

Dairy (164)

A huge entry for the HSW Show and Sale week at Whitland dairy with 79 fresh calved cows and heifers and two consignments of pedigree Holstein Friesian youngstock comprising of 30 incalf heifers and 30 maiden heifers from the Caeremlyn Herd as well as 23 incalf heifers from the Deri herd. Kevin Thomas of the Coedwalter herd was judge for the show and sale and he had his work cut out with 4 classes to go through before whittling the quality down to his Champion and Reserve Champion of the day. Champion went to best heifer, Gwrda Applicable Mair, presented by Richard Lewis, Fronun Holsteins and Reserve Champion was second calver from the Boucher Family with Panthowell Freckle Lisa GP82.

Whitland prices remain strong, even though trade has undeniably toughened up. Top 20 prices were all over £1700 and the next 20 over £1500. Top price of the day was Show Champion, Gwrda Applicable Mair at £2000 with judge Kevin Thomas sticking with his top choice and taking her back to join his Coedwalter herd. Richard Hammett, Rhosfawr Holsteins had a cracking group of heifers and Maesymorfa Tregar Marie 53 topped his trade at £1900. Also at £1900 was Trefaes Allstar April from Richard Lewis, both heifers swiftly snapped up by Ceri Jenkins of Lower House. 3 animals went through at £1800. Reserve Champion from Panthowell topped the cow trade and two unregistered heifers, one from Richard Hammett and the other from Reynolds & Lawrence, Garndwyrain. Other leading prices saw Panthowell Star Meg GP81 at £1780; Reynolds & Lawrence sold a second heifer for £1750; Rowlands & Lewis with Llancourt Matt Princess 3 at £1750; Rhydsais McCormick Rosa £1750 from Rhydsais Farm Ltd; Geuffordd Lockley Sylvia VG86 2yo £1750 from Breeze Farms Ltd; Lintonfarm Altafirebird Daisy £1720 Richard Hammett; Fronun Pesky Dimple £1720 Richard Lewis; Beaconwood Cassius Primrose 58 £1720 Watkins Partners; Beaconwood He-Man Primrose £1700; Garann Dion Opal £1700 Cilfeithy Farm Services; Janke Pellow Snowstorm £1700 Richard Hammett.

Next up were two excellent opportunities to purchase some excellent heifers and some top breeding from two of the biggest names in the breed. First up were Tegwyn and Mary Davies with 30 incalf heifers from their Caeremlyn herd. This entry came with some very deep pedigree papers and some of the top family lines from the last 20 years. At the top of the incalf trade was Caeremlyn Cayle Lyme. Sired by Larcrest Lyme and bred from 9 generations of VG/EX cows she sold for £1550 and returned to familiar surroundings purchased by MA & AM Pinicombe, Henllan Farm. Another exciting prospect from Caeremlyn was Caeremlyn Silver Rhapsody by Seagull-Bay Silver and out of 10 generations of VG/EX including the Topmark Raider Rhapsody EX92 and sold at a snip for £1350. The Deri incalf heifers were next up and they were every bit as impressive selling to a top of £1350 twice for Deri Frances Lena and Deri Capricious 42. 54 incalf heifers averaged £1017. Back to the Caeremlyn herd and 30 maiden heifers again full of VG and Excellent dams with the 14 month Caeremlyn Dalliance Ghost a descendant of Ridgefield Storm Ghost 2 EX93(2) out of 10 consecutive generations of VG/EX cows. Larchwood Holsteins made the trip down from Caldicot and took her home at £1150. They also acquired Caeremlyn Silver Rose who's 9 VG/EX dams included Stookey Elm Park Blackrose EX96 cow at £750 while Caeremlyn Silver Butterfly out of 10 generations VG/EX of the Butterflys of Goldfoot and Grove sold for £800 to Rhys Jones, Brynmaen. The Caeremlyn Maidens averaged £524 and we are sure we will see them again in either show or sale ring in the future.

A well-bred bull was also forward. Caeremlyn Rhapsody Million was sired by England-Ammon Million and out of TEN straight EXCELLENT cows including Topmark Raider Rhapsody EX92 (3rd Dam). He sold at £1900.

