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**Texel Ewe tops the sale at £350
from Riverside Livestock Ltd**

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FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF STORE HOGGS

2456 FORWARD

Overall Av. £114.53

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Beltex	£172.00	J & G Sinclair, Heriot	£140.00
BFL	£143.00	J & G Sinclair, Heriot	£140.00
Cheviot	£143.50	M & C Booth, Kentmere	£135.00
Cheviot Mule	£139.00	G Wilson, Hawick	£123.00
Dalesbred	£111.00	MJ Alpe & Sons, Whitewell	£99.00
Dorset	£140.00	Morris Eyton & Son, Millom	£117.00
Easycare	£134.50	J Waddington, Tosside	£129.00
Herdwick	£137.00	IK & AM Grisedale, Milton	£58.00
Highland	£131.50	Morris Eyton & Son, Millom	£127.00
Jacob	£111.50	Raby Farms, Preesall	£108.00
Kerryhill	£128.00	J & G Sinclair, Heriot	£128.00
Lleyn	£148.00	R & J Scott Aiton, Earlston	£129.00
Masham	£100.50	Raby Farms, Preesall	£94.00
Mule	£140.00	KD Harryman, Keswick	£13.00
SBF	£101.00	Isle of Man	£76.00
Suffolk	£150.00	D & J Coulson, Middle Rasen M & JW Staveley, Wray	£118.00
Swale	£117.50	DI Holliday, Clapham	£83.00
Texel	£199.00	CR Jackson, Ingleton	£130.00

Auctioneer's Report

(Greg MacDougall):

With no more store sales left in the local area, a large entry of 2456 hogs were forward with a busy ringside of both local and travelled buyers in attendance. Following a very strong finished price, store hogs met with the dearest trade ever seen with an overall average of £114.53 achieved including plenty of tail end consignments. Topping the sale was a pair of Texels from CR Jackson, Ingleton realising £199 with plenty of the best and strongest hogs £150-£190. A great run of 386 Texel x Mules from I Woodward, Driffield averaged £133.42, the top average of the day. Lincolnshire vendor D & J Coulson, Middle Rasen sold his best to £159 with the whole consignment averaging £131.24. Regular

vendors Glen & Jen Wilson sold both Texels and Beltex topping at £154 to average £132.70. Plenty of farming hogs £110-£130 with smaller hogs £80-£100. Mules looking well sold with the best to £140 from KD Harryman, Keskadale, Keswick with a pen of 35 from DI Holliday to £139.50. Plenty of horned and other hill type breeds making up the total entry with plenty of framey sorts £80-£100 with lesser sorts sold between £50-£70. DI Holliday topped this section too with 25 Swales to £117.50. M & C Booth of Kentmere sold 46 Cheviots to £143.50. In lamb sheep from JC Wade & Son, Catchall, Overton Bush sold to £170 with Mules while dry gimmer hogs sold to £146 for Texels.

The closing sale for Store Hogs & In Lamb Sheep will be Tuesday 26th March
Entries for catalogue by Friday 15th March



Wednesday 13th March 2024

FORTNIGHTLY DAIRY SALE

20 Forward

NC Hfrs	£2320	M & D Stable, Ulverston	£2047
NC Cows	£2620	Messrs Livesey, Ulverston	£2425
Heifer Calves	£380	S Porter, Field Broughton	£340

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): A solid dairy trade for the 20 on offer, a trio of 3rd calved Friesian cows from Messers Livesey kicked off the sale and what a way to start, £2420, £2580 and £2620. Eight of the 14 heifers over £2100, Tom Stables leading the way with the best of his four at £2320, David Knowles' best at £2300, whilst his second realised £2280, matched by Richard Bainbridge. Mark Atkinson at £2250 with the best of his pair, all bar 1 heifer £1800+. A couple of heifer calves from Stephen Porter, Cark topped at £380 for a 10 week Holstein with a Jersey heifer realising £300.



Kendalcragg Ballman Penny from David Knowles realising £2300



3rd Calved Friesian Cow from Mike Livesey realising £2620



Boltonmanor Butch Susan 17 from Tom Stable realising £2320

**Next Dairy Sale Wednesday 27th March.
Please advise entries to Will on 07590876849**

Wednesday 13th March
Rearing Calves 81 Forward

Breed	Top	From	Av
AA Bulls	£490	Morris Eyton & Son, Millom	£375
AA Hfrs	£295	J Lawson & Son, Bentham	£230
BrB Bulls	£605	WH Kitching & Sons, Kendal	£358
BrB Hfrs	£350	J Handley, Kendal	£285
Charolais Hfrs	£290	Lawson's Farm, Cockerham	£273
Hereford Bulls	£270	Lawson's Farm, Cockerham	£270
Limousin Bulls	£320	J & JA Parkinson, Woodplumpton	£253
Limousin Hfrs	£225	J & JA Parkinson, Woodplumpton	£180
B + W	£200	M & D Stable, Ulverston	£122

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): A nice show of calves forward, plenty of Angus bulls on offer, met by ready customers, strongest to £490, £478 & £460 from Patrick Morris-Eyton, Millom, any amount of others £430+, younger sorts £350-£380. Angus Heifers to a high of £295 from John & Brian Lawson, Bentham, vast majority £240-£270, with a few smalls either side of £200. Continental bulls nice to sell, the best coming from WH Kitching & Sons, Kendal with a Blue at £605, others from the same home at £505, milky calves to £450 from Stephen Wright, Roeburndale, a mixed entry there after, young bloomy calves getting away nicely, Henry Knowles to £395 and John Handley, Kendal at £390. Heifers not just as fancy this week, the main for all continental breeds, £280-£320 with a few exceptions making more, both Henry Knowles and John Handley at £350 with their Blue heifers. A dozen B&W Bulls to a high of £200 from M&D Stable, Ulverston, stronger end £130-£175, next draw £70-£110.

Wednesday 20th March
EASTER SPRING LAMB SHOW
SUPREME HOGG COMPETITION

Kindly sponsored by Seddons Meats

Wednesday 27th March
FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE

Wednesday 13th March

92 SHEEP WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Charollais Ewes (S)	£200	S Porter, Field Broughton	£200
Charollais Ewes (T)	£318	WM & E Dugdale, Giggleswick	£285
Cheviot Mule Ewes (T)	£290	SJ & AL Dennis, Bentham	£290
Dutch Spotted Shlgs (S)	£190	W Linton, Lockerbie	£190
Dutch Spotted Shlgs (T)	£240	W Linton, Lockerbie	£240
Mule Shlgs (S)	£165	T Ellis, Kendal	£165
Mule Ewes (T)	£275	CP & VM Cowgill, Bentham	£248
Suffolk Ewes (S)	£275	B Cooper, Ulverston	£253
Suffolk Ewes (T)	£300	SJ & AL Dennis, Bentham	£285
Texel Shlgs (S)	£235	WJ Barker, Arkholme	£212
Texel Ewes (S)	£290	WJ Barker, Arkholme	£253
Texel Ewes (T)	£325	Slinger & Eaton, Middleton	£312
Zwartbles Ewes (S)	£160	W Linton, Lockerbie	£160

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): Numbers growing every week, trade much similar to last week despite a return of the rain. Best twins well over £300, Laura Eaton and Chris Slinger topping at £325, Michael & Elaine Dugdale realising £320 (x2), £318, £315 & £310, Stephen and Zanna Dennis at £310 (x2) and £300. Smaller ewes or those with younger lambs, a little less, £80-90 a life. A ripper of a trade for the singles, Kevin Barker, Brown Edge showing some Pure Texel Ewes and Shearlings to top at £290 or £145 a life, Commercial outfits from Slinger & Eaton at £280, Brian Cooper at £275 to name a few of the top spots. Plenty of single outfits £115-£130 a life, with all 25 outfits averaging £107 a life or £214 per family. An overall market average of £97/life for all forward. Another strong entry of over 100 families expected next week with runs of Continental and Mule ewes entered already.

Contact Will with entries to help in advising buyers.

CAST EWES

1210 Forward

Breed	Top	From
Beltex	£220.00	Wannops Farms Ltd, Heaton with Oxcliffe
BFI	£140.00	J Driver & Sons, Chisworth
Charollais	£220.00	RJ & J Towers, Ingleton
Cheviot	£139.50	J & F Jacobs, Rillington
Cheviot Mule	£138.00	J Swift, Selside
Dorset	£131.50	SD Driver, Glossop
Gritstone	£134.50	GA & SM Wainwright & Sons, Edale
Lonk	£98.50	J Driver & Sons, Glossop
Mule	£135.00	Riverside Livestock Ltd, Co Tyrone
SBF	£110.00	Riverside Livestock Ltd, Co Tyrone
Suffolk	£210.00	Riverside Livestock Ltd, Co Tyrone
Swale	£100.00	RJ Farming, Preston
Texel	£350.00	Riverside Livestock Ltd, Co Tyrone
Welsh	£100.00	B & LN Dibb, Otley
Goats	£161.50	B & F Staveley & Son, Clapham
CTL Tups	£250.00	Riverside Livestock Ltd, Co Tyrone

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): As expected, a much smaller show of cast sheep. A full ringside of buyers again in attendance ensuring that all classes unexpectedly were dearer on the week topping with Texels at £350 from Riverside Livestock Ltd with Procters Farm next at £300 with Texels. Again, plenty of pure and best bred ewes £250-£280. Heavy cross bred ewes including fat types £160-£190 with some passing the £200 mark. Good sellers £120-£140 with small meated sorts in strong demand for Ramadan with trade generally £90-£110. Heavier Mules £120+ with a cut below £95-£105 and lighter leaner sorts £75-£85. Hill ewes saw top pens of SBF and Swales £80-£100 with a pen of SBF to £110 from Riverside Livestock. Medium pens £60-£70 and plain £40+. A ringful of pure Welsh ewes sold to £100 from B & LN Dibb. A stronger trade for cast rams with a pen of 3 to £250. 31 goats forward to £161.50 for a pen of 14 billy kids from B & F Staveley.

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 4051 Forward			
Overall Av 381.7p SQQ 370.9p			
BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	£264.50	J Aiken, Wennington	£204.00
Cheviot	£214.50	S Hill, Slyne	£174.00
Cheviot Mule	£215.00	W Rathmell, Tong	£193.00
Dorset	£184.50	MD Cornthwaite, Bolton by Bowland	£184.50
Gritstone	£158.50	A Williams, Halifax	£145.00
Lonk	£170.00	J Lord, Littleborough	£170.00
Masham	£155.00	Messrs Fell, Rampside	£136.00
Mule	£204.00	JM & ED Hutchinson, Littledale	£151.00
SBF	£161.00	DS Faulkner, Wrexham	£143.00
Suffolk	£228.00	CM Bowser, Nettleham	£187.00
Swale	£158.50	MW & M Skidmore, Wynyard	£134.00
Texel	£245.00	MR & JE Davis, Austwick	£175.00
Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	550.0p	A Rigby, Slaidburn	439.1p
Cheviot	430.3p	T Bingham, Southwell	393.8p
Cheviot Mule	420.4p	R & CW Battersby, Eagle Moor	388.8p
Dorset	376.5p	MD Cornthwaite, Bolton by Bowland	376.5p
Gritstone	367.8p	A Williams, Halifax	351.3p
Lonk	346.9p	J Lord, Littleborough	346.9p
Masham	334.9p	Messrs Fell, Rampside	321.5p
Mule	384.9p	JM & ED Hutchinson, Littledale	336.2p
SBF	378.8p	DS Faulkner, Wrexham	356.5p
Suffolk	421.3p	CM Bowser, Nettleham	383.9p
Swale	339.5p	D Shirt, Edale	324.2p
Texel	472.0p	CR Brittain, Tickhill	393.0p
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	£140.00	A Rigby, Slaidburn	£140.00
Charollais	£123.00	B Cooper, Ulverston	£120.00
Cheviot	£130.00	J Shepherd, Glasshouses	£77.00
Lonk	£89.50	A & CM Taylor, Tatham	£89.50
Mule	£110.00	FM Shepherd & Son, Bewerley	£78.00
SBF	£127.00	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	£127.00
Swale	£134.50	MJ Coates, Hawes	£104.00
Texel	£147.50	Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale	£120.00
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	416.7p	A Rigby, Slaidburn	412.2p
Charollais	361.8p	B Cooper, Ulverston	360.2p
Cheviot	393.9p	J Shepherd, Glasshouses	342.2p
Lonk	300.3p	A & CM Taylor, Tatham	300.3p
Mule	315.6p	AJ Pratt, Sedbergh	269.9p
SBF	356.7p	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	356.7p
Swale	393.3p	MJ Coates, Hawes	302.2p
Texel	419.0p	Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale	380.4p

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A nice show of 4051 prime hogs forward with all buyers operating at full steam. An incredible trade with all classes off the clock resulting in an overall average of 381.7p including plenty of hill bred and Mule hogs. Countless pens selling over £200 with any amounts £190+. Best commercial export sorts 400p+ with the smartest Beltex types 500p+. Topping the sale was a heavy Beltex from Jennifer Aiken, Wennington realising £264.50 with a consignment from A Rigby, Slaidburn topping per kilo at 550p. Some great runs again this week with CM Bowser, Nettleham averaging £211.62, SP Woolhouse, Rotherham £210.90, CR Brittain, Tickhill £208.60, T Dixon, Cabourne £207.91. Mules to £204 from JM & ED Hutchinson, Littledale or 384.9p. Trade regularly 340-360p. Horned hogs to £161 or 378.8p for a pen of 54 SBF from DS Faulkner, Wrexham with Swales from MW & M Skidmore, Wynyard to £158.50. A good trade for lightweights with Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale topping at £147.50 or 419p.



Sadly this week we have said goodbye to John Lee of Oak Head Bank Farm, Bentham who died at home on Friday 8th March. John has been part of the yardstaff team at Bentham Auction for around 40 years and will be well known to regular users of the Mart for his cheerful, helpful and engaging manor. As well as his work at the Mart John has run the family farm, most recently buying stirks and selling strong stores, with a breeding flock of Cheviot & Cheviot x Texel ewes selling fat lambs always in prime condition. He was extremely popular with all his work colleagues and will be sadly missed by all concerned with Bentham Auction Mart.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his Mum Lucy and brother Brian.

The funeral service will be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lowgill on Monday 25th March at 11.30am, followed by interment in the churchyard. Followed by refreshments at Bentham Methodist Church.

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