

FORD ABBEY POLLED HEREFORDS DISPERSAL SALE

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“FLYING TRADE FOR FORD ABBEY”

- The dispersal sale on behalf of the “Ford Abbey Farm Business” represented one of the largest dispersal sales seen in Herefordshire for many years. With over 500 lots of top class farm machinery and 200 lots of Hereford cattle a huge crowd assembled estimated at over 2000 people.
- The machinery section peaked at £26,000 for a John Deere 6630 4wd tractor closely followed with a bid of £24,100 for a JCB 57 plate teleporter. A well maintained John Deere 6400 4WD 1996 sold at £14,750.
- A John Deere 582 round bailer went at £9,440 and a Keenan 140 bale handler sold at £8,800, a Twose triple roll sold for £4,000. A Marshall 105 muck spreader peaked at £3,720.
- A selection of farm trailers sold to £3,920 for a twin axel AW bale trailer. A Lemken 6 furrow reversible plough sold at £3,000.

CATTLE SECTION

The Ford Abbey herd represented a unique opportunity to purchase some of the country's top blood lines, this highly successful herd had succeeded in winning most of the major shows in the country and had been the inspiration of the late Dr. Albert Heijn who sadly passed away some two years ago.

The cattle ring was packed with very little spare room and a blistering trade ensued.

Top sale lot went at 6,800 gns being Ford Abbey Marina 4 a 2006 daughter of Dendor Unicorn who had a super November bull calf at foot by Moskaer Salute (Imp Semen) they went to "The Bounds" herd of the Weston family at Much Marcle, Herefordshire. The Westons also purchased the next lot from the same family this time the 2010 cow by the Otapawa Skymate semen she too had a bull calf at foot by Ford Abbey Energy for 3,000gns.

James Verdin, Lower Chadnor Farm, Herefordshire bought 3 lots to establish a new herd for himself and wife Tor peaking at 4,000gns for Ford Abbey Cinders 3 a 2007 Otapawa High Voltage daughter in calf to Slyk Apollo and with a April born heifer calf at foot by Ford Abbey 1 Energy.

Messer's Vaughan farms who around 25 years ago had the highly successful St. Marys herd of Hereford cattle also going back into Herefords bought 4 lots including Ford Abbey 1 Dolphin 3 a 2005 Unicorn daughter in calf to Slyk Apollo and a top quality bull calf at foot by WTK 37A Heston 017D semen for 3,000gns.

Several lots went to Southern Ireland with Matthew Goulding from Kilmore, Co. Kerry buying the in-calf Ford Abbey Emma Jane S13 another daughter of Otapawa High Voltage for 2,800 gns, his other purchase was the October born heifer from the same family line this time by Dendor Unicorn selling at 2,750gns.

Des Kelly from County Tyrone filled his lorry with 11 lots from all sections of the sale.

Averages for the sale

19 Autumn calving cows Av.£2,745 (Top 2,800gns)

5 Autumn Cows & Calves at foot Av £2,890 (Top 6,800gns)

27 Spring Calving Cows with calves Av.£2,072 (Top 4,000gns)

17 In-Calf or Calved Heifers Av. £1,367 (Top 1,750gns)

7 Bulling Heifers Av. £1,250 (Top 1,450gns)

10 Yearling Heifers Av.£1,434 (Top 2,100gns)

9 Autumn Bull Calves Av.£1,208 (Top 1,850gns)

8 Autumn Heifer Calves Av.£1,631 (Top.2,750gns)



Pictured above - McCartneys Auctioneers selling to a packed crowd