

3,700gns TOP BID FOR WILLENHALL HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

The dispersal sale of the Willenhall herd of Holstein Friesians for Roger and Lin Edwards attracted a large crowd of buyers from both North and South Wales, the Midlands and Southern England to their farm just within Wales near Whitchurch, Shropshire.

The top bid of 3,700gns by a Warwickshire buyer was for Willenhall Drake Sophie 33, a daughter of Brabantdale Drake which was ten weeks into her third lactation after recording 9,966kgs with her second calf. At the time of sale, she was giving 65.5kgs daily.

The same buyer paid 3,450gns for another third calver Willenhall Allstar Amy 34 by De Su Allstar which had been calved six weeks.

The second calver Willenhall Yoda Megan 15 which had also calved six weeks ago was purchased by a Wiltshire buyer for 3,400gns. The same Wiltshire buyer paid 3,300gns and 3,000gns respectively for two February calved second calvers Willenhall Flowrider Jessica Lisa and Willenhall Yoda Jade 33.

Two second calvers which had been calved a month, Willenhall Brantley Lyn 57 and Willenhall Reginald Beth 99 sold for 3,200gns and 3,050gns respectively to the same Denbighshire buyer.

The February calved Willenhall Addison Sophie 39, the daughter of the top priced cow, topped the calved heifer prices at 2,600gns being purchased by a Wiltshire buyer.

The same Wiltshire buyer also paid 2,200gns for the top priced in-calf heifer Willenhall Spock Vire 10, the granddaughter of a 10,484kgs by Rosylane-LLC Spock and due later in the month to the Aberdeen Angus.

Seventy four cattle sold for over £2,000 in all of which eleven were over £3,000.

Averages:

138 milking cows and heifers £2,075

20 faulted cows £1,083

11 close calving heifers £1,927

12 served heifers £1,445

5 maiden heifers £802

Auctioneers:

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