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WEEKLY NEWS 29TH MARCH 2024



Heifer from M & D Stable realising £2600

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CLOSING SALE OF STORE HOGGS

1182 FORWARD

Overall Av. £93.32

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Beltex	£179.00	D & J Coulson, Middle Rasen	£134.00
Beulah	£134.00	JW Hall, Settle	£134.00
Cheviot	£146.00	Messrs Harryman, Keswick	£97.00
Dalesbred	£72.00	J Pratt & Sons, Bainbridge	£71.00
Easycare	£100.00	Isle of Man	£93.00
Masham	£130.00	NA Woodhouse, Clapham	£130.00
Mule	£129.00	TM Gardner, Tatham	£113.00
SBF	£104.00	WJ Coltherd, Selkirk	£77.00
Suffolk	£140.00	D Slone, Biggar Village	£86.00
Swale	£100.00	JW Hall, Settle	£67.00
Texel	£148.00	Rowland & Woodward, Hope Valley	£107.00

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): The store sales of the 23/24 season came to an end with a decent entry of just shy of 1200 hogs forward. Plenty of interest ringside with certainly something for all requirements. Strong hogs in keeping with the fat trade seeing plenty £130-£150 with a few of the better end sorts a bit more topping at £179 with 4 Beltex from D & J Coulson, High Harbour. Best of the farming CTL and Suffolk types £100+ with lesser sorts £60-£80. Mules to £129 from TM Gardner, Tatham with plenty of other pens £105-£20 and smaller types £80-£90. Again this week, a mixture of quality in the horned section with the best £80-£100 including a pen of 50 SBF from WJ Coltherd, Selkirk to £104 and Swales to £100 from JW Hall, Darnbrook. Weathered/ smaller hogs generally £40-£50. Cheviots as usual proving popular with a pen of 10 to £146 from Messrs Harryman, Keskadale. Thanks to all vendors and customers for making this season another great success.



Wednesday 27th March 2024

FORTNIGHTLY DAIRY SALE

16 Forward

NC Hfrs	£2600	M & D Stable, Ulverston	£1865
NC Cows	£2500	M & D Stable, Ulverston	£2095

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): A mixed entry forward, with the better end selling well. Tom Stables, Urswick, Ulverston taking the top spots in both the heifer and cow sections, his best heifer Boltonmanor Pepper Doreen 23, 16days fresh with a 28litre yield realised £2600, whilst his 2nd calved cow Boltonmanor Maui Margaret 27, pumping out an impressive 52litres saw the hammer fall at £2500, both heading home with Mark Conder, Gressingham. A trio of cracking heifers from The Lawrence Family, Grange over Sands saw their best hit £2200, others £2100 and £2000. Dave Barton, Lupton Hall back in the game with a pair at £2180 & £2100. Next draw £1700-£1850, with a few plainer end around £1400.



**Cow from M & D Stable
realising £2500**



**Heifer from PD & BS
Lawrence realising £2200**



**Cow from Messrs Livesey
realising £2150**

Next Sale:

Wednesday 10th April

Contact Will with entries 07590 876849

Wednesday 27th March Rearing Calves 80 Forward

Breed	Top	From	Av
AA Bulls	£470	JM & AE Wallbank & Sons, Wray	£261
AA Hfrs	£315	J Lawson & Son, Bentham	£192
BrB Bulls	£505	JM & AE Wallbank & Sons, Wray	£354
BrB Hfrs	£375	GM & AM Wilson, Cartmel	£293
Charolais Bulls	£505	PM & AM Ward & Sons, Arkholme	£429
Charolais Hfrs	£335	A Kippax, Garstang	£335
Fleckvieh Bulls	£330	B & AC Barnes, Middleton	£330
Hereford Bulls	£170	J Whitaker & Son, Nether Kellet	£143
Hereford Hfrs	£310	P Stephenson, Rathmell	£162
Limousin Bulls	£370	D & M & E Foster, Out Rawcliffe	£330
Limousin Hfrs	£255	J & JA Parkinson, Woodplumpton	£238
B + W	£180	D & H Farming, Tosside	£100

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): It was a fight to the top between Andy Wallbank, Arkholme with a blue bull, Phillip Ward, Arkholme and Phillip Wilson, Cartmel both with Charolais bulls all making £505. Other stronger calves to £470 for Charollais bulls from The Wilsons and £410 from Andrew Kippax, Garstang. Blues not just the same fast trade as usual, the most £370-£400, heifers £360+ for the better end with the next draw in the late £200s. Angus and Hereford calves in

all shapes and sizes, the bigger end to £470 for Angus bulls from JM & AE Wallbank and £410 from J Lawson, Bentham, others £240-£265. Heifers nicely sold, £315 being the top spot twice from John Lawson, £285 from Dave Barton, Lupton. More Herefords and Angus, ex grazing cows coming forward, and buyable either side of £150. Best of the dairy bulls to £180 from D&H Farming, Tosside, John Young at £175, others £130-£150, smaller end £30-£60.

