

HEYGILL HIGHS! AT GISBURN AUCTION

A packed sale ring at Gisburn Auction Mart witnessed the dispersal of David, Linda and Robert Cowgill's, Heygill herd of Holstein's on Thursday 6th March. Numbering nearly 200 head, this genuine and efficient herd drew buyers from Devon to Scotland, along with everywhere in-between. Trade was exceptionally strong from beginning to end for all ages of stock, with nearly a third of the milking portion selling for over 3000gns.



Run on a very simple system with the milking portion fed big bale silage and cake, a commendable herd average of almost 10,000kg was achieved from these robust, profitable and durable dairy cows, containing many super individuals.

A very level trade was seen throughout the day. Topping the sale was the fresh second calver Heygill Haze Carmen, sired by Rubi-Haze and giving 44kg daily. She was purchased by C Middleton & Sons, Clitheroe for 3900gns. 3700gns was then paid for Heygill Chief Carmen 3, a milking heifer sold back in-calf for June to sexed Parfect and purchased by S Forshaw & Sons, Preston. All through over 50 sold at 2700gns or more.

Youngstock were an electric trade throughout, emphasised by the first heifer calf through the ring, a 6mo Chase daughter selling for 1000gns. A handful of in-calf heifers sold to 2900gns for a June calving daughter of Chief, with recently served heifers readily selling for between 1500gns and 2200gns. Bulling heifers were in strong demand, topping at 2800gns for a Comestar Loyall daughter from the Ashlyn family. However the trade of the day was for the heifer calves, no fewer than 16 sold in excess of 1000gns, topping at 1500gns for Heygill Chief Mattie, a late July born Chief daughter purchased by S Forshaw of Preston.

Full credit to the Cowgill family for a superb herd of cows, we would like to wish David, Linda, Robert and family all the very best in the future. And to the Gisburn team for their hand work and efficiency in preparing the cattle.

TOP PRICES:

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Lot 53	Heygill Haze Carmen (VG85)	C Middleton & Son	3900
Lot 90	Heygill Chief Carmen (VG85)	S Forshaw & Sons	3700
Lot 82	Heygill Habitus Mattie 2 (VG86)	NW & JM Coulthurst & Son	3600
Lot 36	Heygill Sidekick Rosina 2 (VG86)	W Oldfield	3600
Lot 80	Heygill Chief Ada 2 (VG85)	L Neville	3500
Lot 72	Heygill Habitus Ada (VG87)	NW & JM Coulthurst & Son	3500
Lot 64	Hewgill Haniko Andrea (VG85)	NW & JM Coulthurst & Son	3500
Lot 59	Heygill Cyprus Edna (GP84)	S Forshaw & Sons	3500

AVERAGES:	108	Cows & Calved Heifers	£2,646
	6	Served Heifers	£2,100
	34	Maiden Heifers	£1,462
	33	Heifer Calves	£970
	182	Head	£2,094

Auctioneers: Norton & Brooksbank & Gisburn Auction Mart