Next Dairy Sales:

Tuesday 10th March – Herd Dispersal Part I, 200 cows from Astridge Farms Ltd

Tuesday 17th March – Collective dairy sale. Catalogue entries close Wednesday 11th March.

Tuesday 24th March – Herd Dispersal Part II, 200 cows from Astridge Farms Ltd

Calves & Weaned Calves (361) 10.15am

Whitland calf sale also broke new barriers with 332 calves forward. Bull calves sold to £300 and heifer calves to £280. A huge selection of breeds and types to suit all comers. Friesian bull calves continue to sell well averaging £47 and selling to an astounding top price of £208. Top of the day was a British Blue Bull at £300 from Smith, Pelcomb Farm. The top heifer calf was also a Blue at £280 from Carey, Coedwynnog who also sold a Hereford heifer at £225.

Less weaned calves entered this week but an entry full of quality. Three Charolais show steers from Harries, Wennant topped the day's trade at £820.

Contact Huw with your entries: Mobile: 07976 328177 email: huw@jjmorris.com or message JJ Morris Auctioneers on Facebook with any photos to start marketing your entries as soon as possible.

Breed Report

Bull calves

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Friesian | 47 | 208 | James Bros Enterprises Ltd |
| Shorthorn | 165 | 165 | Greves, Pentrecagal |
| British Blue | 153 | 300 | Smith, Pelcomb Farm |
| Hereford | 126 | 270 | Abel, Gallytllan |
| Aberdeen Angus | 102 | 185 | Hammett, Rhos Fawr |
| Charolais | 207 | 240 | Davies, Tirwaun |
| Limousin | 134 | 172 | Brynllan Ltd, Brynrhyd Farm |

Heifer calves

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Friesian | 79 | 82 | James Bros Enterprises Ltd |
| British Blue | 117 | 280 | Carey, Coedwynog |
| Hereford | 77 | 225 | Carey, Coedwynog |
| Aberdeen Angus | 85 | 258 | Smith, Pelcomb Farm |
| Charolais | 130 | 160 | Windsor, Forest Farm |
| Simmental | 166 | 210 | Evans A'I Ferched, Rhydhowell |
| Limousin | 93 | 148 | Evans, Henglos |

Weaned calves

Males

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|----------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Aberdeen Angus | 486 | 535 | Puw, Hafod Wen |
| Saler | 740 | 740 | Harries, Wennant |
| Hereford | 595 | 640 | Rowlands, Llanmarlais Farm |
| Charolais | 820 | 820 | Harries, Wennant |

Females

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Aberdeen Angus | 290 | 290 | Glanville, Llwynpinner Farm |
| Limousin | 317 | 430 | Lewis, Blaenmeillion |

Fat Lambs (260)

Whitland lamb trade deserves more entries. An average of 224ppk with highs of 270ppk and £130/head and many more lambs crossing over £100. Store lambs also selling to blistering trade averaging 207ppk with a top price of £116.50 (254ppk).

Averages

| | Ave. | Top. | Vendor |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Lambs 32.1-39.0kg | 216.78 (£76.30) | 270.00 (£89.00) | Jenkins, Woodpark |
| Lambs 39.1-45.5kg | 229.50 (£97.38) | 255.00 (£108.50) | Morgan, Myrtle Hill |
| Lambs 45.6-52.0kg | 233.56 (£113.65) | 249.00 (£128.00) | Jenkins, Woodpark |
| Lambs 52.1+ | 226.17 (£124.71) | 248.00 (£130.00) | Jenkins, Woodpark |

Cull Sheep (28)

Disappointing entry of cull sheep but a fast trade with grade 1 ewes averaging £67 and selling to a top of £120 from Thomas, Hendre Fach. Cull Rams sold to £80

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Calf and Weaned Calf Sales – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10.15am. Excellent selection of baby calves and weaned calves with good numbers and a strong trade in each section week in week out.

To enter or for any information call Huw now on 07976 328177.

Next Store Cattle Sale - Super Saturday 15th February 2020. To include the dispersal of the Llanmorlais herd of pedigree Charolais cattle from M Swistun. The best trade in the west without a doubt. Entries to Whitland Mart on 01994 240665.

Whitland Machinery Sale: Saturday 28th March, 10am