

Yfarm sale achieves A* result

A fast and furious trade was seen at Exeter on Monday this week when the bulk of John Yeoman's high yielding Yfarm herd went under the hammer. The 550 head were sold in under 7 hours with 68 buyers attending or bidding via Mart-Eye from 16 different counties ranging from Cornwall to Cheshire, Carmarthenshire and Co. Armagh in N. Ireland. Every animal sold readily with plenty of keen buyers and returned an impressive average of over £1250 per head.

39 animals made 2,000 guineas or more with a top price of 2,800gns for Vaessensation VNS Maggi 78 ET EX90, one of several impressive animals imported from Luxembourg. She is by a Mogul son out of a Doorman dam and gave 13,200kg in her second lactation. She sold having calved in December giving 55kg and back in calf. She joins the Walkabout herd of Richard Gay & family who farm near Axminster.

Second top was 2,400gns paid by Tom Letts & Son from Bristol for Wowcow Brody August Red, a fresh calved heifer giving 34kg consigned by Ben & Lizzie Yates. The heifer is bred from 9 generations of Excellent cows.

The top priced served heifer was Yfarm Samovar Lulu who fetched 2100gns and goes to Seaton Farms in Cheshire. Yearlings peaked at 1650 gns and calves at foot reached 850gns with plenty making over 500gns. With a late, cold, dry spring and very little grass coming these youngsters sold particularly well

Several volume buyers kept trade hot throughout the day and the biggest load of over 50 travels to Mevagissey in Cornwall for Messrs John & James Colgrove.

These were quality cattle expertly managed by John Yeoman's team led by Ben yates & Jeremy Payne. The herd performance in all departments is a credit to them and the widespread interest in the sale was a fitting testimony with proof in the averages below.

AVERAGES:

311	Cows & Calved Heifers	avg.	£1,650
42	Served Heifers	avg.	£1,370
83	Yearling Heifers	avg.	£819
111	Calves (60 at foot)	avg.	£440
547	Head	avg.	£1,257

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