

Spring sale at Carlisle 2011

Sponsors – Dodd & Co Auctioneers- Harrison and Hetherington

Judge – John Ingle

Trade was flying at Carlisle for Blonde cattle; bids were coming thick and fast for the quality stock forward leading to a clearance of 90%.

7000gs was the highest bid taken from C W Shenton, pedigree breeder of Bridge Blondes from Cheshire for P Weightman and Sons eighteen month old Hallfield Einstein, (pictured below) a son of Blackwater Ainsley out of a homebred Ballygowen Noble cow who had taken the reserve championship in the pre sale show.



6500gns saw the champion of the show Doncombe Exodus (below) judged by John Ingle from the Tillbridge herd from Gainsborough Lincolnshire, travel to new blonde breeder Mervyn Thomas of B&M Thomas from Hereford. Doncombe Exodus bred by David Knight from Bristol sired by Rodleigh Voyager born 4/10/09 weighed in at 855kg going on to take the ribbons for Junior, Overall male and Supreme championship following in his half sisters footsteps; Doncombe Boheme who is the Doncombe herds show cow.



Hallfield Earl the second of the string of six Hallfield bulls from Peterlee, Co Durham all sired by Blackwater Ainsley sold to Colin Todd from County Down, Northern Ireland for 5100gns, weighing 877kg born December 09.

Gala Esquire bred by Jimmy Frame from Biggar, Lanarkshire saw the hammer fall at 3800gns. Sired by Shapfell Vimto out of Gala Utmost weighing 1000kgs, born 19/5/09. Esquire makes his way to join PJ & ES Rogersons Castleview herd in Appleby, Cumbria.

Champion Female of the show Ark Eve (below) bred by Alan Keith from Newcastle upon Tyne sired by Whistley Dollar out of an Genus Hugo cow born December 09 was swiftly sought after, reaching 2000gns bid by Nick Rogers of the Aaron herd from Presteigne.



The Reserve champion female Hilltop Flora, saw the second highest bid for females at 1950gns. Flora born May 2010 bred by A & C Stott from Corby, Carlisle sired by Shapfell Bongo and a grand daughter of Kinaston Nyle was smartly turned out for the show and sale by Kelly Stott, junior handler of the North of England Blonde club. Mr Donaldson was taking this smart young heifer home to join his Donaldson herd in Northallerton, Yorkshire.

Robert Wharton of Dodd & Co, who generously sponsored the show and sale, presented trophies following the classes and championships.

Averages

Bulls £3506

Females £1586