**Great sale of 500 commercial cows on farm in N Yorkshire**

Simon & Helen Moon sold the milking portion and crop of summer calving heifers on farm near Gisburn on Tuesday this week and achieved an average of over £1500 a life. This was a top class herd of unregistered and unrecorded Holsteins in a TB4 area. Standards in type & production were excellent and buyers from all over the North of England as well as from Pembrokeshire, Somerset & Dorset took no less than 28 past the 2000 guinea barrier and to a top of 2500 guineas for a January calved daughter of Delaberge Pepper.

A number of ‘volume’ buyers kept trade on the boil throughout with 500 animals all sold individually at a rate of one a minute. Loads of 39 to Goosnargh, Preston, 51 to Harrogate, 36 to Pembrokeshire, 29 to Bridgwater, Somerset, 22 to Northallerton & 19 to Derby were the main buyers.

It was interesting to see that as well as the usual trend to pay a premium for fresh calved animals we saw plenty of autumn calvers – some warranted back in calf but not all – regularly fetching between 1500 & 1900 guineas.

The trade of the day was for the 36 served heifers which averaged £1,613 to a top of 2,000 guineas.

**Averages: 464 Cows & Calved Heifers avgd. £1,507**

 **36 Served Heifers avgd. £1,613**

 **500 Head avgd. £1,516**

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