

£2,730 TOP FOR GORDONEL HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS

The dispersal sale of the pedigree Gordonel herd of Holstein Friesians for Michael Oakes attracted a very large crowd of buyers from throughout the Midlands, Somerset and all over Wales. The herd had been moved from the farm at Rednal, Birmingham, to Market Drayton Market for sale convenience.

36 cattle sold for over £2,000 with a top price of £2,730 for a cow and £2,646 for a heifer.

The top price of 2,600gns was Gordonel Lighthouse Unit, a second calver sired by Westcoast Lighthouse which was giving 45kgs after calving in April. She had recorded 8,194kgs as a heifer and off a 11,137kgs dam by Gordonel Jewell.

Leading the calved heifer section at 2,520gns was Gordonel Grenade Blackose 37 which had calved in March giving 38kgs daily. Her De Su Allstar sired dam peaked at 10,815kgs.

Both section leaders were bought by the same Staffordshire buyer with another Staffordshire buyer taking home the second top priced calved heifer at 2,500gns, Gordonel Scenic Painy 32 had calved in May giving 36kgs and out of a 12,918kgs Delaberge Pepper cow.

Two other cows made 2,500gns, a fortnight calved third calver sold to a Pembrokeshire buyer and a week calved second calver by Secretariat went to a Denbighshire buyer.

In calf heifers carrying Longhorn calves peaked at 2,150gns.

Recently served heifers sold to 1,050gns, yearling heifers to 600gns and heifer calves to 480gns.

Jersey heifers sold to 1,400gns and 1,200gns.

Averages:

85 milking cows and heifers £1,903

5 Jersey cows £1,145

13 faulted cows £1,006

3 close calving heifers £1,850

27 served heifers £959

13 yearlings £546

4 calves £402

Auctioneers:

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