



The end of an era as the complete dispersal of Dalesend Holsteins is announced

For nearly 60 years the Dalesend herd has been synonymous with balanced breeding and long lived cows from tried and tested cow families, over the years the herd has achieved considerable success in the show ring, in herd competitions and in selling breeding stock. One of the worlds most famous cows today – Storm Maude EX97-5 E hails from this illustrious North Yorkshire herd, and family members from three lines of the family will feature in the sale catalogue.

With the farm sold the complete herd dispersal will take place on farm on Tuesday 22nd November 2011, commencing at 10am with joint auctioneers Harrison and Hetherington together with Norton and Brooksbank sharing the rostrum. The sale will feature some 300 head, with a fairly equal split of milkers and young stock. Although the sale has been a relatively sudden event the catalogue should appeal to commercial and pedigree producers; some 45 animals are due to calve between now and the end of the year and there will be 70 animals in their first and second lactations. Currently the herd is averaging over 9200kg at 3.96% fat and 3.23% protein with a Calving Interval of 405 days and a rolling cell count of 173 while being fed a simple diet of grass and maize silage with blend (no TMR) and out of parlour feeders. From a herd health perspective the herd is BVD, IBR and Lepto vaccinated as well as being part of the CHeCS Premium Health Scheme and being registered accredited free of Johnes. The catalogue has much to offer a pedigree connoisseur as well, over 25 EX and 50 VG animals sell, with over 30 GP's (many of which are heifers) and the herd is due to be scored before the sale. While talking about pre sale events its also crucial to mention the herd is in a 4 year TB testing parish and a routine test is due pre sale. Families such as the Pansy's, Marigold's, Unique's and Jessie's have been the herds mainstay since it was first registered by Jonathan Ropner and his father in 1952, they have been added to by good UK families such as the Queen's and there are lines of these families that run to seven and eight generations straight VG or EX. There are also many great examples of imported lines – alongside the Maude's are the Rosina's and Rosanna's (this years Royal Welsh and Dairy Event champion traces to Dalesend), as well as the Spottie's, Rena's, Gail's, Rose's, Kim's, Echo's and Amanda's.

One thing is for sure there will be a great day of opportunity dawn on Tuesday 22nd November at Newton Grange, Newton Le Willows, Bedale, North Yorkshire when the Dalesend herd comes under the hammer, profitable milk cows and fancy pedigrees will be there for those who make the trip and in the meantime further information can be sought from the farm website at www.dalesendholsteins.co.uk or by phoning farm manager Bernard Liddle on 01677 422706 or Sarah Liddle on 07710 795585.