

ROSES ALL THE WAY AT ALIANN DISPERSAL

On a beautiful early September day in the Yorkshire Dales, a great crowd gathered at Hard Head Farm near Settle for the dispersal of Andrew and Alison Holgate's Aliann herd. Starting pedigree breeding after losing their commercial herd in the foot and mouth outbreak of 2021, many of the foundation females were purchased by Andrew's father John, with particular emphasis on top cow families. It was the impressive depth of pedigree allied to outstanding conformation, as evidenced by their classifications, that appealed to breeders from throughout the UK. Three previous reduction sales had been held from the herd and such was the reputation of how successful the cattle sold on those occasions had been that many people came back for more. This was not surprising given the location and terrain of the farm, but the Aliann cattle always look superb in their own surroundings and never better than on this particular sale day,

Most excitement was generated by the red and white members of the Red Rose family, started by an original purchase from the 2011 Willsbro Sale. Aliann Incredibull Redrose, a superb Excellent cow in her 4th lactation and her 88 point second calver Aliann Reeve Redrosie Red brought spirited bidding, but both were purchased by James McNeil for his Cairnpat herd at Stranraer for 11,000 and 10,000 guineas respectively. The top priced cow's year younger sister made 8,400gs to the Masson family's Ballacrocket Farm Ltd on the Isle of Man and another from the family topped the maiden heifer section, selling for 6,200gs to Clayton Barber, Nantwich, Cheshire.

James McNeil also secured the other joint sale topper, giving 11,000gs for the outstanding second calver Aliann Pepper Elegance, recently scored with a maximum 89 points and due again in November, when if all goes well she should become the 9th successive Excellent generation.

Alan and Leanne Paul, who were among the large contingent from Northern Ireland flying into Manchester on sale day, missed out on Elegance, but purchased another super Pepper daughter from the Lila Z family for 8,200gs.

The red show calf Aliann Attico Kitty Red is a granddaughter of the 13,000guinea sale topper in the last sale and subsequently highly successful in the show ring for the Jones's Wiltor herd. She was Champion Calf at the recent Garstang Show and Salvador Eaquierdo had to go to 5,800gs to take her back to his herd in Ayrshire.

Biggest volume buyers were Baliter Farms who took 16 younger heifers for their large unit in Wigtownshire; Martin and James Evans who bought 14 head for their expanding enterprise on the Welsh border and regular customers Messrs Coulthurst who purchased a dozen good young cows for their Edenfield herd at Goosnargh, Lancs.

The sale was a happy occasion and we would like to thank the Holgate family for their loyal custom over the past 20 years and to wish Andrew and Alison a happy retirement from dairy farming.

TOP PRICES			
35	A Pepper Elegance (VG-89)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	11,000
93	A Incredibull Redrosie Red (Ex-92-2)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	11,000
94	A Reeve Redrosie Red (VG-88)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	10,000
90	A Apples Redrose Red (Ex-91)	Ballacrocket Farm Ltd (Cairbre)	8,400
56	A Pepper Lila Z (Ex-91)	Slatabogie Holsteins (Slatabogie)	8,200
148	A Kaffeine Redrosie Red	Clayton Barber	6,200

53A	A Attico Kitty Red	S. Esquierdo (Glenmuir)	5,800
88	Leagh Triple T High O Poppi ET (VG-88)	Lislea Holsteins (Lislea)	5,200
98	A Secretariat Sara ET (VG-85 2yr)	C & S.A.Brassington & Son (Cracking)	5,200
144	A Allistar Centrepiece	A.L.Moore & Partners (Danevalley)	4,600
34	A Pepper Elegance 2 (VG-88)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	4,500
20	Wiltor King Doc Centerpiece (VG-86)	Lislea Holsteins (Lislea)	4,400
53	A Symion Kitty (VG-85)	J.B & J.B Lawson (Cockerbank)	4,300
35A	A Secretariat Elegance 5	R.MacAuley	4,200
52	A Crown Kite Red ((VG-87)	B & G.C.Donald (Linglane)	4,200
89	A O Kaffeine Poppy (GP-84 2yr)	Lislea Holsteins (Lislea)	4,200
95	A Reeve Redrosie Red 2 (VG-85 2yr)	E, Roper & Sons (Lymehouse)	4,200
122	A Crushtime Centrepiece	G.T.Borland (Mossbog)	4,200
41	A Elevate Elegant (VG-86 2yr)	J.B & J.B Lawson (Cockerbank)	4,000
49	A Pety Kite (Ex-92-2)	N.W & J.M.Coulthurst & Son (Edenfield)	4,000
61	A Crushtime Lilac (VG-85)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	4,000
132	A Lambda Caramel	C & S.A.Brassington & Son (Cracking)	4,000
15	A Elgar August	J.Allen (Liskey)	3,800
92	A Reeve Redrose Red (GP-81 2yr)	J.K.Sloan (Stairway)	3,800
160	A Rager Redrosie Red	Baltier Farms (Baltier)	3,700
47	A Crushtime Ghost (VG-85)	J.Allen (Liskey)	3,650
1	A Kingpin Caramel (Ex-92-2)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	3,600
10	A Elevate Caramel	J.B & J.B Lawson (Cockerbank)	3,600
23	A Uno Elegance (Ex-92)	Grasmere Holsteins (Grasmere)	3,600
91	A Redrascal Red (Bull)	P.Cranshaw (Stonybank)	3,600
95A	A Luster Redrosie	R.Thompson (Crabtree Nook)	3,600
141	A King Doc Celicia	C & S.A.Brassington & Son (Cracking)	3,600
62	A Abro Lilac (VG-86 2yr)	J.Burrow & Son (Stardale)	3,500

AVERAGES

105 cows & calved heifers	£ 3,131-50
43 served heifers	£ 2,736-10
28 recently served & maiden heifers	£ 1,498-13
64 heifer calves	£ 1,407-32
1 bull	£ 3,780-00
241 head	£ 2,416-00

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