

Loose housed cows exceeding expectations at Peggs Mill Farm

John and Caroline Hooper's on farm sale of commercially bred Holstein Friesians attracted a buoyant crowd travelling from across the UK including Cheshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire.

The best quality cows and heifers saw a fast trade from start to finish with autumn calvers being the easiest to place. Top price of the day was a very tidy heifer due in August to her second calf for £1,869, with others comfortably following this trade between £1,700 and £1,800.

The in-calf heifers on offer, due from late July through to January needed the rain outside to try and cool the trade! Holstein Friesian types from Duko sold to £1,596, with the highly sought after Friesians by Chad closely behind at £1,575. 19 of the in calf heifers made upwards of £1,130 with an all in average of £1291!

Autumn 2018 born calves saw a more selective trade with Ayrshire X types at £452, with other stronger types comfortably over £400.

Averages:

Dairy Cows & Heifers	£1,104
(inc barren cows, etc)	£1,001
Incalf Heifers	£1,291
Bulling Heifers	£687
Autumn 2018 calves	£364
Angus Bull	£1,523
Holstein Friesian Bull	£1,680