



Champion British Blue Calf from Henry Knowles with Judge Stephen Wood

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

**w/e 19th January 2019**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**11.00 25-30 Dairy Cattle (Twice Monthly)**

**12.00 Noon 100-120 Rearing Calves**

**4.00 pm 1,500-2,000 Cast & Feeding Ewes,**

**6.00pm 3,000 Spring Lambs & Prime Hogs**

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# THE WINTER BLUES



JUDGES:-Stuart & Stephen Wood, Helmsley, York

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## CHAMPION (BRITISH BLUE BULL)

RR & JA Knowles £420

## RESERVE CHAMPION (BRITISH BLUE HEIFER)

RR & JA Knowles £420

## BEST BRITISH BLUE BULL CALF

1<sup>st</sup> RR & JA Knowles £420

2<sup>nd</sup> RR & JA Knowles £395

3<sup>rd</sup> DW Robinson £390

## BEST BRITISH BLUE HEIFER CALF

1<sup>st</sup> RR & JA Knowles £420

2<sup>nd</sup> RR & JA Knowles £465

3<sup>rd</sup> D & V Lawson £350



**Semex Beef**  
Building Better Beef

### Wednesday 16th January 2019 Rearing Calves 129 FORWARD

Breed	Top	From	Av
AA Bulls	£310	MJ Fell Ltd, Carnforth	£188
AA Hfrs	£220	Nicola Mason, Preston	£144
BRB Bulls	£420	RR & JA Knowles, Kendal	£282
BRB Hfrs	£465	RR & JA Knowles, Kendal	£270
FKV Bulls	£220	B & AC Barnes, Kirkby	£220
HER Bulls	£180	JP Mason, Bentham	£180
HER Hfrs	£255	Nicola Mason, Preston	£218
LIM Bull	£320	E & NJ Johnson, Giggleswick	£230
LIM Hfrs	£300	JM & AE Wallbank & Sons, Wray	£173
B+W	£225	J Huddleston, Brookhouse	£61

**Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander):-** A tremendous entry of calves this week, especially blues for The Winter Blues Show with 34 Bulls and 22 Heifers forward. Judges Stephen and Stuart Wood, Helmsley took charge of the pre-sale show, with Henry Knowles, Docker hard to beat, with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the bull and heifer class. His Bull also took the Champion Rosette and his Heifer stood Reserve, both selling to £420. It was his second prize heifer which hit the top price of the day, soaring to £465. Thanks must go to sponsors The British Blue Cattle Society and Philip Halhead of Norbreck Genetics, in partnership with Semex Beef. Away from the show all classes of calves sold to full value, considerably dearer than other local markets. Continentals £240-£270, with the next bracket £300-£355. Native bred calves up to £310 from Malcolm and Jo Fell with AA Bulls, the top end £210-£270 with plainer sorts £160-£180. The younger end of the natives around £50 dearer on the week. Dairy Bulls sold to £220 twice for Fleckviehs from Brian Barnes. Black and Whites to a top of £255 from John Huddleston with a Bull stirk, biggest rearing calves £70-£90 with the younger end £45-£62, averaging £61.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**CAST SHEEP– 709 FORWARD**

Breed	Top	From
BFL	£100.50	P Hallam, Horton in Ribblesdale
CTL	£140.50	RF Towers Ltd, Wray
HRD	£59.50	DJ & S Stainton, Kendal
MAS	£60.50	JH Thornhill, Stockport
MUL	£70.00	RF Towers Ltd, Wray
SUF	£108.50	JH Towers & Sons, Carnforth
ZWA	£70.50	JH & SM Mason, Clapham
CTL TUPS	£103.00	JH Thornhill, Stockport
HRD TUPS	£80.50	B Dickinson & Co, Kendal
GOATS	£69.50	B & F Staveley & Son, Clapham

**Auctioneer's Report (Stephen Dennis):-** Ewe trade easier on the week. Over fat sorts particularly Mules £3-£5 per head back with most either side of £60. Heavier Mules in the mid £60s topping at £70 for a strong pen from Frank & Sue Towers. The same vendors topped the sale at £140.50 for a Beltex x ewe. Continental ewes still good to sell with better bred sorts £100+. Lightweight horned ewes back on the week but a good show of horned ewes often £50-£60. Best rams £100+ for heavier sorts with lightweights harder to place.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**PRIME HOGGS– 1736 FORWARD**  
**Overall Average 189pkg**

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
<b>Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg)</b>			
BFL	£82.00	J Huddleston, Brookhouse	£70.00
Ctl	£107.50	R & J Mitton, Cold Cotes	£83.00
Hrd	£81.50	T & D Wright, Roeburndale	£68.00
Mas	£85.00	T & D Wright, Roeburndale	£77.00
Mul	£84.00	D & V Lawson, Bentham	£76.00
Suf	£90.00	I Holgate, Wigglesworth	£80.00
<b>Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg)</b>			
BFL	177.0p	S & P Parker, Bentham	173.2p
Ctl	245.3p	ST Birkett, Carnforth	201.0p
Hrd	184.7p	A & CM Taylor, Tatham	170.4p
Mas	191.0p	AB, RA & MS Woodhouse, Clapham	177.8p
Mul	190.8p	W & J Whitaker, Carnforth	178.4p
Suf	215.0p	JR Metcalfe, Thirsk	184.1p
<b>Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)</b>			
BFL	£78.50	MJ & G Taylor, Rathmell	£68.00
Hrd	£65.00	C & DA Fawcett, Sedbergh	£54.00
Mas	£53.00	JK Gorst & Son, Tatham	£53.00
Mul	£59.00	S & P Parker, Bentham	£59.00
<b>Top Price Per Kilo (Under 36kg)</b>			
BFL	250.0p	RF Morphet, Halton	204.9p
Hrd	185.7p	EM Metcalfe & Son, Bentham	162.8p
Mas	165.6p	JK Gorst & Son, Tatham	165.6p
Mul	173.5p	S & P Parker, Bentham	173.5p

**Auctioneer's Report (Stephen Dennis):-** A better trade for hogs than expected. Export weights (38kg-43kg) good to sell, regularly 195p-210pkg with better sorts 220p-240pkg. Lightweight hill bred lambs also good to sell. Heavier lambs easier on the week, more likely 180p-190pkg with overweights 175p-180pkg.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
**Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle**  
**SALE OF STORE HOGGS followed by**  
**MONTHLY SALE OF FARMERS STIRKS**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
**MONTH END DAIRY SALE**  
**Show & Sale of Newly Calved Dairy Cattle**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
**1<sup>ST</sup> WINTER SALE OF IN LAMB BREEDING SHEEP**  
Entries for Catalogue Close Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
**ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF DALESBRED PRIME HOGGS**  
On behalf of the Dalesbred Sheep Breeders Assoc. (Pens of 5)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
**Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle**  
**MONTHLY SALE OF SUCKLER BREEDING CATTLE,**  
**STORE CATTLE & FEEDING BULLS**  
**FEBRUARY SALE OF STORE HOGGS**  
Entries for Catalogue Close Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
**SUPER TWO CHALLENGE**  
Prizes for Best Pair of Prime Hoggs

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
**WYNNSTAY VALENTINES DAIRY DAY**  
**Wynnstay Show & Sale of Newly Calved Dairy Cattle**  
**ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF SWALEDALE PRIME HOGGS**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
**Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle**  
**MONTHLY SALE OF FARMERS STIRKS**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
**OPENING SALE OF SHEEP WITH LAMBS AT FOOT**  
**Weekly thereafter**