

LOTMEAD DISPERSAL SALE

Buyers from a wide area, including Cornwall, Cheshire, Somerset, Staffordshire and several West Wales counties attended the dispersal of the Lotmead Partnership's herd of Holstein Friesian and Crossbred Dairy Cattle at Wanborough, Wiltshire. The impending sale of the farm for development on the eastern edge of Swindon, brought to an end the contract farming arrangement between the Parry family and Jonathan and Josette Joseph who have developed and managed the herd for the past twelve years.

Top price was 2,120gs, one of 23 purchases made by Messrs P.R.F & E.A.Stone & Sons, Staffordshire. She was a milking heifer giving 42kg daily. They acquired many of the better lots including two other cows at 2,000gs.

Cows by Hartline Jareb sold well with R.Jackson , Llanfyrnach, Pembs taking a second calver at 2,000gs, and John Minshall, Stoke-on-Trent gave the same price for another, and also purchased the blended red & white stock bull Wyevalley Fame for 2,100gs.

Fame sired many of the best heifer calves at foot which sold for up to 620gs (twice) to Amble Dairy, who purchased over 70 head of young stock, bidding on the internet.

The sale also included a range of farm machinery and livestock equipment. The second hand machinery trade continues to remain strong with good prices throughout. Highlights included a 2017 JCB TM320S selling for £52,400 to a South Wales dairy, Pottinger forage wagon selling locally for £15000 and the Roka bulk milk tank selling for £18000 to a Cornish buyer.

AVERAGES

248 cows (all with faults included)	£ 1,378-21
28 served heifers	£ 1,047-00
57 maiden heifers	£ 674-21
74 heifer calves at foot	£ 377-01
2 bulls	£ 1,743.00
407 head	£1,078-06