

FAMOUS COW FAMILIES DOMINATE THE BIDDING AT FRANKHAM DISPERSAL

A tremendous crowd gathered at Frankham Farm near Hexham in Northumberland on Thursday this week for the dispersal of Messrs E C Spence & Sons' old established Frankham herd. After 75 years of milking cows the family had decided to cease milk production and to sell the entire herd. Over 60 buyers were recorded from 18 different counties covering all parts of the UK with strong support from local breeders and from neighbouring counties.

The noted cow families such as Gail, Roxy, Doll, Charlotte and Flo created the greatest interest with the top price of 2400 paid for Frankham Vision Charlotte ET PI GP-83 2yrs (Lot 61). This young cow was due with her second calf in July and was the daughter of the top price at the Altanta dispersal sale in 2002. She joins the Carrock herd of Mr Stephen Brough and family from Dalston, Carlisle. Second top price was 2,200 guineas for one of 5 members of the famous Roxy family. Frankham Jordan Roxy PI VG-86 (Lot 93) was a milking heifer 6 months into her lactation and back in calf to Picston Shottle. She travels to Gwent in South Wales to join the Hillbarn herd of Mrs M Watts & Sons from whom John Spence had purchased cattle to restock after FMD in 2001. Earlier in the day this heifer's mother and sister made 1500 and 1250 guineas respectively and her daughter a 7 month old calf by Drake topped the heifer calves at foot section at 1050 guineas selling to Messrs H Wright & Sons for their Berryholme near Kendal.

Frankham Champion Alicia PI ET (Lot 134) descended from the famous Shoremar S Alicia Ex-97 was purchased by Cameron Baty, who provided the cattle fitting services for the sale, at 1800 guineas. This well bred heifer was due in October to Hartline Titanic and was out of a Silky Gibson dam that gave 12,600kgs in her first lactation. Frankham Sept Storm Doll PI (Lot 136) also fetched 1800 guineas selling to local breeders Messrs D W & J M Barber for their Pont herd. This heifer, in calf to Shottle for August, was from a very strong line of the noted Crudwell Dolls with her dam being an Inspiration grand daughter of the top priced Aerostar Doll Ex-93 that made 26,000 guineas in the Crudwell Dispersal 10 years ago.

Served heifers that were warranted in calf met a strong trade averaging out at £1,060 with the better sorts making nicely over a 1,000gns on many occasions. A large group of nearly 50 young stock averaged out at £600 with the calves at foot once again in good demand averaging £484 with 4 of the 23 making 600 guineas or more.

The 237 animals through the ring averaged £861 a life with 13 making 1500 guineas or more.



TOP PRICES

61	Frankham Vision Charlotte ET (GP-83 2yr)	Messrs Brough (Carrock)	2,400
93	Frankham Jordan Roxy (VG-86 2yr)	Mrs M.Watts & Sons (Hillbarn)	2,200
134	Frankham Champion Alicia ET	C.Baty (Tynevalley)	1,800
136	Frankham Sept Storm Doll	D.W & J.M.Barber (Pont)	1,800
90	Frankham Jordan Gloria (GP-83 2yr)	E.Moffitt & Son (Hunday)	1,700
103	Frankham Indro Burobis (GP-83 2yr)	A., D, M & S.J. Sanderson	1,700
110	Frankham Outside Wonder 2 (GP-82 2yr)	A., D, M & S.J. Sanderson	1,650
124	Frankham Indro Ruby	Joylan Farms (Joylan)	1,650
71	Frankham Leadership Ruby (GP-82 2yr)	Messrs Brough (Carrock)	1,620
143	Frankham Sept Storm Ethel	S.Paul	1,600
181	Frankham Shottle Gail	W.Wilson & Sons (Billies)	1,600
26	Brynhyfyd Storm Maureen Red 5 (Ex-90)	P. Waring (Winton)	1,550
30	Bricknell Estimate Roxy (Ex-90)	E.M. & E.Pattinson & Son (Ellengrove)	1,500
87	Frankham Gibson Gloria (GP-82 2yr)	Joylan Farms (Joylan)	1,500

AVERAGES

118 cows & calved heifers	avgd. £ 1,061-83
47 served heifers	avgd. £ 1,063-40
48 recently served & maiden heifers	avgd. £ 601-12
<u>213 lots</u>	<u>avgd. £ 958-36</u>

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