

Mayrain herd dispersed after 60 years of breeding

Following the sad death of Ian Miflin last year the family decided to sell West End Town Farm and put their good Mayrain herd up for auction. The herd of 120 milkers and 100 followers were sold on farm on Wednesday this week. 26 buyers were recorded from 13 different counties.



One of several red animals in the sale

The milking herd met a buoyant trade with plenty of individuals making into the high teens of hundreds with 8 at 2,000 guineas or more. Top price was 2500 guineas for a spring calving cow by Altaburner and bred from the noted Rosina family from Templedale. She travels to Staffordshire in a load of 49 secured by John Minshall for his Hemloe herd. This splendid group of cattle were of all ages and included the joint second highest prices of 2400gns paid for Mayrain Dubai Echo Red, a heifer 2 months into her first lactation and Mayrain Yamaska Helena 87, a fresh second calver giving 40 litres daily. The other main buyers were Messrs Cartledge who purchased 27 milkers for their herd near Shepton Mallet in Somerset.

The young cattle were a somewhat steady trade with strong calves at foot easily bought for around 300 guineas and autumn calving heifers peaking at just 1350gns. Yearling heifers were easily bought at 400-550 guineas with the best two fetching 600 gns.

Everything was sold and the moderate trade for youngstock after a good trade for the milking herd showed perhaps the lack of confidence by many producers in the immediate future. Our thanks to the Miflin family for their valued instructions and to all those who supported the sale.

AVERAGES: 114 Cows & Calved Heifers	avg. £1,505
44 Served Heifers	avg. £868
39 Maiden Heifers	avg. £405
48 Heifer Calves ('A' Lots)	avg. £327
<hr/> 245 Head	<hr/> avg. £985

Auctioneers: NORTON & BROOKSBANK