

Market Report

On Wednesday 9th April 2025, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermonth, held their weekly sale of primestock with Cattle: sheep including prime lambs and cast ewes and rams.

Brilliant show of prime cattle forward for our Easter Show & Sale of Lake District Prime Beef. Judging was in the very capable hands of Mr Richard Lindsay of W Lindsay & Sons Butchers. Championship was awarded to a tremendous Limousin Heifer weighing 654kg selling for 480ppk totalling £3139.20 from JJ Crichton, Loughrigg this animal was purchased by W Lindsay & Sons Butchers, Cockermonth.

Reserve Champion was awarded to a lovely Limousin Heifer weighing 606kg selling for 432ppk totalling £2617.92 from Ms H Thompson, Springfield Farm this animal was also purchased by W Lindsay & Sons Butchers, Cockermonth.

Average – Steers **422ppk**
Heifers **421ppk**

Leading Averages

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| JJ Crichton, Loughrigg | 4 avg | 444.09ppk |
| RE Miller, West Farm | 2 avg | 433.53ppk |
| Crosby House Farm | 10 avg | 427.43ppk |
| T Pearson & Son, High Plaskett Lands | 7 avg | 427.19ppk |

Prime Steers (per head - £ & per Kilo)-

Limousin – 3158.64 (428ppk), 2981.55 (417ppk), 2979.70 (415ppk), 2938.18 (434ppk) Crosby House Farm, 3071.10 (435ppk) West Farm, 2971.36 (392ppk), 2759.40 (420ppk) Loughrigg, 2430.18 (44ppk) Springfield Farm. **British Blue** – 2933.28 (432ppk) West Farm.

Prime Heifers (per head - £ & per Kilo)-

Limousin – 3139.20 (480ppk), 3128.92 (437ppk) Loughrigg, 2927.40 (410ppk) East Mill Farm, 2921.60 (415ppk), 2708.64 (418ppk) High Plaskett Lands, 2900.92 (418ppk), 2768.92 (406ppk) Mechi Farm, 2819.40 (444ppk), 2730.64 (428ppk) Crosby House Farm, 2762.24 (416ppk) Arkleby Hall. **British Blue** -3012.03 (441ppk), 2873.24 (436ppk), 2723.87 (421ppk) High Plaskett Lands, 2565.20 (424ppk) Crosby House Farm, 2097.18 (382ppk) Lowca Cottage Farm. **Simmental** – 2901.64 (398ppk) Arkleby Hall. **Aberdeen Angus** – 2763.20 (440ppk) Loughrigg.

Prime Bulls (per head - £ & per Kilo)-

British Friesian – 2007.36 (328ppk), 1933.86 (334ppk) Row Hall.

Holstein – 1588.48 (292ppk), 1490.08 (278ppk) Greengill Farm.

Holstein Friesian – 1584 (288ppk), 1422.20 (260ppk) Greengill Farm.

30 Cast cows sold through the ring today, with the top price being 369.5ppk (733kg - £2708.44) for a belter of a Limousin cow from DJ&MJ Hoggarth, Old Hall Farm. Cast bulls sold to a top of 307.50ppk (1068kg - £3284.10) for a Limousin from M&J Slater, Rose Cottage.

Dairy cows sold to a top of 311.50ppk (660kg - £2035.90) for a Holstein from G&I Carruthers & Son, Lowca Cottage Farm. More cows are wanted on the week to fulfill buying demand.

Cast Cows (per head - £ & per kilo)-

Limousin – 2708.44 (369.50ppk), 2590.88 (367.50ppk) Old Hall Farm, 2048.58 (299.50ppk) Hinning House, 2047.60 (315.50ppk) Parkhouse Farm, 1955.53 (357.50ppk), 1679.00 (287.50ppk) Grange Farm, 1903.27 (305.50ppk) Sneak

Yeat,1573.16 (293.50ppk) Woodside Cottage. **Hereford** – 2430.58 (297.50ppk) Grange Farm, 1398.68 (239.50ppk) Burnt House Farm. **British Friesian** - 2313.53 (263.50ppk), 1967.68 (279.50ppk) Uldale Hall, 1836.60 (263.50ppk) Broom Hall. **Charolais** – 2145.75 (353.50ppk) Woodend Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 2109.87 (295.50ppk) Aikbank, 1960.53 (297.50ppk) Beck Farm. **Holstein Friesian** – 2091.85 (267.50ppk) Broom Park, 1671.18 (241.50ppk) New Mill Farm.

