Huge crowd at Staffordshire On-Farm Dispersal!

Kivells & Norton & Brooksbank joined forces on farm in Staffordshire to disperse 440 head of Pedigree Holstein, Ayrshire & Jersey Dairy Cattle on behalf of the Bostock Family. This Sale was held in very short notice and within just two weeks a catalogue was produced and the Sale was staged in front of a huge crowd of buyers with a good contingent from the depths of Devon & Cornwall with others from South Wales, Lancashire, Shropshire, Cheshire and many local buyers as well as a strong Irish support on MartEye with 119 head making their way to Northern Ireland.

Trade far exceeded expectations, especially when it has been seen at lower levels recently which really proved the strength of having the Sale on farm and the ability to export. There were 37 milkers over £2000 to a top call of 2800gns for an outstanding young cow "Dubthorne Applicable Gloria VG87", fresh in July this Applicable daughter sold giving 41kgs to James Morton of Northern Ireland. Close behind at 2700gns was another third calver "Dubthorne Unix Leona VG87" from the great Laurie Sheik family, she sold to Giles Clark & Family of Leek. Also at 2700gns was the much admired Red Heifer "Dubthorne Awesome Apple Red VG86" a tremendous Awesome Red daughter from the famous Apple Family who had calved 10 months and sold swerved to Rubels, she sold to Messrs Gilmore of Northern Ireland. The best of the In milk heifers topped at 2520gns for "Dubthorne Drawler Dream VG85", she sold dry and due in November to Red Earth Farms Ltd of Leek who also bought a second calver at 2500gns. The best of the Ayrshires topped at 2250gns for "Sunrise Supreme Evette GP84" a daughter of Sandyford Supreme, she sold fresh in September with her second to Stuart Ford of Crewe who also bought "Sunrise Polly Realisation" another second calver fresh in August. Jerseys were very sought after and topped at 1700gns for "Glanmor Rufus Scarlet EX90" a third calver due in November to sexed Engineer, she sold to Julie Lee of Ackrington.

Youngstock sold exceptionally well with In Calf Heifers topping at 1700gns for an Ayrhshire "Sunrise Amzing Nellie" which sold due in February. Best of the Holstein Heifers topped at 1520gns whilst a Jersey heifer due in December sold exceptionally well at 1480gns. The majority of the In Calf Heifers were due in the spring and werem making between 1100-1300gns. Bulling Heifer also sold very well topping at 1550gns for "Dubthorne Meggie Red" a smart Red heifer from the Meggie family. 14 other heifers made over 1000gns with many others between 800-950gns. Yearling heifers saw a top of 1600gns for the Red daughter of the Apple heifer sold earlier in the sale, she sold to Alastair Shirt of Chesterfield. Other yearlings sold at 920gns, 880gns & 680gns. Heifer Calves sold behind their dams topped at 520gns twice with many between 350-500gns.

The following excellent averages were achieved.

Holsteins

169 Cows & Heifers (Inc all faults)	£1616
29 In Calf Heifers	£1192
65 Bulling Heifers	£821
29 Yearling Heifers	£606
57 Heifer Calves	£373

Ayrshires

31 Cows & Heifers (Inc all faults)	£1554
7 In Calf Heifers	£1320
18 Bulling Heifers	£922
12 Heifer Calves	£373

Jerseys

9 Cows & Heifers (Inc all faults)	£1458
1 In Calf Heifer	£1554
2 Bulling Heifers	£719
1 Heifer Calves	£441

438 head	£1174 per life

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