

HUGE CROWDS GATHER AT BEESTON FOR SAXELBY DISPERSAL TOPPING AT 3000 GNS TWICE!

The dispersal of the noted Saxelby herd of Pedigree Holsteins took place at Beeston Castle Auction on Tuesday 6th March, the property of the family partnership of S & R & J Stafford who are long established in the world of black and whites, and renowned for superior type, production and very sound co families.

The catalogue was undoubtedly one of the best to be produced for a pedigree herd dispersal this year and the all round features of high yield and classification, good sires and cows families and tremendous production certainly brought the crowds in – the car park was jammed and the ring was heaving. Potential buyers had travelled from Scotland to Devon, Ireland, throughout Wales and from the Midlands and beyond with over 60 different buyers recorded and some 23 bids of 2000 gns of more.

Naturally enough it was the best animals from the best cow families that attracted the top bids. 3000 gns was achieved on two occasions, firstly for Saxelby Smurf Rosabel – a sensational daughter of Chartroise Smurf who had calved in September, carrying a pregnancy to Impression and is the 13th generation of cows scored in the top two grades. She was purchased by JG & CA Bayley, Warwickshire. Secondly at 3000 gns was a tremendous third calf cow, Saxelby Brady Amber (Ex91-4yr & SP), a daughter of Atwood Brady, sold fresh in December and giving 40 kg daily, she was purchased by Robert Butterfield for their noted Ingleview Herd at Lingham Farm, Lancaster.

Mother and daughter combination from the Sallie family followed next in the price list. Saxelby Dude Sallie was a 91 point 4 year old, who was fresh with her third calf. Backed by 12 generations of cows scored VG or EX and was giving a daily yield of over 50 kg, selling for 2800 gns and travelling to Lee Bro's, Co Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. Her daughter, a milking heifer, Saxelby Extreme Sallie (VG85-2yr) who showed all the great attributes of her mother, selling for the same price of 2800 gns, again to Ingleview Holsteins. 2800 gns was also paid for Saxelby Smurf Sallie (Ex90-4yr & SP), she calved in October and was still giving 40 kg and had been recently PD+ to Expander. She was purchased by Lee Bro's, Northern Ireland. The Patricia family, one which certainly helped put Saxelby on the map, saw 55 members pass through the ring, topping at 2700 gns for a (VG85-2yr), Saxelby Butler Patricia. This fresh second calved cow was a daughter of Brady giving 42 kg daily and was purchased by Midlands buyer B K Adkin & Son, Leicestershire.

Calves were a great trade from start to finish, topping at 1650 gns for Saxelby Upright Sallie, a 10 month old daughter of Morningview Upright out of a (VG85) Ralma Confirm, going to D N James & Co, Ceredigion. Doorman calves were keenly sought, topping at 1350 gns for Saxelby Doorman Amber, this three month old heifer, was out of the recently mentioned Brady Amber, and was purchased by A C Birkle, Dunge Hill Farm, Loughborough. Another member of the Sallie family then sold for 1300 gns, Euclid Sallie had a PLI score of £380, sold at 5 months old and travelling to Northern Ireland to A Mawhinney. A further 6 heifer calves were sold over 900 gns.

In-calf and served heifers, sold very well with plenty of competitive bidding. Topping at 2250 gns for Saxelby Contrast Patrica by Larcrest Contrast with 6 generations of VG/EX dams behind her, sold in-calf to Unix and being purchased by P J Waring, Beverley. 1800 gns was paid by Andrew McCauley, Northern Ireland for a daughter of Justice from the Rose family, calving in June to Unix. Another June calving Patricia by Constable sold for 1750 gns, again going to Ireland for Ian & Nigel Martin, Co Monaghan. Maiden heifers ended the sale, with trade just as firm as the heifer calves before them. Topping at 1180 gns for a 12 month old daughter of Fever, being purchased by Robert Butterfield, with a further 10 maidens selling for more than 900 gns.

TOP PRICES:

			GNS
Lot 41	Saxelby Smurf Rosabel (Ex91-4yr & SP)	JG & CA Bayley, Warwickshire	3000
Lot 52	Saxelby Brady Amber (Ex91-4yr & SP)	R & E Butterfield, Lancaster	3000
Lot 109	Saxelby Extreme Salle (VG85-2yr)	R & E Butterfield, Lancaster	2800
Lot 42	Saxelby Smurf Salle (Ex90-4yr & SP)	Lee Bro's, N. Ireland	2800
Lot 40	Saxelby Dude Salle (Ex91-4yr & SP)	Lee Bro's, N. Ireland	2800
Lot 72	Saxelby Butler Patricia (VG85-3yr)	B K Adkin & Son, Leicestershire	2700
Lot 143	Saxelby Contrast Patricia	P J Waring, Beverley	2550
Lot 87	Saxelby Doorman Primrose (VG87-3yr)	J Booth, N. Ireland	2450
Lot 58	Saxelby Atwood Particia (VG87)	P J Waring, Beverley	2400

AVERAGES:

127 Cows and Milking Heifers £1774.99 (including 63 Heifer Calves at £628.50); 41 Recently Served Heifers £1209.04; 27 Maiden Heifers £847.39.

WRIGHT MARSHALL of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.