Wednesday 27th March			
88 SHEEP WITH LAMBS AT FOOT			
BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Beltex Ewes (T)	£330	J Aiken, Wennington	£315
Mule Shlgs (T)	£280	CP & VM Cowgill, Bentham	£263
Mule Ewes (S)	£190	JR & DL Ogden, Austwick	£154
Mule Ewes (T)	£262	JR & DL Ogden, Austwick	£243
Suffolk Ewes (S)	£200	S Wilman, Casterton	£200
Suffolk Ewes (T)	£290	SJ & AL Dennis, Bentham	£290
Texel Ewes (T)	£310	SJ & AL Dennis, Bentham	£309
Texel BM (T)	£300	Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale	£294
Texel BM (S)	£220	Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale	£220

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): Rain rain and more rain not helping the enthusiasm ringside for ewes and lambs. More Mule ewes coming forward and making up the bulk of the entry. Best continental outfits still £100 a life and over. The Aiken's Pedigree Beltex Ewe with Twin lambs to £330, whilst Stephen, Andrea and Zanna realised £310 & £308. Carol Gardner to £300 all for twin outfits. Singles to £220 for Texel x Ewes and Beltex Lambs from Mason and Gardner, Stephen Wilman to £200 for Suffolk ewes and Singles. James and Deborah Ogdens twin outfits to £262 with singles from the same home to £190. More outfits expected next week and here's hoping for some much needed dry weather and sunshine!

<u>CAST EWES</u>		
<u>1967 Forward</u>		
Breed	Top	From
Beltex	£220.00	GR & A Foy & Son, Conder Green
BFL	£195.00	WA & A Booth, Feizor
Cheviot	£150.50	RJ Farming, Preston
Cheviot Mule	£164.50	R & S Wilcock & Son, Burton in Lonsdale
Dalesbred	£104.50	JK Gorst & Son, Tatham
Easycare	£108.50	Matinley Farms, Ashkirk
Griststone	£119.50	SG & LM Whalley, Chorley
Herdwick	£128.50	B Dickinson & Co, Kendal
Lonk	£137.50	SG & LM Whalley, Chorley
Mule	£165.50	WA & A Booth, Feizor
Romney	£154.50	AJ Minshall, Stoke on Trent
SBF	£113.00	RJ Farming, Preston
Scotch HB	£171.50	JR Simpson, Fadmoor
Suffolk	£255.00	JL North, Giggleswick
Swale	£127.50	J & A Lawson & Son, Westhouse
Texel	£320.00	JL North, Giggleswick
Welsh	£82.00	GA & SM Wainwright & Sons, Edale
Woodland	£119.00	SG & LM Whalley, Chorley
Zwartbles	£150.00	Messrs Fell, Rampside
Goats	£166.00	PA & PJ Ormerod, West Marton
CTL Tups	£220.00	RJ Farming, Preston

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Just short of 2000 cast sheep forward and what a trade from start to finish with all classes in extreme demand with trade again some £10-£30 dearer on the week. With Ramadan ending in just over a week all classes required next week to fulfil demand. Plenty of pure bred ewes £220-£260 topping at £320 from JL North, Giggleswick. The heavy ewes seeing the biggest lift with plenty either side of £200 and the best of the Mules £150-£165. Good selling leaner types £120-£140 with smarter sorts more like £150+. Small fleshy ewes again this week meeting a very strong demand too with £105-£120 regular. Medium sized Mules £120-£130 with the leaner end £100. Plenty of the best Swales £100-£115 with J & A Lawson topping at £127.50 with a cut below £70-£90 and plain £50+. Cast rams similar with heaviest £190-£200 and plainer £140-£160. A welcome return of some goats this week with four from PA & PJ Ormerod to £166 and kids to £150 from B & F Staveley.

