

THE AIREBURN SELECT SALE

More than 600 people from throughout the UK attended Hesper Farm at Bell Bus, near Skipton, to celebrate the Moorhouse family's Aireburn herd winning last year's Holstein UK Premier Herd Competition. Following an inspection of this impressive herd a select sale of some of the herd's very best calved heifers and calves brought spirited bidding from local breeders and others from Cheshire, Northern Ireland and Scotland,

The sale kicked off with a super young cow from the Honey family, which is now the most numerous in the herd and traces to the late Sybil Edwards's famous Roybrook W Honey (Ex-95). Aireburn Mogul Honey 6 (VG-87), fresh with her second calf and purchased for 4,200gs by Messrs Garth for their Bowlandview herd,

The next animal in the ring proved to be the sale's top price with Angus Dean of the locally based Threshfield herd giving 6,800gs for the exceptional Aireburn Raven Dellia (VG-87 2yr), in her first lactation and back in calf for Christmas time. She is also from a famous family stretching back through a purchase from the Aldingham herd to the legendary Snow-N Denises Dellia.

Messrs Coulthurst from Goosnargh are no strangers this year to buying some of the best calved heifers on offer at auction and bought two more tremendous freshly calved heifers, Aireburn Homeground Aldina for 5,000gs and Aireburn Pepper Doll for 4,000gs.

Another Dellia by Stantons Adorable only calved the day before the sale, but looking full of promise, sold to Richard Danforth of the Richmark herd near Tadcaster for 4,400gs.

The calves selected were of the same superb quality and sold to 3,600gs for a Honey by Drouner K&L Chase, purchased by the Booth family for their Shawdale herd at Lothersdale, Keighley. Three more calves made over 3,000gs including a five month old calf from the Rilla family sold in aid of the Autistic Society and the Rob Burrow MND Appeal and purchased by Richard Danforth for 3,100gs.

The Moorhouses have always had a good demand for their young bulls and the yearling Aireburn Base made 3,400gs to R.D.Metcalf & Son, Harrogate.

TOP PRICES			
2	A, Raven Dellia (VG-87 2yr)	A.L.Dean & Son (Threshfield)	6,800
8A	A, Homeground Aldina	N.W & J.M.Coulthurst & Son (Edenfield)	5,000
12	A, Adorable Dellia	R.Danforth (Richmark)	4,400
1	A, Mogul Honey 6 (VG-87)	J & I Garth (Bowlandview)	4,200
10	A, Pepper Doll	N.W & J.M.Coulthurst & Son (Edenfield)	4,000
4	A, Redcarpet Honey 2 (VG-85 2yr)	R & E.Butterfield (Ingleview)	3,800
19	A, Chase Honey	D.E & M.A,Booth	3,600
8	A, Pepper Rilla	J.R & J.E.Griffiths (Coachgate)	3,400
18	A, Chase Lily	A.W.Hodge & Co (Kyleview)	3,400
37	A, Base (Bull)	R.D.Metcalf & Son	3,400
11	A, Samurai Bevin (VG-85 2yr)	J.Pratt & Sons (Studdah)	3,200
33	A, Yamaska Honey	M & A.Stonehouse (Norton)	3,200
34	A, Rubi Taz Rilla	R.Danforth (Richmark)	3,100

7	A. Basic Trifolium (VG-85 2yr)	G.W & M.Coates & Son (Bailmoor)	3,000
21	A, Renegade Lily	Firth Farming Ltd (Firth)	2,800
29	A, Luster P Dellia	R & E.Butterfield (Ingleview)	2,800

AVERAGES

11 cows & calved heifers	£4,142-73
23 yearling heifers & calves	£2,268-91
1 bull	£ 3,570-00
35 lots	£ 2,895-00

AUCTIONEERS: NORTON & BROOKSBANK

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