

## Special Sale of Suckler Cows, Calves and Followers for John Coleman, George Wright Farms and John Little Farms Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

The bulk of the entry was consigned by John Coleman of Boxted, a tremendous supporter of Colchester Market throughout his trading career. He consigned 151 principally South Devon cattle including cows, calves, bulling heifers, stock bull and followers.

The stock was a credit to John's experience of buying South Devon cows over many, many years and which would have been a feature of grazing at Sudbury Marshes for many of those years.

The trade firm with 30 South Devon cows and calves peaked at £1,405 per couple, both for South Devon cows with their young heifer calves at foot.

Several younger cows and calves between £1,300 and £1,385. The best trade seen for the stronger cows with well-formed calves.

An older stock bull realised £1,090 to keep alive.

A run of empty cows trading to £1,090 a head.

An entry of strong 3 to 5 year old maiden heifers traded up to £1,350 with others at £1,300, £1,240 etc.

A feature of the sale the store cattle which saw 16 month old South Devon steers to £1,085, £1,005 etc. John also produced excellent young heifers with a 22 month old heifer fit to bull at £1,035 and a run of 16 month old South Devon heifers to £950. Younger stores from John saw 14 month old South Devon heifers to £860 and £770. South Devon steers at 9 month old £855 and 5 month olds to £580. 5 month old South Devon heifers to £550.

A few cull cows trading regularly from 110pkg to 130pkg and up to £1,210 a head.

George Wright Farms, Great Bentley, produced a run of pedigree and pure bred Hereford cattle and 2 year old Hereford heifers already running with a bull to £985. Pedigree Hereford calves, seventh calvers, £825, £810. Pedigree Hereford cows, second calvers, £870. Aberdeen Angus X cow, third calver with a bull calf at £1,095, with a Highland X cow and Hereford heifer calf at £890. 2 year old Hereford cow with heifer calf at foot £1,040. Three young yearling bulls all at £990.

John Little Farmers produced a good selection of pedigree Hereford cows and calves with a pedigree Hereford cow, third calver with Hereford bull calf at foot, £1,150 and £1,040. Cows of the same age with heifer calves £990, £980 etc. Pedigree Hereford cow, first calver with Hereford bull calf £1,000. Pedigree Hereford cow, Eighth calver Hereford cow with heifer calf at foot £1,190.

The same vendor also showing pedigree Hereford heifers, 18 month old running with bull, at £790, £775, £720. Pedigree Hereford from the same vendor, being a third calver again running with the bull, £805.

Considering the lack of grass and cost of winter fodder and bedding, a realistic return for most stock forward and our thanks to all vendors and buyers who supported this sale.