

7,100 GUINEA TOP AND MILKERS AVERAGE OVER £3,200 AT WILLSBRO SALE

It has been over 9 years since the last major sale from Wills Bros Ltd's Willsbro herd and in that time the herd has gone from strength to strength and boasts one of the finest dairy units in the country. Messrs Wills currently milk more than 1,300 averaging a remarkable 13,000kg at 4% fat with a calving index of under 400days. Genomics play a large part in their breeding policy and the benefits of this could be seen in the excellent display of quality animals on offer at their sale at Exeter Livestock Centre.

A great offering of young cows and calved heifers averaged over £3200, headed by a 7,100 guinea purchase by James McNeil of Cairnpat Holsteins for Willsbro Pepper Atlee 36. This much admired 88 point 2yo calved in April, was still giving 50kg daily and was back in calf with a scanned female calf by Sandy-Valley Excalibur. Mr McNeil has been buying many of the choicest lots in the auction rings this year and added two more super heifers to his load for 5,700 and 3,700 guineas.

John and Brian O'Connor from Kanturk, Co Cork have also been contenders for top quality cattle recently and, bidding by telephone, had to go to 6,000gs to secure Willsbro Lambda Pammy 247 ET for their Bawnmore herd.

Nearly 80 yearling heifers and calves were catalogued and sold to 4,000gs, paid by the Davis & Saxby Partnership for a Westcoast Lighthouse daughter of an Excellent-94 pointed 100 tonne cow. Jeff and Sian Jones, Caldicot, Monmouthshire secured a number of very smart calves, going to 2,600gs for a Claynook Miami daughter from the Ghost family and local breeders Messrs Hussell took another Miami from the ever popular Sara family for their Perrins herd.

Bull calves sold to 2,100gs, paid by Messrs Thomas, Pontardulais for a seven moth old son of Sandy-Valley Challenger from the Roxy family.

TOP PRICES			
Cows & Calved Heifers			
67	W. Pepper Atlee 36 ET (VG-88 2yr)	Cairnpat Holsteins (Cairnpat)	7,100
92X	W. Lambda Pammy 247 ET (VG-87 2yr)	J.O'Connor (Bawnmore)	6,000
36	W. Lighthouse Oralie 30 (VG-87 2yr)	Cairnpat Holsteins (Cairnpat)	5,700
51	W. Kimball Madison 7 (VG-87 2yr)	Messrs Hussell (Perrins)	4,000
70	W. Upright Rozelle 41 (VG-88 2yr)	Desmond Farms Ltd (Desmond)	3,800
1	W, Calumet Ashlyn 131 (VG-87 2yr)	Cairnpat Holsteins (Cairnpat)	3,700
38	W. Chief Lila Z 323 ET (VG-87 2yr)	H.O & S.E.J.George (Trigarn)	3,700
107	W, Shutout Lila Z 287 ET (VG-86 2yr)	G & M.Rudd (Jenkin)	3,700
86	W. Soundsystem Dolly 46 (VG-88 2yr)	S.R.J.Leyburn (Lislea)	3,400
69	W. Cardinals Rozelle 20 ET (VG-87 2yr)	R & M.Scott Nethervalley)	3,300
10	W. Outlast Pammy 238 ET (VG-86 2yr)	Trebersed Farm Ltd (Trebersed)	3,000
61	W. Calumet Lila Z 332 ET (VG-87 2yr)	G & J.Booth (Beechview)	3,000
101	W. Granite Roxy 251 (VG-86 2yr)	A.D.Freeston	3,000
103	W. Calumet Roxy 273 (VG-86 2yr)	Desmond Farms Ltd (Desmond)	3,000
Heifer Calves			
52	W. Lighthouse Madison 8 ET	Davis & Saxby Partnership	4,000
90	W. Miami Ghost 92	J.M & B.S Jones (Larchwood)	2,600
78	W. Miami Sarah 192 ET	Messrs Hussell (Perrins)	2,500
84	W. Copycat Caramel	Norbreck Genetics Ltd (Norbreck)	2,500

28	W. Emerald Roxy 368 ET	R.D Fleming (Hillhead)	2,400
66	W. Miami Aneeda 25 ET	J.M & B.S Jones (Larchwood)	2,400
6	W. Sidekick Ashlyn 251 ET	J.H.Neale & Son	2,350
18	W, Riverting Amber 2168 ET	Norbreck Genetics Ltd (Norbreck)	2,200
97	W. Challenger Pammy 380	G.T & A.M.Patton (Carrowcroft)	2,200
86A	W. Flowrider Dolly 86	J.M & B.S Jones (Larchwood)	2,100
98	W. Jones Pammy 362 ET	Katie Evans (Widdenham)	2,100

AVERAGES

39 cows & calved heifers	£3,263-08
78 yearling heifers and calves	£1,642-98
10 bull calves	£1,039-50
127 head	£2092-97

AUCTIONEERS: NORTON & BROOKSBANK & KIVELLS