Holstein – 2055.90 (311.50pp), 1688.58 (265.50ppk) Lowca Cottage Farm. **Beef Shorthorn** – 1950.83 (277.50ppk) Sneakeat Farm. **Norwegian Red** – 1817.63 (277.50ppk) New Mill Farm.

Cast Bulls (per head - £ & per kilo)–

Limousin – 3284.10 (307.50ppk) Rose Cottage. **Aberdeen Angus** – 2628.12 (271.50ppk) Sneak Yeat. **British Blue** – 1980.67 (239.50ppk) Hinning House.

All categories of cast ewes sold to a flying trade, with the leaner end of ewes looking the best sold. Beltex ewes sold to £244 from AJ Brown, Park House Farm, Texels sold to £224 from G Wilson, Aldoth Farm, pens of best continental ewes sold to £200 plus. Mule ewes sold to £195 twice for JA&CM Brown, Park House Farm. Hill bred ewes sold to £170 for Cheviots from D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm. Herdwicks sold to £126 from M Dixon, Chance Cottage and Swaledales to £124 from Stobart & Bland, Howbeck Lodge. More ewes are needed on the week for the buying demand.

Cast Ewes:-

Beltex – 244, 212 Parkhouse Farm, 224 Southerfield House, 244 Aldoth Farm, 210 Poppy Farm, 165, 131 Chapel Farm. **Suffolk** – 224, 200 Aldoth Farm. **Texel** – 224 Southerfield House, 221, 199, 196 Kelmores Hills, 210 Chapel Farm, 209, 199 Parkhouse Farm, 203 Howbeck Lodge, 203 Byresteads Farm, 197 Strawberry How. **Blue Texel** – 210 Kelmores Hills, 147 Strawberry How. **Zwartble** - 197 Woodhall Brow Farm, 119 Byresteads Farm. **Mule** – 195, 195 Parkhouse Farm, 170 Howbeck Lodge, 164 Low Priorscales, 140 Causeway Foot, 114 Byresteads Farm, 100 Kelmores Hills. **Cheviot** – 170 Outgang Farm, 160 Aldoth Farm, 146, 133 Low Stowbank. **Bluefaced Leicester** -147 Low Stowbank. **Texel x Herdwick** – 145 Outgang Farm, 135 Causeway Foot. **Herdwick** – 126 Chance Cottage, 110 Knott Houses, 100 Strudda Bank. **Swaledale** – 124, 121 Howbeck Lodge, 109 Keskadale, 108 Low Priorscales, 106 Low Stowbank, 101 Lowthwaite. **Scotch Blackface** – 101 Low Stowbank.

Cast Ewes

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Beltex | £244.00 | AJ Brown, Parkhouse Farm | £163.87 |
| Suffolk | £224.00 | G Wilson, Aldoth Farm | £212.00 |
| Texel | £224.00 | SJ Wilson, Southerfield House | £177.75 |
| Blue Texel | £210.00 | A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills | £178.50 |
| Zwartble | £197.00 | AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm | £158.00 |
| Mule | £195.00 | JA&CM Brown, Parkhouse Farm | £155.25 |
| Cheviot | £170.00 | D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm | £145.91 |
| Bluefaced Leicester | £147.00 | GW Whitfield, Low Stowbank | £147.00 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £145.00 | D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm | £127.33 |
| Herdwick | £126.00 | M Dixon, Chance Cottage | £93.11 |
| Swaledale | £124.00 | Ms Stobart & Bland, Howbeck Lodge | £101.53 |
| Scotch Blackface | £101.00 | GW Whitfield, Low Stowbank | £101.00 |

Well meated and fed hogs selling to a premium and easily sold. As seen nationally grass fed hogs selling to a steadier trade with a third of the sale was made up of fell hogs.

Easter Show of Prime Hogs capably judged by Mr Norman Bowe, who awarded the champion rosette to A&D Smith, Kelmores selling a pair of Beltex hogs at £248 per head to our weekly supporter and local butcher Tony Harrison Butchers, Cockermouth. Reserve Champion pair of Dutch Texel hogs from TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall sold to £224 per head selling to another weekly supporter and local butcher W Lindsay & Sons, Cockermouth. The Easter Show was again supported by other local butchers being Wilsonwillis, Cleator Moor & Peels Butchers, Workington.

A total of 22 pens of hogs sold over £200. Beltex hogs sold to 478ppk from R Skelton, New Hall other to 450ppk from TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall.

