

FRIESIAN HEIFERS AT TAUNTON

The third annual show and sale at Taunton of British Friesian calved and down-calving heifers, the progeny of bulls standing at the Somerset Cattle Breeding Centre and Cattle Breeders' Services, attracted 165 entries from 35 breeders. The supreme champion cup for the second year running went to G. V. Philcox, of Sevenoaks, sold for 190 gns. Top price for a heifer and calf was 211 gns., from K. F. Darch, of Sidbrook, West Monkton, and top price non-pedigree heifer was 200 gns. for an entry from Mrs. D. M. Jeffery, Seavington. Messrs. R. B. Taylor & Sons, of Yeovil reported an average for 84 head of £148 19s 3d.

Awards: Pedigree or S.R. heifers in milk—1, 2 and 3, G. V. Philcox, (190, 170 and 170 gns.); non-pedigree heifers in milk—1, Mrs. D. M. Jeffery (200 gns.); 2, R. E. Terrell (165 gns.); pedigree or supplementary heifer in calf—1, P. H. Daniel (155 gns.); 2, D. J. House (150 gns.); non-pedigree heifer, in calf—1, T. & A. R. Beaty (125 gns.); 2, Mrs. D. M. Jeffery (170 gns.); 3, W. F. Snell & Son (105 gns.).

Other chief prices: Pedigree heifers 150 to 175 gns.; non-pedigree heifers 150 to 200 gns.; averages—44 pedigree and down-calving heifers £153 7s 10d; 8 S.R. calved and down-calving heifers £153 11s 1d; 32 non-pedigree calved and down-calving heifers £131 15s.

Non-pedigree: 200gns

■ A non-pedigree heifer shown by Mrs. D. M. Jeffery, Ilminster, Somerset, made top price of 200 gns at the third annual show and sale at Taunton, Som, of British Friesians by AI bulls at Somerset Cattle Breeders' Centre, Ilminster. It was bought by Mr. B. D. Southcott, Wellington, Som. Other non-pedigree entries sold to 170gns.

The champion, Mr. G. V. Philcox's pedigree heifer Flexcombe Flotijn 6th from Idehill, Kent, was taken at 190gns by Mr. I. W. Darby, of Wellington. The reserve champion, Mr. P. H. Daniel's pedigree heifer Davesborough Graceful 2nd from Bridgewater, Som, made 155gns. Overall average at the sale was £162 15s.

Auctioneers: R. B. Taylor and Sons.