



Rosemead heifer sale tops at 7,980gns

The Rosemead sale, kindly hosted by the Stovold family on the 1 October, following on from the Youth Development Program (YDP) finals, was a great success with over 100 attendees and a fantastic show of heifers.

Managed by United Auctions, 42 heifers were forward for sale, including all the animals showed at the YDP finals, with a 50% clearance rate.

The average price for all heifers sold on the day was 3,500gns, with the highest bid for Rosemead Evelyn at 7,980gns, sold to Messrs M and J O' Hara, of the Glenade herd.

The next highest was 5,520gns for Rosemead Kalota Y487 which went to Michael Goddard and Arthur Grey of the Guston herd, followed by Rosemead Kim Y430 at 4,200gns, sold to S Marsh.

The majority of heifers were sold to members of the South East England and East Anglia clubs, with the furthest northern sale going to a buyer in Cheshire.

Angus Stovold, immediate past-president of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, highlighted the high-health status and temperament of the herd, noting that all heifers were exceptionally quiet and haltered trained.

He explained they had originally planned to retain the heifers for breeding within their own herd, so the sale provided a rare opportunity for buyers to acquire some high calibre Rosemead females.

"Due to our herd having a high health status, all the heifers shown at the YDP finals were from the Rosemead herd, so we felt it was the perfect opportunity to put some of these heifers up for sale the following day, and it was a success.

"It was a pleasure to host the YDP finals and it was great to see so many young individuals involved in the competition; the standards were really high signalling a positive future for the industry.

"The sale was a fitting culmination to a great weekend and we were really pleased with how it turned out, we felt it was a success," he explained.