Busy Brook Gold Label Sale tops \$35,000

A huge crowd of Holstein enthusiasts from all parts of New Zealand and Australia were at the much anticipated Busy Brook Gold Label Sale held on farm, Duntroon, North Otago. Vendors Nathan and Amanda Bayne had all sale lots, the selling facilities and property presented to perfection to make for a wonderful sale atmosphere.

First into the sale ring was Busy Brook Doorman Hailstorm (Imp.ET), a 6 week old daughter of the two time World Dairy Expo and Royal Winter Fair Grand Champion RF Goldwyn Hailstorm, EX 97, 4 SBC. This one off calf created much competition and was finally knocked down to the famous Sherraine Holstein herd of Peter Sherriff and Family of Kaiapoi for \$35,000 a new record price for a calf in New Zealand.

Next top of \$18,000 was for lot 3, Busy Brook Wind Miss NZ (Imp.NZ) VG 85 on her 1st lact. This fine uddered young cow is a direct daughter of the 2012 Canadian Cow of the year and Royal Winter Fair and World Dairy Expo Grand Champion Eastside Lewisdale Gold Missy, EX 95, 27 SBC, she was purchased by Marshall Farms of Te Puke and was sold in calf to Beemer. The same buyers also selected Karatane Windbrook Rosa, VG 88 a top young cow bred down from Shoremar Can S Rosa, EX a former NZ Royal Champion and full sister to the great Al sire Talent at \$11,500.

Third sale top of \$14,000 was paid by C View Trust Ltd of Hawera for Busy Brook HH Fav (ET) this rising yearling by Hothouse is from an EX Millenium dam with 4.2% protein. The same buyers also selected Busy Brook SB May another rising yearling with a BW of 226 by FM Beamer at \$12,000, Busy Brook HH Bailey, VG 86, at \$10,000 this young cow is A2A2 and has an LW of 411 along with Busy Brook SB Faith at \$9,000 and Busy Brook SB Honey with a BW of 225 also at \$9,000.

Australian buyer Peter Fullerton returned to Busy Brook to purchase Busy Brook Free Dream, VG 87 at \$12,000, this top young cow boasted 4.5% protein. The Valendale herd of Taupiri were strong bidders throughout the sale, their selections included the super smart yearling Busy Brook Impress Anna backed by many gens of EX & VG dams at \$11,500, Karatane Planet Bettie a VG 89 young cow from an EX Shottle dam at \$10,500 and Busy Brook Beemer Kay another showy yearling at \$8,100.

James Ben-Canaan of Temuka paid \$11,000 for Busy Brook MTL May a bull dam by Lamont at \$11,000. Winton breeder Jonathan Shupe paid \$7,000 Busy Brook I Olive VG 88 who sold with Al contract interest.

The Selling agents PGG Wrightson, Cullen Marketing/media and guest Auctioneer report the following details –

13 cows av \$7769, 20 unjoined heifers av \$7535, 4 joined heifers av \$4125, 6 unborn calves av \$4400, 2 embryo packages av \$4250

45 lots gross \$303,200 to av \$6738