

RUSHES IN DEMAND AT GRINKLE

Three of the four top prices all came for members of the Rush family when Richard and Heather Thompson held a major reduction sale from their Grinkle herd of Holsteins at Sneaton, near Whitby, North Yorkshire. Fetching top price of 3,000gs was the stylish young cow Grinkle Topmark Rush, that has already given over 10,000kg in just 200 days of her second lactation. She was sired by the homebred Grinkle Topmark and now heads to Co.Tyrone, N.Ireland to join the Cleen herd of Maxwell Lendrum. Her dam, an Excellent heavy milking daughter of Fraeland Leadoff made 2,800gs to Donaldson Partners for their Barlees herd at Stokesley, and this cow's other daughters a freshly calved heifer by Sikkema-Star-W Modesto made 2,400gs to join Kevin Thomas's Allstar herd in Carmarthenshire.

Another Excellent daughter of Leadoff, Grinkle Leadoff Trixie, was keenly sought and Peter Waring had to go to 2,600gs to secure her for his Winton herd, near Beverley. Her granddam, Startmore Trixie had cost Richard Thompson 8,300gs when purchased at the Airies Sale in 1996, but gave over 100 tonnes of milk in the Grinkle herd and started a splendid family with several sons also being used. A good contingent of Cumbrian buyers was present, and cattle also travelled from Aberdeenshire to Kent, with Gordon Reynolds, Cranbrook, being the day's biggest volume buyer purchasing 43 head for his Reymerr herd. The young stock were a fast trade, reflecting the general shortage in this age group, and sold to 1,350gs paid by Andrew Jennings, Ripon for a six month old daughter of Mikes High-Fly Ed Asner from the Trixie family.

TOP PRICES			
39	Grinkle Topmark Rush (VG-87)	M.Lendrum (Cleen)	3,000
6	Grinkle Leadoff Rush (Ex-92-2)	Donaldson Partners (Barlees)	2,800
10	Grinkle Leadoff Trixie (Ex-90)	P.Waring (Winton)	2,600
99	Grinkle Modesto Rush	K.B.Thomas (Allstar)	2,400
32	Grinkle Topmark Periwinkle 3 (VG-85)	H.Buckley	1,750
97	Grinkle Modesto Trixie	R.Webster (Whitster)	1,750
12	Grinkle Figaro Nellie (Ex-90)	G & E. Stable & Son (Boltonmanor)	1,700
23	Grinkle Charles Empress Red (VG-86)	K.B.Thomas (Allstar)	1,700
30	Grinkle Charles Breeze (VG-85)	K.B.Thomas (Allstar)	1,700
43	Grinkle Topmark Nellie	G & E. Stable & Son (Boltonmanor)	1,700
59	Grinkle Charles Belle 2 (VG-85)	M.Lendrum (Cleen)	1,700
56	Grinkle Charles Makke 2 (GP-84)	K.B.Thomas (Allstar)	1,680
22	Grinkle Blackrose Periwinkle (VG-85)	G & E. Stable & Son (Boltonmanor)	1,650
41	Grinkle Kennsington Periwinkle (VG-86)	Alex Colquhoun Ltd (Bervie)	1,650
21	Grinkle Topmark Makke 3 (VG-87)	K.B.Thomas (Allstar)	1,600
31	Grinkle Topmark Figurine	H.Buckley	1,600
37	Grinkle Charles Trixie 2	J.M & J.Fisher (Mossrigg)	1,600
51	Grinkle Jordan Periwinkle (GP-82 2yr)	R.Webster (Whitster)	1,600

AVERAGES

72 Cows	£ 1,539.85
22 Calved heifers	£ 1,424.18
38 Served heifers	£ 1,028.28
22 Maiden heifers	£ 793.23
154 lots avgd	£ 1,290.68

Auctioneers: NORTON & BROOKSBANK



The crowds at the Grinkle sale



**Heather and Richard Thompson with top priced animal
Lot 39 at 3,000gs – Grinkle Topmark Rush (VG-87)**