**PRIME HOGGS 3689 Forward
Overall Av 391.2p SQQ 380.4p**

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	£265.00	T Hill & R Wright, Wadsworth	£201.00
Charollais	£239.00	DJ Summers & Son, Gainsborough	£190.00
Cheviot	£218.50	SP Woolhouse & Sons, Rotherham	£179.00
Mule	£180.00	J & I Whitaker, Clapham	£158.00
SBF	£177.50	R & SH Stainton, Howgill	£148.00
Suffolk	£227.50	W Dixon, Cabourne	£191.00
Swale	£152.00	J & A Lawson & Son, Westhouse	£124.00
Texel	£254.00	MR & JE Davis, Eldroth	£177.00
Woodland	£220.00	D Shirt, Edale	£176.00
Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	563.8p	T Hill & R Wright, Wadsworth	438.8p
Charollais	438.4p	DJ Summers & Son, Gainsborough	399.6p
Cheviot	479.2p	SP Woolhouse & Sons, Rotherham	407.0p
Mule	389.9p	J & J Smith, Brookhouse	351.3p
SBF	374.3p	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	354.8p
Suffolk	419.7p	W Dixon, Cabourne	375.0p
Swale	324.1p	MW & M Skidmore, Billingham	286.5p
Texel	500.0p	Messrs Fell, Rampside	390.3p
Woodland	337.4p	P Thorp, Halifax	322.3p
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	£114.50	MW Metcalfe, Foston on the Wolds	£114.50
Blue Texel	£119.50	N & R Dakin, Hellifield	£117.00
Charollais	£110.00	Messrs Skelton, Gainsborough	£94.00
Cheviot	£127.50	E & LM & SE Barnes, Altham	£123.00
Dalesbred	£114.50	GA & SM Wainwright & Sons, Edale	£93.00
Herdwick	£117.50	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	£103.00
SBF	£124.50	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	£124.00
Swale	£118.50	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	£98.00
Texel	£123.00	MR & JE Davis, Eldroth	£108.00
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	340.8p	MW Metcalfe, Foston on the Wolds	340.8p
Blue Texel	346.4p	N & R Dakin, Hellifield	344.9p
Charollais	364.2p	Messrs Skelton, Gainsborough	326.6p
Cheviot	369.6p	E & LM & SE Barnes, Altham	354.9p
Dalesbred	321.6p	GA & SM Wainwright & Sons, Edale	284.1p
Herdwick	340.6p	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	315.5p
SBF	354.9p	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	353.4p
Swale	336.6p	BR Butterfield, Burton in Kendal	301.4p
Texel	396.8p	MR & JE Davis, Eldroth	335.7p

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Like elsewhere in the country, less hogs about this week with numbers looking to be drying up. Time will tell on that!! Like the ewe trade, all classes in massive demand and many more could easily have been sold. On the whole, a decent show of quality with some great runs in particular from Lincoln, Norfolk and East Yorkshire still with plenty of tail end, hillbred and Mule hogs thrown in with a great overall average of 391.2p achieved. Best handy weight hogs in extreme demand with plenty of the top end pens 500p+ with T Hill & R Wright's consignment of 194 Beltex topping the sale at £265 or 563.8p with this run going on to average a fantastic £225.09. Other notable consignments of the night included CR Britain £222, W Oldfield £218.56, W Dixon £217, SP Woolhouse £206 and a run of 419 Beltex x Texels from J Peacock averaging £191.33. Commercial export hogs seeing plenty 400p-420p or in money terms £160-£180 with those 45-50kg £185-£200. Best heavy butcher sorts £220-£255. A mixed entry of Mules saw better pens 360-380p or £160-£170 topping at £180 from J & I Whitaker. Horned lambs either side of 300p for Swales with SBF around 370p with R & SH Stainton selling Blackies to £177.50. Again lightweights of all varieties store and fat selling well with E & LM & SE Barnes selling Cheviots to £127.50 with MR & JE Davis' Beltex to 396.8p.



419 Beltex x Texels from
J Peacock top at £238
to average £191.33

Spring Machinery Sale

The inaugural Spring Machinery Sale attracted a big crowd of bidders and onlookers. A great entry of sheep equipment from Proctors Farms Ltd saw Portequip Hoppers sell to £760 and a Combi Clamp at £860. Graham Edwards Calf trailers to £1680 and Quadbikes to £2650 and a 16tonne silage trailer sold at £6000.



Sedbergh YFC

On Tuesday night, the Auction hosted 25 members from Sedbergh YFC. Greg & Will provided a history of the Auction Mart and where we are today as well as a guided tour. After a demonstration from Greg, few members had a go at selling with Stan Allan one to watch in the future!!! Refreshments were provided from the Auction Café. Thank you to all members for attending.



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.

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 10th April

FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE

Tuesday 16th April

Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle

MONTHLY SALE OF FARMERS STIRKS & YOUNG STORES

Entries for catalogue close Friday 5th April

Wednesday 17th April

ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF SHEARLINGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Wednesday 24th April

FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE

MAY SPRING LAMB COMPETITION

Weekly Show for Best Pair of Spring Lambs & Champion Prize
for most cumulative points throughout May

Wednesday 1st May

**Weekly Sale of Sheep with Lambs at Foot inc. SPRING SPECTACULAR
SALE OF INDIVIDUAL ELITE BREEDING FEMALES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT inc.**

All Breeds of Pure, Pedigree, Embryo Transfer & Select X Bred Outfits.

MV & Non MV. Acc.

Entries for catalogue close Wednesday 24th April

Saturday 4th May

**GREAT ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF HOGGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT &
GELD GIMMER HOGGS**

Entries for catalogue close Wednesday 24th April

Tuesday 7th May

Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle

MONTHLY SALE OF STORE CATTLE

**1ST SPECIAL SALE OF COWS & HEIFERS WITH CALVES,
IN CALF CATTLE, BULLING HEIFERS & BREEDING BULLS**

Entries for catalogue close Friday 26th April