

2,750GNS TOP FOR GLAMORGAN HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

The dispersal sale of the pedigree Tranch herd of Holstein Friesians for Mike Rees attracted a very large crowd of buyers to his farm near Bridgend in the Vale of Glamorgan from all over South Wales and from the English Midlands and the West Country.

With the first two second calvers in the ring which had calved in June both making 2,500gns, the scene was set for a successful day's trading. Both were sired by Laurelhill Classic and purchased by the same Carmarthenshire buyer.

The top price of 2,750gns given by a Pembrokeshire buyer very soon followed for the third calver Tranch Dexter Rene which had recorded 10,113kgs 4.60%f and 3.29%p with her second calf.

Red and white cattle were a feature of the sale with the second calver Tranch Dominant Marie Red selling for 2,400gns to another Pembrokeshire buyer. The same buyer also took home the top priced incalf heifer calving next month Trench Arbour Marie Red from the same family.

Other September calving heifers sold at 2,100gns twice.

The youngstock sold particularly well. Maiden heifers sold to 1,220gns and heifer calves to 780gns with most of these destined for new homes in Devon and Wiltshire.

A total of twenty one cattle sold for over £2,000 and a notable feature of this sale was that there were very few first lactation animals but a large number of older cows.

Averages:

100 milking cows and heifers £1,800

(with 17 heifer calves at £582)

7 aged and faulted cows £1,049

9 in-calf heifers due Sep/Nov £1,937

16 in-calf heifers due Jan/Mar £1,503

4 recently served heifers £1,173

22 maiden heifers £998

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