

RAPID TRADE AT HAZE DISPERSAL

Last Thursday saw almost 70 years of dairy farming come to an end for the Hayes family as their good Haze herd came under the hammer, on the farm just outside Belper, Derbyshire. With almost 400 head on the day, it represented the first large scale dispersal for a few months with buyers travelling from all over the Midlands as well as the South West in search of stock.

The cows displayed all the attributes being desired by modern dairymen with the milkers particularly showing great strength and power and with a herd average of over 11,000kg with huge constituents to go with it, it was easy to see the attraction from buyers. By the end of the milking herd, some 228 milkers averaged just a fraction short of £2000/ head including all faulted & three quartered cows.

Topping the sale were two fresh milkers, both selling for 3000gns. The first, lot 121, a fresh third calver by Apina Nadal, impressed everyone around the ring with her strength and phenomenal udder together with lot 193, this time a fresh second calver by ABS Boulder. Both sold to Messrs Heath, Red Earth Farms, Rudyard. Following close behind was lot 130, another fresh Nadal daughter approaching 50kg having calved ten days. She joined a superb load purchased by local producer Luke Neville from Matlock. In all over 30 milkers crossed 2500gns.

The sale also included the youngstock and whilst it seemed young heifer calves were good value on the day, the in calf heifers sold very well with many crossing the 2000gn barrier. Top of the heifers was lot 262, a daughter of Jo Dancer due in July, selling for 2100gns to Messrs Wayne, Ashbourne.

Full credit to the Hayes family and their staff for a superb herd of cows with management to match. We would like to wish John, Simon and the rest of the family all the very best in the future.

AVERAGES

228 cows in milk (including all faults)	- £1982.11
34 served heifers	- £1517.25
39 6m-1yr maidens	- £803.38
52 heifer calves	- £298.04

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