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NORTHBROOK DEXTER DISPERSAL TOP AT 4,900gns

The dispersal of possibly the most successful Dexter herd in the breed recorded a resounding and highly successful result for Graham Hunt removing the herd from their home surroundings near Thirsk, Yorkshire to Worcester Market. The herd had won almost every conceivable award in Dexter classes across the country and had been Dexter Herd of the Year on three occasions.

The sale, supported by breeders from across the country recorded 19 four figure prices culminating in 4,900gns for "Saltaire Apple", classified Excellent 95 (the highest classification in the breed), the ten year old Stock Bull that had won 47 Dexter Championships and 2 Interbreed Championships being secured after strong bidding by Mrs C King, Swindon, Wiltshire for her "Avalon" herd. The same purchaser was very keen to secure other bloodlines taking the joint top price female "Needles Hall Agapanthus" a third calver having won Dexter Society Cow of the Year 2015 and winner of 13 Breed Championships in 2014, 2015 at a very creditable 2,600gns. The other joint top price went to the first lot in the sale "Eagleridge Roxy Lady" an 11 year old cow with bull calf at foot and the Dexter society's Reserve Cow of the Year on two occasions. She was taken by Mike Fraser, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland who took a further 4 purchases across the Irish Sea. A 7 year old red cow "Mansham Red Rose" with heifer calf at foot enjoyed brisk competition and settled at 2,000gns to L. Hampton, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. Quality was very much on the same purchasers mind when they took a Maiden Heifer "Northbrook Cassandra" at 1,200gns. A calved heifer, "Northbrook Carol" by Saltaire Apple with bull calf at foot found favour and was taken by M Bowles, Leicester at 1,700gns.

Another Stock Bull "Beechleigh JR" classified Excellent 94 and winner of 34 Championships and 2 Interbreed Championships was in great demand, the 9 year old finally realising 3,000gns to J & E Atreidees, Barnstaple Devon, a volume purchaser at the sale taking 17 animals in total. The Junior Stock Bull "Northbrook Thor" also classified Excellent 94 by Saltaire Apple levelled at 2,600gns to Miss L bell, Brackley, Northants.

Averages:

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| 15 Cows with calves | £1165.00 |
| 20 Cows/Heifers in calf | £945.00 |
| 24 Maiden Heifers | £515.81 |
| 5 Bulls | £2,7909.00 |

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