

WEANED CALF PURCHASERS KEEP FAITH

Clee, Tompkinson & Francis held the Annual Brecon & Radnor Weaned Calf Show and Sale at Sennybridge Market on Tuesday 21st October. A 12 month decline in fat cattle prices remarkably did little to dampen competition and a quality show of calves were met with firm demand by the usual large number of buyers from throughout the UK. 40% of steers and 36% of heifers sold for in excess of £2.50/kg.

The favourable summer saw the average steer weight 25kg's heavier and heifer weight 30kg's heavier.

255 steers averaged £2.37/kg, back 21p/kg on the year but with a price per head of £876 achieved, only £12.50/head back on last years trade.

194 heifers averaged £2.31/kg, back 5p/kg on the year but with a price per head of £769 achieved, £54 per head up on last years trade.

Strong competition in the show ring provided a difficult task for the judge Mr Arwyn Pritchard with some outstanding calves on show. In the end top honours were awarded to an exceptional steer shown by sale stalwarts, PE & RA Jones & Co., Long Oaks, Penmaen, Gower. Reserve went to a heifer from DR Price & Co., Garreglwyd.

Notable prices were as follows.

Steers:- PE & RA Jones & Co., Long Oaks, 320kg, £1080, 338p/kg, 350kg, £1120, £3.20/kg, 300kg, £950, £3.17/kg (x2), 380kg, £1160, £3.05/kg (x3). GRD Lewis, Cefn Uchaf, 330kg, £960, 291p/kg. EI Davies, Plasnewydd, 320kg, £915, 286p/kg. Prosser & Jones, Blaenglyn, 305kg, £870, 285p/kg (x8). I & W Jones, Upper Rheol, 350kg, £980, 280p/kg.

Heifers:- Prosser & Jones, Blaenglyn, 288kg, £810, 281p/kg (x5), 275kg, £770, 280p/kg (x4), PE & RA Jones & Co., Long Oaks, 330kg, £890, 270p/kg (x5). Williams Bros, Llechart Fach, 288kg, £770, 267p/kg (x8). HE Havard, Cwmbrynich, 301kg, £805, 267p/kg (x12). TS Davies & Co., Nantiwrch, 293kg, £780, 266p/kg (x3).

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.