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Weaned calf buyers help beef up demand

CLEE, Tompkinson and Francis held the Annual Brecon & Radnor Weaned Calf Show and Sale at Sennybridge Market on Tuesday, October 20.

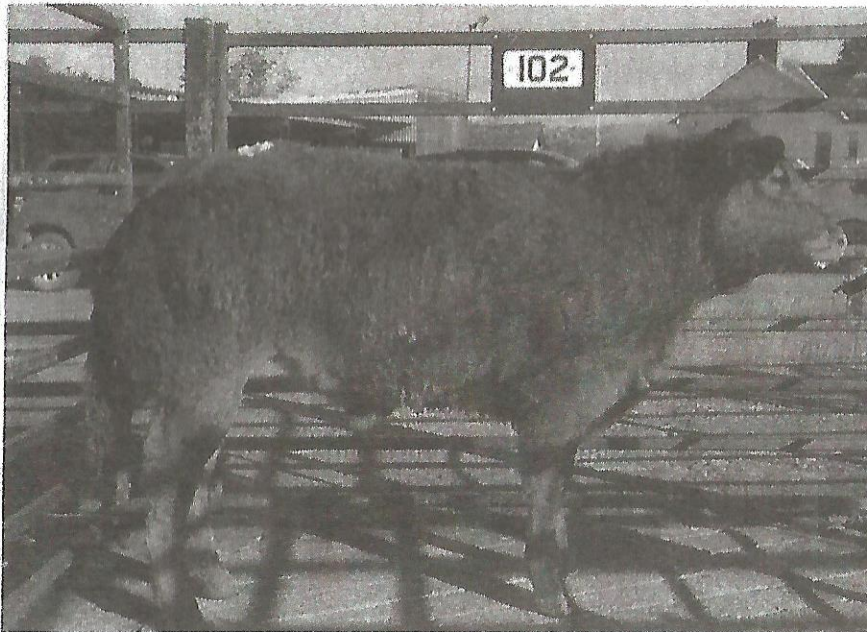
Declining fat cattle prices remarkably did little to dampen competition and a quality show of calves was met with firm demand by the usual large number of buyers from throughout the UK, with 45% of steers and 32% of heifers sold for in excess of £2.40/kg.

The favourable summer saw the average steer weight 23kg's heavier and heifer weight 27kg's heavier.

A gain of 48.55kg's (steers) and 57.59kg's (heifers) on 2013.

223 steers averaged £2.37/kg, level on the previous year but with a price per head of £934 achieved, £57 per head up on last years trade.

144 heifers averaged £2.39/kg, back 2p/kg on the year but with a price per head of £825 achieved, £55 per head up on last year's trade.



Weaned calf champion

Strong competition in the show ring provided a difficult task for the judge Mr Mike Guilding with some outstanding calves on show.

In the end top honours

were awarded to an exceptional steer shown by DG Lewis, Cefncoed Mawr, Pumsaint. Reserve went to a heifer from the same home.

Notable prices were as follows.

Steers:- DG Lewis, Cefncoed Mawr, 340kg, £1210, 356p/kg. I & W Jones, Upper Rheol, 300kg, £950, £3.17/kg. DG Lewis, Cefncoed Mawr, 325kg, £1000, £3.08/kg (x2). I &

W Jones, Upper Rheol, 340kg, £1030, £3.03/kg. Prosser & Jones, Blaenglyn, 320kg, £970, £3.03p/kg. DG Lewis, Cefncoed Mawr, 340kg, £1000, 294p/kg. CR Griffiths, Llwchisawel, 352kg, £1030, 293p/kg (x5). DR Price & Co., Garreglwyd, 352kg, £1010, 287p/kg.

Heifers:- Prosser & Jones, Blaenglyn, 230kg, £720, 313p/kg (x2). HE Havard, Cwmbrynich, 333kg, £940, 282p/kg (x3), 315kg, £850, £2.70/kg (x4). DG Lewis, Cefncoed Mawr, 370kg, £1000, 270p/kg. DB Williams, Gellidafolog (x4), 345kg, £920, 267p/kg (x4). I & W Jones, Upper Rheol, 330kg, £870, 264p/kg. Prosser & Jones, Blaenglyn, 300kg, £700, 263p/kg (x8). DS Thomas, Penwern, 297kg, £780, £2.63/kg (x7).

The sale was generously sponsored by Agri Lloyd, Caleb Roberts Insurance, Hay & Brecon Farmers, The Limousin Cattle Society and The Welsh Region of the Charolais Cattle Society.