

TRADE AS HOT AS THE WEATHER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE DISPERSAL

Having began their farming journey near sixty years ago, the Hanson family of Edward and Richard took the difficult decision to disperse their entire commercial herd of dairy cattle, on farm, at Hasthorpe Grange, Alford, Lincolnshire. This was a most genuine stock of cattle from the most genuine people, a none extreme herd of Holstein Friesians along with Monty and Shorthorn crosses, which displayed plenty of strength.

The sale was a dispersal in every sense of the word! Zero animals were pulled from the sale, which featured 226 cows and milking heifers, 2 Stock Bulls, 136 dairy heifers plus 102 beef cross stores. Every animal on the farm sold, even the horse had a lot number at one point!

A great crowd was in attendance once again, with over 40 active buyers gathered from North Wales, throughout the Midlands, Yorkshire, over to Cheshire and extensively into the South West. Joined of course by our MartEye viewers watching online. Right from the start there was an abundance of bidding, which continued throughout the sale for all groups.

The emphasis of the Hanson's has always been to produce cost effective milk, on a simple system with the herd extensively grassed when the weather allows. As a result, the herd displayed great longevity, and by Lot 90 we were still on 4th calvers. Topping the trade in the milking section was a De-Su Sony daughter who had freshened with her third in April, sold giving 43kg daily she was purchased by G Nicholls of Barnstaple, Devon for 3050gns. That same purchaser then paid 3000gns for a second calver daughter of Westcoast Ardor, giving 35kg having freshened back in March. Regular supporters PRF & EA Stone of Stone in Staffordshire also paid 3000gns on two occasions, both third calvers and March calved, one of which being an Innuendo daughter. Throughout the section over 40 sold in excess of 2500gns. Special mention to Messrs Cartledge of Shepton Mallet who purchased a pair of fresh heifers, sold together with the proceeds going to charity, selling for 2580gns each, being split between the British Heart Foundation and Bexley Wing at St. James' Hospital in Leeds.

Topping the days trading was a Limousin bull, Barleyclose Thomas born November 2022, purchased for 3700gns and bought locally by R & S Andrews of Scothern, Lincolnshire. Youngstock were a strong trade throughout, mostly Friesian and Shorthorn crosses with the strongest bullers selling to 1500gns, yearlings selling regularly from 1000 to 1200gns and heifer calves consistently sold from 400 to 600gns. Finishing the sale was a group of store cattle, predominantly Shorthorn and Friesian steers with the odd Aberdeen Angus. Selling to £1660 for Angus', £1510 for Friesians with the vast majority being born in 2025.

Full credit to the Hanson family for a lovely herd of honest cattle, we would like to thank Edward and Richard for their instructions and wish them all the very best in the future.

AVERAGES:

226	Cows & Calved Heifers	£2,066
94	Maiden Heifers	£984
42	Heifer Calves	£466
2	Bulls	£3,439

Auctioneers: Norton & Brooksbank