

Cockador Dispersal peaks at 2,350 guineas on Cheshire Farm



Jim & Anne Baron decided to disperse their highly productive Cockador herd of Holsteins at Thatched House Farm, Dutton on Wednesday this week and concentrate on their poultry rearing business. The sale drew a large crowd with some 40 buyers from Cornwall to Scotland together with great local support.

The milking herd created wide interest with 8 making 2,000 guineas or more up to a peak of 2,250 twice. Cockador Messing Patsy VG85, a 2 month calved young cow giving 43kg was by Distinctive No Messing that was bred by neighbours Will & Louise Glenn. He had left several good cows in the herd and this fine animal joins the Distinctive herd along with 8 others purchased that day.

Messrs E.R Jones & Partners from Rhyl picked out 18 quality cows and served heifers including Cockador Mel Romeo GP82 at 2,250 gns. This daughter of Nathanvale Mel gave almost 11,000 litres as a heifer and was due with her 3rd calf in September. The strong trade for quality cows produce over 30 prices at 1,700 guineas or more. One of the main buyers were Messrs J.J & J.E Gerrard from Winsford who purchased 50 head at all levels.

The strongest trade of the day was for served heifers due before October. These averaged £1467 and peaked at 1920 guineas for a superb black heifer due in September by Farnear Haddy. She makes the long trek to Mevagissey in Cornwall along with 13 others purchased by John Colgrove for his Treworrick herd. Maiden heifers sold on a level trade making up to 760 guineas and calves at foot reached 440 guineas. The principal buyer of young stock were Messrs M & S.J Bell from Castle Douglas.

AVERAGES

163 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg. £1,408.03
26 Served Heifers (6m i/c)	avg. £1,467.58
45 Served Heifers (<6m i/c)	avg. £ 878.03
47 Maiden Heifers	avg. £ 533.71
281 Lots (inc 44 'A' Lots @ £312.61)	avg. £1,182.42
21 Empty, 3/4 or lame cows	avg. £613.50

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A full ring of keen buyers