

150 YEARS OF BREEDING AT BRIERYSIDE

Last Saturday, June 3rd, saw one of the largest crowds ever seen at a dairy dispersal as the Lawrie family dispersed their renowned Brieryside herd of Ayrshires and blended Red & White's. In glorious Summer sunshine, hundreds travelled to Sandyford Farm near Prestwick in Ayrshire to witness this prestigious event and attempt to acquire cattle from one of the worlds oldest established Ayrshire herds with over 150 years of breeding. The Brieryside prefix has, over the years, become synonymous with show champions together with production awards and has provided many breed leading bulls. Breeders and commercial dairymen alike, travelled from as far as Cornwall, Norfolk and the South of Ireland to see over 420 head pass through the sale ring ending in almost 100 different buyers providing a sale total of almost £1 million!

Leading the trade was lot 370, Brieryside Hail Miss Donald, a superb served heifer, due at the end of the year and ready to show at the highest level and when the hammer finally fell she sold to J McAlister, Isle of Bute for 8600gns. Next in line was the Holstein fresh heifer Arranview Diamond Abigail, a direct descendant of the great KHW Regiment Apple and bred from 9 straight EX dams. She sold for 6000gns and heads over the water to Mr John Allen & family, Co. Armagh. A further three animals made over £5000 with lot 190, B Awesome Magenta VG88, a really superb young cow, selling for 5800gns to the Bailey family of Audlem, Cheshire. Brieryside Hail is quickly becoming one of the most popular sires and it was his super fancy daughter Brieryside Hail Wren that provided much excitement amongst breeders. She went on to make 5600gns joining the Edenfields herd of Mr D Coulthurst, Preston. Another member of the superb Wren family also brought 5600gns. B Aladdin Wren makes her way to A & S Lawrie, Kinross. Lot 192 was much admired on the day and was a descendant of the great Barr Sandy Rose family. Due in July to Brieryside Hail, this lovely young cow sold for 5000gns to join the renowned Ardmore herd of Mr John Hunter & family in Northern Ireland who also secured lot 159, Brieryside Magic Swan for 4800gns.

Trade remained strong throughout the day and the sale ended with 72 animals making £3000 or more. Several volume buyers took advantage of the opportunity on the day with the Wilson family of Stranraer giving up to 4200gns for their load of over 50 cows whilst 41 milking cows and in calf heifers travelled as far as Cornwall to Messrs Colgrove, Newquay and were part of over eighty animals that sold to Somerset, Devon & Cornwall.

The sale ended with an average of almost £2400 for the milking herd with almost £2200 per life across all ages, a record average and the highest grossing herd dispersal in the history of the Ayrshire breed. A

truly memorable event and a day that will be regarded as one of the UK's greatest dairy sales.

LEADING PRICES

Lot 370	B Hail Miss Donald	8600gns	J Mc Alistair, Isle of Bute
Lot 271	A Diamonback Abigail	6000gns	J Allen, Co.Armagh
Lot 190	B Awesome Magenta	5800gns	R Bailey, Cheshire
Lot 154	B Hail Wren	5600gns	D Coulthurst, Preston
Lot 99	B Aladdin Wren	5600gns	A & S Lawrie, Kinross
Lot 192	B Awesome Sandy Rose	5000gns	J Hunter, Co. Antrim
Lot 374	A Denver Laurie	4800gns	J Allen, Co.Armagh
Lot 159	B Magic Swan	4800gns	J Hunter, Co.Antrim
Lot 200	B Winston Amelia	4200gns	Knockneen Fm, Stranraer
Lot 201	B Magic Sylvia	4200gns	J Gilmour, Maybole
Lot 236	A Chrome Glitz	4100gns	A Hutton, Ayr
Lot 51	A Medallist Kitty	4100gns	J McCauley, Co. Down
Lot 365	A KingDoc Tabitha	3900gns	D Coulthurst, Preston
Lot 226	B Awesome Evelyn	3800gns	Cowhill Trust, Dumfries
Lot 77	B Rock Patsy	3800gns	D & C Sanderson, Wigton
Lot 148	B Tick Patsy	3700gns	G & G Templeton, Ayr
Lot 191	B Awe Sandy Rose	3700gns	D Coulthurst, Preston
Lot 196	B Magic Pear	3650gns	G McCullogh, Stranraer
Lot 112	B Hardrock Duchess	3600gns	knockneen Farm, Stranraer
Lot 187	B Awesome Fine	3500gns	J & S Watson, Stranraer
Lot 281	B Hail Sandy Rose	3400gns	S Myers, North York's
Lot 31	A Jordy Abigail	3400gns	Laird Farms, Blythbridge

Averages:

284 Cows in milk	av.£2391.23
54 Served heifers	av.£2461.57
22 Maiden heifers	av.£1596.48
63 Heifer calves	av.£1106.17

423 Head £2167.49