

CROSSBRED CRACKER AT PRESTON DISPERSAL

The entire dispersal sale of Holstein's and Pro-Cross dairy cattle took place on farm at Grange Farm near Preston on Tuesday 16th August, on behalf of Oliver Melling & family.

Having moved more recently to crossbreeding with the introduction of Montbeliarde, Fleckvieh and Norwegian Red sires moving away from their registered Holstein's founded in the 1940's. This most interesting and genuine dispersal sale attracted a large volume of buyers, with 40 active buyers registered on the day from all parts of the British Isles.

Topping the days trading was a third calved Holstein by Larcrest Collude who had freshened in June, sold giving 34kg and purchased for 2450gns by volume buyer G Cashel of Co. Tyrone in Northern Ireland, who also purchased animals for 2300gns and 2220gns respectively. 2400gns was paid for a Sandley Pacific daughter who had recently freshening in her second lactation, selling to Nigel Morton of Co. Armagh in Northern Ireland.

Crossbred served heifers were a fierce trade selling up to 2000gns on two occasions, with several back end calvers selling in excess of 1500gns. Maiden heifers peaked at 1120gns twice, both three-way crosses, with heifer calves selling to 440gns for a two month old calf by Sandley Panama.

The great crowd once again highlighted the benefits of selling on farm, settled cows, direct export and flexibility for purchasers with transport. With special thanks once again to Wendy Young and her Clipaholics team for their expertise under challenging circumstances.

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| AVERAGES: | 141 | Cows & Calved Heifers | £1,529 |
| | 31 | Served Heifers | £1,368 |
| | 32 | Maiden Heifers | £682 |
| | 14 | Heifer Calves | £324 |
| | 218 | Head | £1,304 |

Auctioneers: Norton & Brooksbank