

HISTORIC LAVENHAM HERD DISPERSED

One of the black & white breed's oldest herds, Strutt & Parker (Farms) Ltd's historic Lavenham herd was dispersed over two days at Beeston Castle Auction, following the company's decision to give up dairying on their East Anglian farms. A large company was in attendance, particularly on the first day, comprised of both breed enthusiasts keen to see this famous old established herd go under the hammer, and buyers from the length and breadth of the U.K wishing to acquire members of the famous families for their own herds. At the end of the trading animals had been sold to purchasers as far apart as Cornwall, Kent, Norfolk, Northern Ireland, Pembrokeshire and Scotland.

Despite the presence of many of the traditional cow families in the sale, it was the newer imported Holstein families that commanded the top prices. The major purchaser of the best cattle was John Young, buying for his Lanover herd near Abergavenny, who gave the top price of the two days of 3,200 guineas for the served heifer Lavenham Scariet ET. This Stouder Morty daughter was the result of an imported embryo from the famous Sunnyslodge Spottie family. He also purchased the top priced cow on the first day, the second calver Lavenham Kay 16 ET who cost 3,000gs and took her daughter by Morty on the second day for 1,700gs, the top priced maiden heifer. She was by J-L-G Grandslam and out of an Excellent imported Wridale cow. The purchased Designer Outside Leola 23, who traces to the Eranda herd made 2,700gs to the Drumchampel Estate Co, Brechin, Angus and Keith Pattinson of the Ellengrove herd, Carlisle, Cumbria gave 2,600gs for an Excellent Maughlin Storm daughter from the popular Can Ada family. The Sara family were also popular and Ian Williamson from Wardle Holsteins had to go to 2,400gs to acquire a Comestar Stormatic second calver, with an in calf heifer from the family by Comestar Lee making 2,200gs on the second day to R.D & J.Burridge, Norwich.

Averages:	203 cows & calved heifers	£ 1,211-32
	115 served heifers	£ 986-55
	169 rec served & maiden heifers	£ 621-86
	487 lots	£ 967-60

	TOP PRICES		
LOT	NAME	BUYER	PRICE
	COWS & CALVED HEIFERS		
120	L. Kay 16 ET (VG-86)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	3,000
130	Designer Outside Leola 23 (VG-85)	Drumchapel Estate Co (Drumchapel)	2,700
34	L. Can Ada 28 (Ex-90)	E.M & E.Pattinson & Son (Ellengrove)	2,600
170	L. Sara 6 (VG-87)	J.R.Williamson & Co (Wardle)	2,400
194	L. Tess 7	John Young Farms (Lanover)	2,400
36	L. Can Ada 34 (GP-82 2yr)	Messrs R.Paterson (Airfield)	2,300
35	L. Can Ada 33 (VG-87 2yr)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	2,100
29	L. Breeze 193 (VG-86)	L.A & A.E.Jones (Kalana)	2,000
30	L. Cactus 685 (VG-86)	L.A & A.E.Jones (Kalana)	2,000
55	L. Contented 373 (VG-87)	B. Lilburn (Hycrest)	1,900
78	L. Duchess 1077 (VG-86)	M & R.M.Lomas (Broomlea)	1,750
156	L. Precious 310	L.A & A.E.Jones (Kalana)	1,750
97	L. Grey 1799 (Ex-90)	Cambridge University Farm (Cantab)	1,700
113	Why-Not Dante Joan (VG-88)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,700
169	L. Sara 7 (VG-86)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,700
24	L. Berinze 3 (VG-85 2yr)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,650
41	L. Chancery 891 (GP-82)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,650
53	L. Contented 370 (GP-82)	Cambridge University Farm (Cantab)	1,650
149	L. Pansy 2 (GP-83 2yr)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,650
105	L. Grey 1822 (VG-86)	W.S.J.Pugh (Wallhope)	1,600
110	L. Ivy 3 (VG-85)	Messrs R.Paterson (Airfield)	1,600
43	L. Chancery 882 (Ex-90)	E.M & E.Pattinson & Son (Ellengrove)	1,550
198	L. Torch 416 (VG-85 2yr)	M & R.M.Lomas (Broomlea)	1,550
71	L. Duchess 1116 (G-78 2yr)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,500
143	L. Nancy 106 (GP-80 2yr)	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,500

	SERVED HEIFERS		
335	L. Scarlet ET	John Young Farms (Lanover)	3,200
278	L. Sara 8	R.D & J.Burridge (Dalharn)	2,200
267	L. Rubystone	B & L. Whitfield & Son (Alderbarrow)	1,700
349	L. Tess 11	Drumchapel Estate Co (Drumchapel)	1,700
289	L. Genie	P. Mercer (Sandringham)	1,500
277	L. Laura 14	S.W.Roan (Kippford)	1,450
284	L. Princess 39	C. Thomas & Son	1,450
	MAIDEN HEIFERS & CALVES		
478	L. Kay 18	John Young Farms (Lanover)	1,800
497	L. Fannie 398	B & L. Whitfield & Son (Alderbarrow)	1,620

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