

He's Fabio! Prize bull smashes world record as he sells for £126,000 at auction

- Pedigree Limousin was only expected to fetch £40,000

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A Welsh farmer had every reason to feel a bit bullish this week when his prize bull Fabio smashed a world record - selling at auction for a staggering £126,000.

Glyn Vaughan, who bred Fabio at his farm in Machynlleth, Powys, was stunned when the pedigree Limousin, which was expected to fetch £40,000, went for more than three times the estimate.

The beast - pedigree name Dolcorsllwyn Fabio - smashed the UK record for all breeds by £21,000 and broke the world record for a Limousin.



Record breaker: Limousin bull 'Dolcorsllwyn Fabio' with stockman Gerwyn Jones after he was sold for a world record price of £126,000 at an auction in Carlisle

Speaking after the sale, at a cattle market in Carlisle, Cumbria, 53-year-old Mr Vaughan said: 'When it hit £80,000, I hoped it would reach £100,000.'

'I'm not sure if I remember what happened after that.'

'It was completely unreal. It was a different world to what I and most breeders ever experience really.'

'I was very lucky that two of the wealthiest breeders in the country wanted him. It was unreal.'



Prime: Fabio smashed the world record at auction for a price paid for a Limousin bull

Although the winning bid by Alan Jenkinson, of Penrith, Cumbria, set a new world record for a Limousin, agricultural experts say the new owner will be able to quickly recoup the money for the 17-month-old bull through breeding.

The previous record for a bull in the UK was £105,000 for another Limousin, Haltcliffe Vermont, in 2006.

Mr Vaughan said of Fabio: 'He's been in excellent shape ever since he was small.

'He's a big fellow but very docile - we had to train him for the auctioneer's parade ring and he was a gent.

'There's always been something special about him.



Feeling bullish: Despite the eye-watering price, experts say Fabio's new owner should quickly recoup the £126,000 through breeding

RECORD PRICE: BUT JUST HOW MUCH BULL DO YOU GET FOR £126,000

The bidding war that ended with a price of £126,000 set a new world record for a Limousin.

For that money Alan Jenkinson is now the proud owner of 17-month-old Fabio, who despite not being fully grown weighs almost a tonne.

He is expected to hit 1.3 tonnes in his prime and will be helped along by his diet which includes more than 40lbs of cereal every day.

'I'm sorry to see him go but delighted he made so much money.'

It is not the first time Mr Vaughan has made it in to the record books however, having broken the Welsh record four years ago with another sale worth 32,000 guineas (£33,600).

On both occasions the father of three has been accompanied by his wife Nia, 50, at the auctions. He said: 'She was also with me four years ago when I broke the Welsh record, so I may take her to more sales.

'She definitely brings me luck - one or two other cattle breeders have asked if they can hire her for a day'.

Of all the main beef breeds in this country, the Limousin has the ability to produce more saleable meat in the high price cuts.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2103769/Prize-bull-Fabio-set-new-world-record-sold-126k-auction.html#ixzz29yrejl00>