## Fast trade, fast pace at Wimboldsley dispersal

Last Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, saw one of the largest one day milking herd sales to take place so far this year as the high yielding Wimboldsley herd was dispersed on behalf of the Edge family, on farm just outside Middlewich. This 11,000kg herd displayed all the traits sought after by the modern day, large herd dairyman and the records showed management levels of an equally high standard.

Large herd, volume buyers travelled from far and wide and together with online bidders via Marteye, cattle travelled to Cornwall, Northumberland, Suffolk, South Wales, Devon, Somerset, Lancashire & all parts of the Midlands.

Trade was fast and furious throughout with almost 450 milkers sold in just over six hours. Once again cattle sold through the ring at one every 50 seconds through the whole day! Buyers were keen to fill lorries and kept the trade high from start to finish. By the end of the day over 170 head had crossed the 2000gn barrier with a top price of 2850gns paid twice for a pair of fresh second calvers by ABS Mayday selling to J W Thomas from Carmarthen and M Evans, Oswestry, respectively. The fresh second and third calvers really were a superb bunch with almost all fetching over 2000gns.

Trade continued through to the finish with many fresh heifers in the range of 2000-2400gns. Most pleasing was the demand for laying off cows due back next year with many in the teens of hundreds with the better ones easily crossing 2000gns. By the close of play almost 450 milkers sold to average £1917.00. It should be noted that this avereage includes all animals including three quartered & cows with faults.

## **TOP PRICES**

255	W. Mayday Fiona	M Evans, Oswestry	£2990
258	W. Mayday Admiratio	on J W thomas, Carms	£2990
284	W.Chamber Ruth	J W Thomas, Carms	£2940
285	W.Trophy Luce	J W Thomas, Carms	£2940
270	W. Bromley Rene	G Thomasson, Ches	£2835
301	W. Bestman Beauty	L Neville, Derbys£2835	
264	W. Hartley Damson	J W Thomas, C	arms £2835
320	W Jaguar Pansy	R Watkins, Pembs	£2780
222	W Jonas Sandra	T H Peacock, Ches	£2780
233	W. Daredevil Ada	T H Peacock, Ches	£2780

## Average – 440 cows in milk £1917.00

Auctioneers: NORTON & BROOKSBANK, Guest auctioneer Mark Davis, KIVELLS