Heavy hogs sold to a strong trade twice again here at Mitchells with them selling to 295ppk – 310ppk. Scotch Blackface and Mule hogs both sold to £169 from R Skelton, New Hall. P&PI Walker & Son, Beechcroft selling Mules to £153 (53kg). Herdwicks sold to £151 from WS&C Jackson. Rough Fells sold to £140 from WE&DE Litt, Greengill.

Leading Averages

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills | 4 av £231.00 |
| G Gate, Hollins | 6 av £206.00 |
| TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall | 21 av £202.38 |
| R Skelton, New Hall | 133 av £186.33 |
| TW Johnstone, Briary Bank | 7 av £181.43 |

Prime Hogs per head:-

Beltex – 248, 214 Kelmores Hills, 224, 218, 216, 205 Aspatria Hall, 211, 208, 208 196 Low Garth, 216, 201, 196 New Hall, 192, 179 Pasture House, 161 Parkhouse Farm, 151 Cherry Tree Hill. **Texel** – 214, 155 High Flatts, 212, 204, 202 Hollins Farm, 210, 208, 204, 201, 197, 196, 195, 195, 165, 162, 162, 155 New Hall, 201, 200 Aspatria Hall, 171 Low Garth, 160 Ghyll House, 154 Holm Cottage, 154 Outgang Farm, 153 Drigg Moorside, 152 Hill Top, 145, 142 Greengill Farm, 145 Pasture House, 143 Old Hyton, 140 Low Eskholme, 140 Parkhouse Farm, 140, Strawberry How. **Suffolk** – 192 New Hall, 157 Pasture House, 155 Greengill Farm, 155, 145 Causeway Foot, 151 Hole House, 145 East Townend. **Charollais** – 181 Outgang Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 179 Beechcroft, 171, 146 Croft House, 148 Drigg Moorside, 145.50, 138 Greengill Farm, 141 Grange Farm, 140 Outgang Farm, 137 Woodhall Brow, 134.50 Whinnah Lodge, 130 Low Eskholme, 128.50 Knott Houses. **Mule** – 169 New Hall, 155 Beechcroft, 150 Shatton Lodge, 149 Outgang Farm, 146 Byrestads Farm, 144, 143 Greengill Farm, 139 Whinnah Lodge, 136 Pasture House. **Scotch Blackface** – 169 New Hall, 133 Woodhall Brow, 130, 130 Greengill Farm. **Cheviot** – 163 Outgang Farm, 144, 135 Row Head, 130 Woodhall Brow. **Herdwick** – 151, 151, 139 Croft House, 150, 149 Beechcroft, 141, 139.50 East House, 135, 124.50, 122.50 Knott House, 135 Crown Farm, 134 Low Eskholme, 122 Gatra Farm, 119 Lamplugh Hall. **Rough Fell** – 140 Greengill Farm. **Swaledale** – 134 Outgang Farm, 132 Hole House, 132 Eirinntalla 130 Uldale Hall, 130, 123 Swinside End, 119 High Nook.



Prime Hogs (per Head) 32.1 to 39kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | £161.00 | CM Brown, Parkhouse Farm | £134.75 |
| Texel | £132.00 | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | £113.42 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £130.00 | Ms Matterson, Low Eskholme | £118.64 |
| Herdwick | £124.50 | P&J Bland, Knott Houses | £109.47 |
| Scotch Blackface | £117.00 | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | £117.00 |

Prime Hogs (per Head) 39.1 to 45.5kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | £196.00 | R Skelton, New Hall | £189.00 |
| Texel | £165.00 | R Skelton, New Hall | £141.30 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £145.50 | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | £134.23 |
| Herdwick | £141.00 | G&T Tyson, East House Farm | £128.54 |
| Mule | £136.00 | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | £117.08 |
| Cheviot | £135.00 | H Naylor – Lopez, Row Head | £129.33 |
| Scotch Blackface | £133.00 | AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm | £128.01 |
| Swaledale | £130.00 | AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm | £119.02 |

Prime Hogs (per Head) 45.6kg to 52kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | £216.00 | TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall | £199.17 |
| Texel | £195.00 | R Skelton, New Hall | £150.05 |
| Suffolk | £155.00 | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | £146.25 |
| Mule | £150.00 | MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge | £145.98 |
| Herdwick | £150.00 | P&PI Walker & Son, Beechcroft | £142.95 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £148.00 | Ms Shepherd, Drigg Moorside | £142.64 |
| Cheviot | £144.00 | H Naylor – Lopez, Row Head | £144.00 |
| Rough Fell | £140.00 | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | £140.00 |
| Swaledale | £134.00 | D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm | £132.28 |

