

AMAZING TRADE AT ABERCOWIN DISPERSAL WITH PRICES TO 4,400 GUINEAS



A packed arena

Fears that the recent drop in milk price would severely impinge on the dairy cattle trade certainly proved wide of the mark when Messrs Morris dispersed their Abercowin herd of Holsteins on farm in Carmarthenshire. Numbering nearly 500 head, this exceptionally productive herd drew buyers from Devon, Cornwall, Cheshire, Shropshire, Wiltshire and Northern Ireland as well as throughout Wales, with many more bidding on line. The trade was exceptionally strong from beginning to end for all ages of stock with 478 animals going through the ring from older cows to newly born calves to average over £1,700 per head.

Two consecutive milking heifers shared the top price of 4,400gs, both being daughters of Bomaz Saige and both purchased by John Allen, bidding on Marteye, for his Liskey herd in Co Armagh. He also purchased both their heifer calves at foot for 1,800gs each, being the top price in this section.

Howell Richards and Son of Cwrt Malle Ltd were in determined form for many of the best younger cows and secured 36 head for their large herd at nearby Llangynog, their top purchase being a freshly calved ABS Rowdy daughter at 3,600gs

26 milkers were sold at 3,000gs or more, with a further 36 between 2,800 and 2,950gs. Among the purchasers in this bracket were several Northern Irish buyers; John Colgrove from Mevagissey, Cornwall, who bought 35 head in the sale, and Welsh buyers T.J & M.J.Lloyd & Partners, Crundale and Messrs Evans & Vaughan, Clarboston Road.

Late summer autumn calving heifers reached 2,500gs given by P.Wilson, Enniskillen for a Denovo Entity daughter, while maiden heifers reached 1,550gs for a Denovo Camaro daughter going to Alan Veitch of the Drumlone herd, Co Fermanagh.

We would like to thank the Clippaholics team for their usual tireless efficiency and wish David and Wendy Morris a long and happy retirement after a highly successful dispersal sale,

| TOP PRICES | | | |
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| LOT | | | Gns |
| 195 | Abercowin Saige Beauty (VG-85 2yr) | J.Allen (Liskey) | 4,200 |
| 196 | A. Saige Emily 2 (VG-85 2yr) | J.Allen (Liskey) | 4,400 |
| 234 | A,Yacht Beauty | J.Allen (Liskey) | 3,800 |
| 203 | A. Rowdy Tulip | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,600 |
| 198 | A. Entity Mary 2 (GP-82 2yr) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,400 |
| 224 | A.Persuade Beauty (G-78 2yr) | J.Allen (Liskey) | 3,300 |
| 148 A | A. Kenobi Chancery (VG-85) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,200 |
| 85 | A. Josuper Mona (GP-84) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,150 |
| 127 | A. Escape Mona (GP-81) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,150 |
| 136 | A. Escape Faith (G-78) | B.Gilmore | 3,150 |
| 97 | A. Amtrak Emma (VG-86) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,100 |
| 137 | A. Skywalker Maise (GP-83) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,100 |
| 164 | A. Kenobi Mona (GP-84 2yr) | K.Craig | 3,100 |
| 166 | A. Yoda June (GP-83 2yr) | Cwrt Malle Ltd | 3,100 |



AVERAGES

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| 219 cows & calved heifers | £ 2,423-05 |
| 86 served heifers | £ 1,876-57 |
| 56 maiden heifers | £ 1.047-38 |
| <u>117 heifer calves</u> | <u>£ 587-37</u> |

478 head **£ 1,714-25**

AUCTIONEERS: NORTON & BROOKSBANK