

SWANSWOOD HOLSTEINS MAKE 1,450GNS TWICE

Two calved heifers sold for 1,450gns at the dispersal sale of the loose-housed Swanswood herd for Mike and Robin Moss at King's Norton, Birmingham.

The first to reach this figure was Swanswood Marshall Eclipse, a daughter of Ricecrest Marshall off a 9,775kgs Eros cow that had been calved 5 weeks and giving 25.4kgs daily. The buyers were S & A May, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Ricecrest Marshall was also the sire of the other calved heifer that matched the top price. Swanswood Marshall Janice was 4 weeks into her first lactation and giving 30.2kgs daily. Her Moet Martha Franchise dam's best note was 9,764kgs. Janice's new owners were Kemble Farms Ltd, the sale's principal buyer purchasing 46 cattle for their Thameshead herd near Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

The next highest priced calved heifer at 1,350gns was purchased by B Litchfield, Penkridge, Staffordshire. Swanswood Merchant Norma sired by Altagen Merchant was the daughter of a 11,022kgs Cogent Princetown cow.

Leading the cow prices at 1,320gns was Mima Natasha, a Formation daughter which had recorded 9843kgs in her 3rd lactation. She was giving 33.9kgs daily when sold almost 5 months into her 4th lactation and two weeks served by Lucente. Messrs S & A May were the buyers.

18 cattle sold in excess of four figures with in-calf heifers selling to 850gns, maiden heifers to 620gns and heifer calves to 340gns.

Averages:

24 calved heifers	£1,057.00
86 cows	£801.25
39 maiden heifers	£535.93

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards & Co in conjunction with John Earle & Son