross Holstein 3rd calver and 1,350gns for a Friesian cross Jersey heifer.

In-calf heifers sold to 1,370gns and bulling heifers to 800gns.

Brown Swiss stock bulls sold to 1,500gns and Holstein yearling stock bulls to 1,100gns.

The auctioneers were very pleased with their first collective sale at the Bristol Sales Centre attracting buyers from Carmarthenshire, Cheshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Pembrokeshire, Somerset, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. There was a very good commercial base to the trade with only one lot failing to sell. Milk was very much in demand with the trade for the in-calf heifers and bulling heifers being less buoyant.

Averages: 126 head at £1,059.75

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards