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Champion Heifer from J & I Whitaker realising £1950

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Tuesday 5th March CAST COWS 43 FORWARD

B + W to £1485 from J & N Ashton or 215p from A & AM Burrow
CTL to £1317 or 191p from D Cockett

Auctioneer's Report (Stephen Dennis): Cull cows very much in demand, all but two of the cows forward were dairy bred. The better end being in the 170s, next drawn down in the 160s and leaner types in the 130s and 140s. James Ashton topping at 179p/kg (£1485). Underage B + W heifer from Whinyeats up to 215p/kg. Beef bred cows up to 191p for a British Blue x from David Cockett, Ingleton.

Tuesday 5th March 298 STORE CATTLE			
BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
<u>BULLOCKS</u>			
AA	£1750	TD Inman, Crooklands	£1414
Blonde	£1740	S Hill, Slyne	£1520
BrB	£1700	TD Inman, Crooklands	£1390
Beef SH	£1500	RM Whitton, Cartmel	£1500
Charolais	£1820	P & JM Wilson & Son, Westhouse	£1422
Fleckvieh	£1220	F & E Harrison, Wray	£1187
Hereford	£1500	J & M Cockett, Ingleton	£1314
Limousin	£1880	P & JM Wilson & Son, Westhouse	£1454
Montbeliarde	£1220	CR & JA Both, Wigglesworth	£1211
Simmental	£1850	WK & R Harrison, Docker	£1427
B + W	£1490	TD Inman, Crooklands	£1176
<u>HEIFERS</u>			
AA	£1700	SW Thornber & Sons, Newton in Bowland	£1322
Blonde	£1430	S Hill, Slyne	£1430
Bazadaise	£1530	Mrs J Ewin Newhouse, Giggleswick	£1435
BrB	£2000	J & I Whitaker, Clapham	£1489
Charolais	£1500	J & M Cockett, Ingleton	£1117
Hereford	£1155	CP & VM Cowgill, Mewith	£1067
Limousin	£2100	J & I Whitaker, Clapham	£1477

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A good show of cattle forward for the March sale with trade similar on the month, the usual busy ringside of customers in attendance including a few additional faces from Cheshire, East Yorkshire and the North East, plenty of pens of cattle in forward condition with trade generally £1600-£1900 with longer term feeding sorts £1300-£1500. The best of the bulling heifers nicely sought after which included the annual consignment from J & I Whitaker, Bowsber topping the sale at £2100 with others to £2000 and close behind a pure Limousin from W & NL Baines to £1980. A strong demand for B + Ws with new customers ringside. Topping the section was a pair from TD Inman to £1490 with TH Atkins' consignment of 50 to a top of £1270.

March Show & Sale of Store Cattle

Champion	J & I Whitaker	£1950
Reserve Champion	J & A Lawson & Son	£1800

Best Heifer

1 st	J & I Whitaker	£1950
2 nd	J & A Lawson & Son	£1800
3 rd	J & I Whitaker	£1620

Best Steer

1 st	RG & H Preece	£1560
2 nd	RG & H Preece	£1560
3 rd	P & JM Wilson & Son	£1880



Reserve Champion heifer from J & A Lawson & Son realising £1800

Tuesday 19th March
Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle
**MARCH SHOW & SALE OF
FARMERS STIRKS & YOUNG STORES**
Entries for catalogue close Friday 8th March

Wednesday 6th March
Rearing Calves 71 Forward

Breed	Top	From	Av
AA Bulls	£415	J Lawson & Son, Bentham	£357
AA Hfrs	£320	J Lawson & Son, Bentham	£259
BrB Bulls	£475	AR Booth, Austwick	£379
BrB Hfrs	£420	AR Booth, Austwick	£326
Charolais Bulls	£505	K & A Duncan, Bentham	£505
Charolais Hfrs	£445	K & A Duncan, Bentham	£433
Fleckvieh Bulls	£380	HH & MG Robinson & Son, Slaidburn	£360
Hereford Bulls	£310	HH & MG Robinson & Son, Slaidburn	£310
Hereford Hfrs	£155	HH & MG Robinson & Son, Slaidburn	£155
Limousin Bulls	£375	WG & L Taylor, Burton in Lonsdale	£375
Limousin Hfrs	£360	JC Hodgson, Dent	£297
Simmental Bulls	£400	Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellet	£400
Simmental Hfrs	£375	Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellet	£361
B + W	£160	R & E Butterfield, Bentham	£115

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): An absolute flyer in the calf ring, no let up in the trade for the best calves, Charolais bulls to £505 from The Duncan Family, Mewith. Blue Bulls to £475 & £455 from Andrew Booth, Slated House. Best of the heifers to £445 for Charrys again from The Duncans. Best of the Angus bulls to £415 twice, firstly from John Lawson, Bentham and Mike Packham, Kendal. Younger calves up a notch, a run of 4-5week old Simmentals from Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellet to £400 for Bulls and £375 (x2), £370 and £355 (x2) for heifers to average £361. Dairy bulls to £160 from R & E Butterfield, other reared calves £115-£130 with the milky sorts £70-£92.

Wednesday 13th March
FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE

Wednesday 20th March
EASTER SPRING LAMB SHOW
SUPREME HOGG COMPETITION

Wednesday 27th March
FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE

Tuesday 2nd April
Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle
MONTHLY SALE OF SUCKLER BREEDING CATTLE & STORE CATTLE Inc.
BEST OF BRITISH for Native Bred Cattle

Wednesday 6th March

77 SHEEP WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Mule Ewes (S)	£185	JR & DL Ogden, Austwick	£185
Mule Ewes (T)	£250	JR & DL Ogden, Austwick	£224
Romney Ewes (S)	£215	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£215
Suffolk Shlgs (T)	£295	RJ & G Umpleby & Son, Killinghall	£293
Suffolk Ewes (S)	£245	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£243
Suffolk Ewes (T)	£325	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£307
Suffolk BM (S)	£220	RJ & G Umpleby & Son, Killinghall	£220
Suffolk BM (T)	£275	RJ & G Umpleby & Son, Killinghall	£275
Texel Shlgs (S)	£300	G & H Johnson, Bedale	£262
Texel Ewes (S)	£260	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£228
Texel Ewes (T)	£335	G & H Johnson, Bedale	£301
Texel BM (S)	£235	CC & DA Fawcett, Cowan Bridge	£225
Texel BM (T)	£315	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£308

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): A much better day with the ewes and lambs, a full contingent of buyers were offered a tremendous entry of sheep – reportedly one of the best entries across the Northern markets so far this season. Ian Johnson, Bedale, headed up the top prices with a Texel ewe and a strong pair of lambs at £335, singles to £300 or £150 a life from the same home. Michael and Elaine Dugdale's first consignment of the year kicked the sale off to a flying start, their best to £325 or £108 for a pair of Suffolk Ewes and twins. Their best singles to £260 for a Texel with a cracking Beltex Lamb. Plenty of other pens from the home £300-£315 for twins and £215-£245 for singles. Best twins would regularly be £300+, Henry Fawcett, Ireby at £325 for a Texel ewe with Twins, James Lawson, Parr Bank at £320 for a pair of Suffolks, Laura Eaton and Chris Slinger achieving £310 of their best Texel Ewe. Mule ewes from James and Deborah Ogden sold to a high of £250 for ewes sucking twins, the main of the Mules generally being buyable £74-£78 a life. Numbers growing every week, with towards 100 outfits already entered for next week.



CAST EWES

2962 Forward

Breed	Top	From
BFL	£135.00	JG & B Brown & Sons, Lofthouse
Cheviot	£150.00	RE & EA Barker, Arkholme
Cheviot Mule	£129.50	Rowland & Woodward, Hope Valley
Dalesbred	£88.50	J & M Whitfield & Sons, Wray
Easycare	£122.00	A & V Needham, Rivington
Gritstone	£105.50	JW Barker & Son, Airton
Herdwick	£84.50	IK & AM Grisedale, Milton
Mule	£133.50	RE Hewardine, Louth
SBF	£102.50	RJ Farming, Preston
Shetland	£80.00	D Ketteringham, Ashill
Suffolk	£197.50	A Brown, Burton in Lonsdale
Swale	£95.00	The Heath Partnership, Cheshire
Texel	£310.00	G Parker & Co, Clapham
Welsh	£84.50	MW & M Skidmore, Billingham
Woodland	£110.00	P Thorp, Halifax
CTL Tups	£255.00	RJ Farming, Preston

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Like elsewhere in the country, another large entry of cast sheep forward. Trade just under a little pressure with the edge just off slightly although all in all still a pleasing trade. Topping the sale was local producer of quality stock Carol Parker, Reebys Farm with a Texel ewe realising £310. Again the best £200-£260 with the heavy cross bred sorts £140-£180. Good sellers £110-£130 with lighter weight fleshy ewes £80-£100. Mules to £133.50 from RE Hewardine, Louth with trade for best pens generally £120-£130 and a size below £105-£115. Smaller and leaner pens £80+. Plenty of horned and other hill breeds making up the entry including a pen of 53 Welsh ewes from MW & M Skidmore, Wynyard to £84.50. Best horned ewes generally £85-£100 with a medium type ewe £60-£70 and plain £40+. A plainer show of cast rams topped at £255 for Texels.

Vet Attestation Numbers/ Farmer Self Declaration

Vendors, please note that the 4-month transition period which started on 13 December 2023 allowing farmers to 'self declare' will end on 12th April 2024. We therefore recommend that all non-assured vendors obtain a VAN.

ENTRY FORMS Please also note that all auction entry forms and the LIS movement license have been updated to include your VAN. These are available online or from the auction office.

On your first visit with a VAN please hand a copy of your Vet signed paperwork to the office (or email in advance) and ensure that you provide your VAN (number only) with EVERY consignment brought into the auction.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to give us a call on 015242 61444 or contact your vet.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PRIME LAMBS 5853 Forward
Overall Av 360.4p SQQ 356.8p

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	£220.00	W Oldfield, Gisburn	£192.00
Charollais	£200.00	J Bowling & Son, York	£154.00
Cheviot	£190.50	W Dixon, Cabourne	£152.00
Dalesbred	£152.00	A & MA Wright & Sons, Roeburndale	£127.00
Masham	£154.00	T & D Wright, Wray	£128.00
Mule	£177.00	JA & F Nutter, Clitheroe	£148.00
SBF	£156.50	L Broster, Huddersfield	£141.00
Suffolk	£200.00	JWB Livestock, Spalding W Dixon, Cabourne	£165.00
Swale	£160.00	D & V Lawson, Bentham	£119.00
Texel	£232.00	SP Woolhouse & Sons, Rotherham	£168.00
Woodland	£140.00	P Thorp, Halifax	£128.00
Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	489.4p	D Stainthorpe, Salburn	407.2p
Charollais	429.5p	George G Foster, Preston	366.4p
Cheviot	386.4p	SF & S Hartley, Newton in Bowland	362.4p
Dalesbred	313.3p	MB Fawcett, Burton in Lonsdale	302.2p
Masham	319.1p	MB Townley, Gressingham	303.6p
Mule	354.4p	MW & M Skidmore, Billingham	331.3p
SBF	354.6p	L Broster, Huddersfield	346.8p
Suffolk	373.7p	R Lamont, Duns	360.7p
Swale	355.8p	MA Mellor & Son, Little Hayfield	397.1p
Texel	468.8p	RH & MR Ireland, Whalley	370.4p
Woodland	349.5p	P Thorp, Halifax	332.2p
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Badger Face	£111.50	L Broster, Huddersfield	£111.50
Cheviot	£120.00	L Broster, Huddersfield	£101.00
Dalesbred	£114.00	MJ & A Carr, Horton in Ribblesdale	£99.00
Swale	£116.50	D Shirt, Edale	£98.00
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Badger Face	366.8p	L Broster, Huddersfield	366.8p
Cheviot	354.0p	Isle of Man	339.9p
Dalesbred	320.2p	MJ & A Carr, Horton in Ribblesdale	291.0p
Swale	327.2p	D Shirt, Edale	290.7p



Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Just shy of 6000 prime hogs forward and what a trade from start to finish with an overall average 360.4p achieved, a staggering 127.6p per kilo up on the year. Plenty of highlights throughout the sale and plenty of long prices too including the night's top price of £232 for a pen of 17 Texels from SP Woolhouse & Sons, Rotherham. Next up at £225 was T Hill & R Wright with locals Adam Brown and the Oldfield brothers topping their consignments at £220. Best per kilo came from a great run from D Stainthorpe with a pen of 21 Beltex to 489.4p (£208). In this week's sale, 155 hogs sold for £200 and above with 402 hogs selling from £190+. Leading averages included T Hill & R Wright £199.12, SP Woolhouse £193.43, W Dixon £187.79, CR Brittain £187.12, W Oldfield £187.10 and J Bowling £187.27. Best bred handy weights generally 400p+ with the extreme sorts 450p+. Best commercials 380p with a first cross hogg 360-370p. Heavy butcher hogs saw plenty, as previously stated, around £200 with any amounts of the commercial end £180-£190 with medium sorts £170+. Mules to £177 from JA & F Nutter with MW & M Skidmore best per kilo at 354.4p with trade for handier weights generally 340p and heavier sorts £160+. Over 500 horned hogs with best 340-350p and half meat-

ed types 310-330p. D & V Lawson topping per head with Swales at £160 with L Broster's pen of SBF to £156.50. Best meated light weights and more fashionable stores also in strong demand with a consignment from the Isle of Man to 402.7p.

DEFRA PRESENTATION

On Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

At The Royal Oak Sale Room

Richard Turner & Son

Bentham Auction Mart (LA2 7HF)

On Thursday 14th March 7pm – 9pm

Members of the Farming and Countryside Programme will provide an overview of both the SFI23 and SFI24 offer ([Environmental land management in 2024: details of actions and payments - Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](#) that was announced earlier this year, followed by a Q&A from the audience.

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) advisers will be on hand to provide guidance on how SFI can be used to enhance water and air quality on your Farm.

Members of the Animal Health and Welfare team will also be present to provide information on the Animal Health & Welfare Pathway ([Animal Health and Welfare Pathway - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)). If you are interested in signing up to this Pathway, team members will be on hand to assist you. Please bring your CRN (Customer Reference Number) issued by the RPA and password to sign in with you.

To register your interest please sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/defra-sustainable-farming-incentive-sfi24-bentham-auction-mart-tickets-856746199947>

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