

## Cattle travel far & wide from Exeter double dispersal sale

This interesting dispersal sale of Stephen Langdon's Salterton herd and herd manager Nick Kay's Opencountry herd, run as one unit on farm near Salisbury drew 56 buyers from the tip of Cornwall to Dumfries, Pembrokeshire & N. Ireland. Several of these were Marteye bidders and the auctioneers' commissions. The sale contained an inviting mix of top class pedigrees from noted cow families, sound productive commercial animals and a fine group of 160 young stock.

49 made 2,000 guineas or more, including 5 over 3,000 to a top of 4,000 gns for the superbly bred Opencountry Rubicon Atlee, a fresh calved heifer from an 18,000 litre Riverdane dam by Doorman. This special heifer has 3 VG sisters in the Ashlea herd and descends from the great Aitkenbrae Starbuck Ada EX94. She travels to Carmathenshire to join Elwyn & Cheryl Thomas's Gatrog herd. The load also includes the second highest price of 3800 gns for the superb Wiltor Modesty Cosmopolitan VG86 that gave 11,700kg as a heifer and sold back in calf to Lambda. Her Magnitude heifer calf topped the calf section at 1700 gns and her 5 ET daughters by Firebrand made up to 2,800gns as autumn calving heifers.

The Salterton herd produced 19 individuals at 2,000 gns or more up to 2450gns for a fresh Shamrock daughter giving 50kg daily.

Young cattle were not quite as brisk a trade as recent sales but still produced healthy averages and maiden heifers up to 1800gns and 9 served heifers topping 2,000gns

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Name	Buyer	Price gns
Opencountry Rubicon Atlee	E & C Thomas (Gatrog)	4,000
Wiltor Modesty Cosmopolitan 7 ET VG86	E & C Thomas (Gatrog)	3,800
Eastford Rubels Rae Red ET	G.E Sexon & Sons	3,200
Opencountry Grafeeti Dandy 2 VG86	David Coulthurst	3,100
Opencountry Kimball Sarra SP VG85	E & C Thomas (Gatrog)	3,000
Opencountry Kimball Emma red 2 ET VG87	David Coulthurst	2,800
Opencountry Firebird Cosmopolitan 5 ET	Buddleford Partnership	2,800
Opencountry Rubels Mist	Buddleford Partnership	2,800
Opencountry Firebird Cosmopolitan 4 ET	George Thomas	2,700

Averages:

### SALTERTON

87 Cows & Calved Heifers	av £1563
24 Served Heifers	£1190
15 Maiden Heifers	£ 641
21 Heifer Calves	£ 447
147 Head	£1249

### OPENCOUNTRY

67 Cows & Calved Heifers	av £1810
50 Served Heifers	£1757
22 Maiden Heifers	£ 885
29 Heifer Calves	£ 507
1 Bull calf	£472
169 Head	£1443

**316 head sold ave £1,352**

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