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WORCESTER SIMMENTALS HIT 4,900GNS

The British Simmental Cattle Society's Inaugural Show & Sale at Worcester attracted a capacity crowd from across the country resulting in a brisk if somewhat selective trade and topping at 4,900gns.

The top call was for "Grangewood Eskimo" a first prize winning bull from AS & YA Leedham's Derbyshire based herd showing an EBV on his terminal sire index in the top 20% and secured by Atkins Brothers, Burrow on Trent, Derby. Messrs Leedham had a successful trip overall with their other bull "Grangewood Frontier" also having won First Prize in the preceding show and levelling at 3,500gns to DW Jones, Cardigan.

The First, Male and Overall Champion "Starline Edmund" from RH Widdicombe's Devon based herd found the trip north very rewarding selling at 4,300gns to Small Burn Farms, Elgin, Inverness.

Polled bulls were closely followed enjoying some spirited bidding and topping at 3,600gns for "Little Orchard Empire" from Mark Sallis by "Crackley Showman" out of a polled homebred cow selling to DA Marklove, Swindon, Wilts.

Females more than held their own and sold to a sharp demand in all sections. Top in the females was "Beanhill Carousel" a second calver with her bull calf at foot from James and Belinda Kimber's herd and offering a draft of their females she sold to 3,000gns to Mrs L Poulter, Newport, Isle of Wight. Mrs Poulter was a strong supporter of the sale and purchased two other cows and calves from the "Beanhill" draft at 2,600gns and 2,250gns.

The "Deerhurst" prefix was well to the fore with Tim Van Der Gucht's First and Female Champion "Deerhurst Estelle" an in calf heifer by "Denzies Amazon" and out of "Deerhurst Tabby" peaking at 2,650gns to J Bonham-Christie, Frome, Somerset.

A smart consignment from J Olds "Bosahan" Cornish based herd made a fruitful visit to the sale selling to a top of 2,500gns for an in calf heifer "Bosahan Electra Venus" third in the show and with a terminal sire index in the top 10% to J James, Pembroke.

The Cornish underlined a successful day when SA Gummow's "Killiworgie Dixie", another in calf heifer and first prize winner sold to 2,000gns to J Jerman & Co, Llandiloes, Powys.

Averages:

19 Bulls	av: £3,003.52
5 Cows & Calves/In Calf	av: £1,848.00
5 In Calf Heifers	av: £2,257.50

Draft Sales - Females

9 Beanhill	£2,059.16
11 Loxton	£1,651.36
6 Lopmede	£1,176.00
6 Bosahan	£1,512.00
3 Killiworgie	£1,634.50

Auctioneers

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In conjunction with Stags, Tiverton.



1st and Female Champion – Deerhurst Estelle – 2650gns



Top Priced Bull – Grangewood Eskimo – 4900gns



Top Priced Female – Beanhill Carousel – 3000gns