

10500 GNS TOP BID FOR SUPERSTITION CALF AT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS SALE AT BEESTON

The Second Edition of the Northern Lights Sale organised by Cameron Baty attracted an entry of 57 Holstein and Jersey Maiden Heifers and Calves consigned by leading breeders.

The quality of the calves presented for sale was exceptional and many good prices were achieved but as is usually the case with these high flying sales there were also a few not sold, but again, as usual, it was the good calves with the best pedigrees that sold.

For the second year running it was an animal from Alan and Christine Watson of Cockermouth, Cumbria that topped the sale; their Lillyhall Superstition Bria, just born in February of this year and with a genomic score of +2188 that topped the sale at 10500 gns. She is a daughter of Charlesdale Superstition and is bred from 12 generations of EX/VG cows from the prices Melwood Betsy family. She sold with three Bull contracts and an embryo contract for eggs and was purchased jointly by the father and son team of Robin Baty trading as Northacomb Holsteins and Cameron Baty trading as Tynevalley Holsteins.

Matthew Wills of the noted Willsbro team travelled from Wadebridge, Cornwall with a lovely team of calves and for his effort was rewarded with an average of £4704.00 and the next two leading prices; their December 2010 born Willsbro Lila Z Altaross sired by Bosside Altaross is maternal brother to the No 1 Red Carrier Genomic bull in the world as well as to ten VG-2yr sisters. She sold with two bull contracts and a five embryo and realised 6900 gns to Mr & Mrs Mike Robertson of Horton, Bristol. Not far behind at 6600 gns was March 2011 born Willsbro Aftershock Sharon bred from 10 generations of VG/EX dams from the Sharon family that bred many great individuals including the noted Picston Shottle. She now makes the long journey to Spain joining the Ponderosa Herd of Agustin Romero.

Alan and Christine Watson were again in the money with the next top seller, Lillyhall Golden Christine, a December 2010 daughter of Goldwyn bred from 7 generations of straight Excellent dams and who was maternal sister to last years top selling heifer. She sold for 5800 gns to JD & ME Holgate for their Aliann Herd at Settle, North Yorkshire. Not far behind at 5400 gns was Woodmarsh Gerard Zandra 2nd, a daughter of Schillview Oman Gerard bred from 7 generations of VG/Ex dams and consigned by M & JC Gould Ltd of Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury. She sold with three bull contracts in a joint deal to Richard and Ruth Pilkington of Aintree Holsteins and Jane Arrell of Thistlerose Holsteins. A further 7 heifers made from 3000 to 4600 gns.

The top price Jersey was Rapidbay-UK Gorgeous Belle sired by Yellow Briar Heaths Guapo and bred from 5 generations of Excellent dams. She sold for 2200 gns to Michael Booth of Jersey Genetics, Co. Laois, Southern Ireland.

Embryos peaked at 600 gns for eggs sired by Ladys Manor PL Shamrock and Mr Chassity Gold Chip out of a maiden heifer by Million from the Ralma Caramel family

TOP PRICES:

			GNS
Lot 49	A & C Watson	Lillyhall Superstition Bria ET	Robin & Cameron Baty, Northumberland 10500
Lot 28	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Lila Z Altaross ET	Mr & Mrs M Robertson, Bristol 6900
Lot 55	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Aftershock Sharon ET	Ponderosa Holsteins, Spain 6600
Lot 30	A & C Watson	Lillyhall Golden Elegant ET	JD & ME Holgate, N.Yorkshire 5800
Lot 27	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Gerard Zandra 2 nd ET	Aintree Holsteins/ Jane Arrell 5400
Lot 52	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Destry Rose ET	DR & HM Horsley Ltd, Cumbria 4600
Lot 63	T H Roberts & Sons	Nobold Aftershock Licorice ET	Kingsclere Genetics, Newbury 4500
Lot 18	Cameron Baty	Tynevalley Latino Jodie ET	Undisclosed Welsh Purchaser 4300
Lot 7	N W Roberts	Dulais Damion Spottie	J A Patterson, N Ireland 3400
Lot 50	A & C Watson	Lillyhall Spearmint Bria ET	M Armour, Scotland 3200
Lot 57	Peak Holsteins	Peak Dusk Rhapsody	S J Ogden, Penrith 3100
Lot 11	W J Nadin & Co	Sterndale Goldwyn Rose ET	AL Moore & Partners, Cheshire 3000

AVERAGES:

33 Holstein Maiden Heifers and Heifer Calves £3256.59; 4 Jersey Maiden Heifers and Heifer Calves £1312.50; 29 Holstein Embryos £430.86

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