

Feverish trade at on-farm Cheshire Dispersal

Large volumes of milk drew large volume buyers to Nick & Rachel Jones' farm in Dodleston, Chester on Thursday this week with 49 buyers registered from all UK countries , ranging from Aberdeen, to Cardigan, to Worcestershire. A good crowd attended the sale and together with auctioneer's commissions and Marteye a great result was achieved.

The Dodleston herd of pedigree & unregistered Holsteins had the impressive herd average of 12,380kg on 2x milking and a calving index of just 385 days. Numerous animals were yielding in excess of 50kg daily with an average of 42kg on the day.

5 animals reached 3,000 guineas which appeared the limit on the day, with dozens making 27-2900 guineas. The 2,000 gn mark was soon reached with 6th calf cow fetching 2100gns. Several buyers needing lots of animals meant bidding was fast and furious and the 375 head went through the ring at 68/hour. Main buyer was Mike Phillips of Parcyrabbot Farms Ltd who took 38 head back to his farm at St. Clears, Carmarthen. A total of 117 head will travel across the border to Wales. The other prominent buyer of milking cattle was Grosvenor Farms from nearby Alford and they claimed 27 head.

Served heifers were a flying trade selling up to 2,550gns for a Radical daughter and maiden heifers peaked at 1120gns for a yearling by Westcoast Alcove.

An average of almost £2,000 a life was unexpected and Nick Jones was good enough to say he was delighted with the result. The cattle were a credit to him and his family and team on the farm.

TOP PRICES

Name	Buyer	Price
Dodleston President Freda 7	Baddiley Hulse Ltd	3000
Dodleston Hartley Jazz 40	Undisclosed Scottish Buyer	3000
Dodleston Trophy Dora 177	G.T.C Dodd (Longfont)	3000
Dodleston Grenade Lisa 10	Hoseley Farms	3000
Dodleston Radical Gwen 115	Grosvenor Farms	3000

Averages:	239	Cows & Calved Heifers	avg £2,373
	39	In-calf Heifers (pd+)	avg £2,053
	39	Recently Served heifers	avg £1,081
	31	Maiden Heifers	avg £ 846
	27	Heifer Calves	avg £ 532
	375	Head	avg £1,952

Auctioneers:
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