

BEST OF BB SALE

A good crowd gathered at the Baker family's farm at Kemeys Commander, near Usk for a sale of some of the best cattle in this exceptionally good, prizewinning herd. The cattle were widely dispersed with buyers recorded from Cornwall, Devon, Cheshire, Norfolk, West Wales, Scotland and Northern and Southern Ireland, as well as many sold locally.

In establishing the pedigree herd, Bev Baker sourced embryos from some of America's most noted cow families and animals from two of them, the Cleopatras and Memorys, were particularly popular with the leading prices coming from one or other of them. Top call of the day was 6,600gs, from David Leyburn of Lislea Holsteins, Co Armagh, bidding on Marteye, to secure the super stylish second calver BB Frazzled Cleopatra (VG-89), who traces to the famous Larcrest brood cows Crimson and Cosmopolitan.

The third calver BB Lambda Memory 2 ET (Ex-91) was also much admired and was purchased by Stowell Farms, Marlborough, Wiltshire for their expanding dairy unit under the Goldenball prefix, Owain Harries of the Eola herd, bidding by telephone, was in contention for several of the best lots and purchased a VG 2yo Frazzled daughter from the Memory family for 4,800gs, while a Frazzled Cleopatra went the way of Elwyn and Cheryl Thomas at 4,700gs for their Gatrog herd.

John Allen , Co Armagh, has purchased some of the best animals to be sold in the past couple of years and added two more to his Liskey herd, a Rubicon daughter from the Cogent Looking family for 4,500gs and a young cow from the Sheira family for 4,000gs.

Top price among the maiden heifers was 4,400gs given by David and Claire Jones for a Stantons Chief heifer out of BB Rhythm Memory 2 (Ex-92), arguably the best cow in the herd at present. She now joins their celebrated Wiltor herd.

The Baker family provided superb hospitality throughout the day, greatly adding to the enjoyment of the sale, and both firms of auctioneers would like to thank them for their valued instructions and wish the BB herd continued success in the future.

TOP PRICES

LOT			
98	BB Frazzled Cleopatra (VG-89)	Lislea Holsteins (Lislea)	6,600
86	BB Lambda Memory 2 ET (Ex-91)	Stowell Farms (Goldenball)	5,200
29	BB Frazzled Memory 4 ET (VG-87 2yr)	I.L.Harries (Eola)	4,800
102	BB Frazzled Cleopatra 6 (VG-89)	E & C.Thomas (Gatrog)	4,700
131	BB Rubicon Looking 3 (VG-86 2yr)	J.Allen (Liskey)	4,500
90	BB Chief Memory 9 ET	D.W & C.E.Jones (Wiltor)	4,400
166	BB Rubicon Celicia (VG-87 2yr)	Penraig Partnership (Forge)	4,400
34	BB Razor Memory (VG-87 2yr)	J.M & B.S Jones (Larchwood)	4,000
141	BB Luster Sheira 2 (VG-86)	I.L.Harries (Eola)	4,000
142	BB Esquire Sheira (VG-88)	J.Allen (Liskey)	4,000
32	BB Pharo Memory (Ex-91)	ML Farming (Crystalclear)	3,600
54	BB Rubicon Paradise (VG-86 2yr)	D & E.Davies (Llanllwni)	3,400
91	BB Renegade Memory 9 ET	I.L.Harries (Eola)	3,100
168	BB Frazzled Ghost 9 (VG-87 2yr)	I.L.Harries (Eola)	3,000

AVERAGES

97 cows & calved heifers	£ 2,561-13
93 maiden heifers	£ 1.323-00
39 heifer calves	£ 679-27
229 head	£ 1,737-82

AUCTIONEERS: NORTON & BROOKSBANK and NOCK DEIGHTON