Prime Hogs (per Head) 52kg +

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | £248.00 | A&D Smith Kelmere Hills | £212.88 |
| Suffolk | £192.00 | R Skelton, New Hall | £183.31 |

Prime Hogs per Kilo:-

Beltex – 450, 420, 396.4, 386.8 Aspatria Hall, 478, 340.7 New Hall, 446.5, 426.2 Pasture House, 412.8(2) Parkhouse, 407.8, 390.7, 358.6 Low Garth, 375.4, 364.7 Kelmere Hills, 343.2 Chapel Farm. **Texel** – 400 Ghyll House, 398, 384.9, 375, 352.2 New Hall, 396.1, 378.6, 364.3 Hollins Farm, 362.5 Pasture House, 357.1, 353.7, 352.6 Aspatria Hall, 341.5 Strawberry How, 341.5 Low Eskholme. **Texel x Herdwick** – 347.3 Knott Houses, 333.3 Low Eskholme, 330.8, 327.5, 323.3 Greengill farm, 326.5 Riggingill, 321.7, 316.7 Drigg Moorside. **Mule** – 323.8 Pasture House, 304.3, 300, 296.7 Greengill Farm, 304.2 Byresteads Farm, 304.1 Outgang Farm, 295.7 Whinnah Lodge, 294.1 Shatton Lodge Close. **Herdwick** – 320.5, 310 East House, 319.2, 314.9 Knott Houses, 319 Low Eskholme Farm, 300(2) Stybeck Farm, 298, 288 Beechcroft, 297 Seathwaite Farm, 290 Lamplugh Hall, 289.6 Croft House, 288.7 Seatoller Farm. **Scotch Blackface** – 316.7 Woodhall Brow Farm, 309.5, 307.3, 304.9, 302.3 Greengill Farm, 307.9 Pasture House, 301.8 New Hall Farm. **Suffolk** – 316 Greengill Farm, 295.9, 276.8 Causeway Foot, 295.4 New Hall, 289.2 Crossings, 284.3 East Townend, 280.4 Pasture House, 274.5 Hole House. **Cheviot** – 314, 302.6 Row Head, 302.3 Woodhall Brow, 302 Outgang Farm. **Swaledale** – 307.5, 295.5 Swinside End Farm, 295 Eirinntalla, 291.3 Outgang Farm, 286.3, 283.3 High Nook, 282.6 Uldale Hall. **Rough Fell** – 291.7 Greengill Farm.

Prime Hogs (per Kilo) 32.1 to 39kg

| Breed | Top ppk | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Beltex | 412.8p | CM Brown, Parkhouse Farm | 356.95p |
| Texel X Herdwick | 347.3p | P&J Bland, Knott Houses | 320.41p |
| Texel | 338.5p | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 302.1p |
| Herdwick | 319.2p | P&J Bland, Knott Houses | 292.49p |
| Scotch Blackface | 307.9p | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 307.89p |

Prime Hogs (per Kilo) 39.1 to 45.5kg

| Breed | Top ppk | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Beltex | 478p | R Skelton, New Hall Farm | 450p |
| Texel | 400p | TI Bradley, Ghyll House | 324.7p |
| Texel X Herdwick | 327.5p | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | 313.37p |
| Mule | 323.8p | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 274.84p |
| Herdwick | 320.5p | G&T Tyson, East House | 300.17p |
| Scotch Blackface | 316.7p | AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm | 308.11p |
| Cheviot | 314p | H Naylor-Lopez, Row Head | 303.47p |
| Swaledale | 307.5p | AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm | 289.93p |

Prime Hogs (per Kilo) 45.6kg to 52kg

| Breed | Top ppk | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Beltex | 450p | TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall | 399.96p |
| Texel | 398p | R Skelton, New Hall Farm | 308.06p |
| Texel X Herdwick | 321.7p | M/s Shepherd, Drigg Moorside | 305.51 |
| Suffolk | 316p | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | 296.95p |
| Mule | 304.3p | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | 300.84p |
| Herdwick | 298p | P&PI Walker, Beechcroft | 290.93p |
| Rough Fell | 291.7p | WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm | 291.67p |
| Swaledale | 291.3p | D&KI Cemetson, Outgang Farm | 278.61p |
| Cheviot | 288p | H Naylor-Lopez, Row Head | 288p |

Prime Hogs (per Kilo) 52kg +

| Breed | Top ppk | Vendor | Average |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Beltex | 400p | TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall | 362.8p |
| Texel | 284.9p | R Skelton, New Hall Farm | 314.06 |