

Flying trade at Bendle Dispersal!
Top price – £2730!
60 over £2000!

The Dispersal of the Bendle Herd of Pedigree Holsteins was held at Exeter Livestock Centre on behalf of Messrs RG & GG Tucker & Son of South Molton. Trade was exceptional from start to finish on the milkers with several Welsh buyers as well as a huge crowd of buyers from across the West Country in attendance. There was 60 over £2000 and a top call of 2650gns for Bendle Winday 157, a heifer by Cogent Twist which had calved in January. Close behind at 2500gns was Bendle Betsy, a second calver by Sherdon Lord Condor which had calved in February and sold giving 45kgs. Three more sold at 2400gns for fresh second and third calvers with many of the best young cows and heifers making 2200gns-2300gns. In Calf Heifers were perhaps the trade of the day seeing exceptional demand with 14 over 2000gns to a top of 2050gns for Bendle Happy 72, a daughter of Sherdon Ghana which was due in July to Hereford. Other sold to 2000gns six times. Heifers calving between October & December met a much better than expected trade topping at 1850gns with many making between 1300-1600gns. Bulling Heifers met an easier trade although there were plenty of buyers for them but just at lower levels. Top call was 800gns for 4 9-10 month old heifers with other bunches to 740, 730 & 700gns on several occasions. A small number of weaned Heifer Calves sold after their dams and again looked decent value between 350-480gns. Overall the sale was an excellent result for the Tucker Family which produced the following excellent averages.

119 Cows & Heifers (inc all faults)	£1877
74 In Calf Heifers	£1477
31 Bulling Heifers	£739
25 Yearling Heifers	£678
15 Heifer Calves	£407
264 head	£1511 per life

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