

## Great sale to disperse the 100 year old Warrenscross Herd



**The Warrenscross type**

A determined and business-like crowd from almost 20 counties assembled at Copse Drove Dairy, Wiltshire on Tuesday this week to see the first class, 11,000 litre Warrenscross herd go under the hammer. Messrs S.W Maundrell Ltd had decided to sell the farms and dairy herd following the sad death of Godfrey Maundrell two years ago.

Excellent type and tremendous yields on 2x milking and traditional grazing drew interest from all parts of England & Wales. The herd is probably the oldest black & white herd in England with registrations recorded as far back as 103 years ago.

After a buoyant trade for the deadstock and dairy equipment the sale fizzed along at a brisk pace with cattle sold at 60 per hour. Leading the trade was the newly calved Warrenscross Silver Opal VG85, 7 weeks calved and giving 45kg daily. She made 3,200 guineas to Mr P.H.G Turner from Bradford-on-Avon who was the main buyer filling a large lorry of fine cattle for his Oxstallfarm herd. Mr Turner was back in the headlines with lot 152 – Warrenscross Sigma Rosebud, a February calved heifer giving 36kg by Wiltor Sigma who had left several very good animals in the herd. Rosebud was herd manager Simon Haines' favourite animal and sold for 3,100 guineas.

A total of 47 animals fetched 2,000 gns or more, 10 of which were served heifers.

Late summer / autumn calving heifers were as good a trade as we have seen for some time with an average of over £1900 and a Silver Helix daughter topping the section at 2,250 guineas. Winter calving heifers peaked at 1900gns and maiden heifers aged 4 – 22 months topped at 1,100gns twice with 12 making 4-figure prices. Heifer calves at foot sold up to 720 gns

Earlier in the day the New Holland T6.160 tractor made £40,000, the De Laval 24/24 parlour £33,500 and the 14,000 litre bulk tank £19,000

This was the end of an era for the family and staff but a grand day for those that attended. With the cattle looking in top form and 80 lots of surplus machinery etc, the benefits of selling on farm were once again strongly emphasised.

**TOP PRICES.**

<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>BUYER</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
115	W. Silver Opal 3 (VG-85	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	3,200
152	W. Sigma Rosebyd	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	3,100
140	W. Super Jean (GP-82 2yr)	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,600.
105	W. Shir Helen 9 (VG-86)	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,550
132	W. Shir Meryl 3	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,450
144	W. Silver Helen 10	J.R & S.M.Howie (Harmony)	2,350
78	W. Bak Helen 7 (VG-86)	C.J.Spiby	2,300
133	W, Super Meryl	A.R.Law & Son (Fryn)	2,300
134	W. Pen Daisy (GP-83 2yr)	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,300
136	W. Sigma Helen 3 (GP-82 2yr)	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,300
139	W. Super Alberta (GP-80 2yr)	P.H.G.Turner (Oxstallfarm)	2,300
166	W. Helix Daisy 2	O.Duthie	2,300
170	W, Sigma Meryl	O.Duthie	2,300
172	W. Sigma Helen 7	O.Duthie	2,300

**AVERAGES**

<b>156 Cows &amp; Calved Heifers</b>	<b>avg. £1,744.95</b>
<b>26 Autumn Calving Heifers</b>	<b>avg. £1,908.17</b>
<b>16 Feb 2021&gt; Calving Heifers</b>	<b>avg. £1,276.50</b>
<b>83 Maiden Heifers</b>	<b>avg. £843.80</b>
<b>281 Lots (inc 40 A lots @ £436.28)</b>	<b>avg. £1,467.19</b>
<b>1 Aberdeen Angus bull</b>	<b>£2,310.00</b>

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