

Market Report for Wednesday 12th December 2025

On Wednesday 12th December 2025, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermouth, held their weekly sale of primestock with 38 Cattle: 1626 sheep including 1134 prime lambs and 492 cast ewes and rams.

Mitchells Auction Company today held their Christmas Prize Show & Sale of Cast Cows & Prime Bulls. The judging was left in the capable hands of Mr Norman Bowe which awarded the below results.

Show Results

Beef Cow –	1 st	M/s Lamb, The How	333.5ppk	£2397.87 (British Blue)
	2 nd	M/s Robinson, Gate Ghyll	251.5ppk	£2177.99 (British Blue)
Dairy Cow -	1 st	J Pattinson & Son, Uldale Hall	249.5ppk	£2078.34 (British Friesian)
	2 nd	JH Fell, Gutterby Farm	241.5ppk	£1830.57 (British Friesian)
Beef Bulls -	1 st	Taylor & Gill, Fell End	401.50ppk	£2730.20 (Limousin)
	2 nd	Taylor & Gill, Fell End	397.50ppk	£2734.80 (Limousin)
Dairy Bulls -	1 st	R Mattocks & Son, Row Hall	317.50ppk	£2139.95 (British Friesian)
	2 nd	R Mattocks & Son, Row Hall	313.50ppk	£1774.41 (British Friesian)

Cast Cows (per head - £)– British Blue – 2633.10 Old Hyton Farm, 2397.87 The How, 2177.99 Gate Ghyll, 2161.73 Gibbtarn Farm, 1888.53 Eskett View. **Limousin** – 2287.80 Poppy Farm, 1320.14 Rannerdale Farm. **Beef Shorthorn** – 2176.45 Hill Top, 1451.45 Rannerdale Farm. **British Friesian** – 2078.34 Uldale Hall, 1830.57, 1594.81, 1536.63, 1450.32 Gutterby Farm, 1208.19 Clarks Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 2019.55 High Moss. **Hereford** – 1848.94 Hill Top. **Norwegian Red** – 1592.55, 1566.08 Hunday Farm. **Holstein** – 1455.12 Gibbtarn Farm. **Ayrshire** – 1359.13, 1328, 1175.46 Plaskett Lands. **Blue Grey** – 1346.63 Fold Head Farm. **Holstein Friesian** – 1339.80 Hunday Farm.

Cast Cows (per kilo)– British Blue – 333.5 The How, 327.5 Old Hyton Farm, 307.5 Gibbtarn Farm, 251.5 Gate Ghyll, 241.5 Eskett View. **Limousin** – 307.5 Poppy Farm, 221.5 Rannerdale. **Beef Shorthorn** – 275.5 Hill Top, 227.5 Rannerdale Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 251.5 High Moss. **British Friesian** – 249.5 Uldale Hall, 241.5, 237.5, 233.5, 215.5 Gutterby Farm, 213.5, 209.5 Harrington Parks. **Hereford** – 239.5 Hill Top. **Blue Grey** – 237.5 Fold Head Farm. **Norwegian Red** – 235.5, 215.5 Hunday Farm. **Holstein Friesian** – 217.5 Hunday Farm. **Holstein** – 211.5 Gibbtarn Farm. **Ayrshire** – 207.5(2), 205.5 Plaskett Lands.

Prime Bulls (per head - £)– Limousin - 2734.80, 2730.20 Fell End. **British Blue** – 2483.04 Fell End. **British Friesian** – 2139.95, 1774.41, 1690.50 Row Hall.

Prime Bulls (per kilo)– Limousin – 401.5, 397.5 Fell End. **British Blue** – 369.5 Fell End. **British Friesian** – 317.5, 313.5, 303.5 Row Hall.

Cast Bull (per head - £)– Limousin – 1668.74 Ewanrigg Farm.

Cast Bull (per kilo)– Limousin – 211.5 Ewanrigg Farm.

The Show & Sale of Christmas Prime Lambs was kindly sponsored by RI Stamper Haulage Ltd and expertly judged by Mr Alam, Lancashire Direct Halal Meats, whom has asked us to say these few words on his behalf *“I would like to thank farmers up and down the country who work hard to keep the meat industry going, they play a very important and key role, keep up the good work!! Please could the British public back the British Farmers. Well done to all the vendors involved in today’s show, please continue to support Mitchells Auction throughout the years to come. I would also like to make a special thank you and pray for the late Mr Ali Akbar Shan, who was my mentor and guided me and taught me everything I know about the livestock industry.”*

Mr Alam was overwhelmed with the quality of the lambs put in front of him, after much deliberation he awarded the Champion rosette to a wonderful pair of Texels from Mr Ted Skelton, Low House Farm, Mr Alam backed his judgement and purchased these lambs at £990 per head. Ted also received the Reserve Championship rosette for a pair of Beltex Lamb sold at £690 per head, purchased by Mr David Walker on behalf of a client.

Mitchells Auction Company would like to thank all vendors and buyers who support the live ring throughout the year.

Prime Lamb Show Results

Pair of Texels -

- 1st T Skelton, Low House
- 2nd T Skelton, Low House
- 3rd AJ Brown, Parkhouse Farm

Pair of Beltex -

- 1st T Skelton, Low House
- 2nd AJ Brown, Parkhouse Farm
- 3rd JJ Crichton, Loughrigg

Pair of Suffolk -

- 1st TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall
- 2nd T Trafford & Son, Peter House Farm
- 3rd GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm

Pair of Any Other Continental –

- 1st TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall
- 2nd TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall
- 3rd GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm

Pen of 5 Herdwicks –

- 1st WS&C Jackson, Croft House

Pen of 5 Continental x Herdwicks –

- 1st North Lane, Haverigg
- 2nd M/s Harrington, Grange Grassings
- 3rd WS&C Jackson, Croft House

Pen of 5 Mules –

- 1st PT&SM Hewitson, Byresteads Farm

Pen of 5 Swaledales –

1st M/s Stobart & Bland, Howbeck Lodge

Champion - T Skelton, Low House (Pair of Texel)

Reserve Champion - T Skelton, Low House (Pair of Beltex)

Leading Consignment Averages (3 or more)-

T Skelton, Low House	6	avg	£643.33
TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	10	avg	£214.80
M/s S&D Peile, Parkgate Hall	4	avg	£214.00
M/s J&M Wilson, Meadow Farm	4	avg	£208.00
JJ Crichton, Loughrigg	8	avg	£201.69
T Trafford & Son, Peter House Farm	19	avg	£184.21
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	23	avg	£182.00
RW&AJ Jackson, Clarks Farm	5	avg	£177.20
GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm	10	avg	£176.60
W&E Gate, Rook Farm	18	avg	£174.17
D&G Winder, Midtown Farm	15	avg	£172.00

Prime Lambs (per head) – Texel – 990, 250 Low House. 258 Rook Farm. 238, 210, 199 Aspatria Hall. 227, 189, 179, 172, 168 Peter House. 224, 192, 190, 188, 181, 172, 170 High Flatts. 216 Meadow Farm. 210 Parkgate Hall. 207, 194, 181 Allerby Hall. 195, 191 Bell House. 185 Croft End. 184 Parkhouse. 181 Midtown Farm. 178, 171 Dearham Hall. 178 Mid Farm. **Beltex** – 690 Low House. 251, 220, 172 Loughrigg. 228 Rook Farm. 219 Aspatria Hall. 218 Parkgate Hall. 200 Allerby Hall. 200 Meadow Farm. 198 Peter House. 193, 192, 192 Parkhouse. 191 Whinnerah. 189 Bell House. **Suffolk** – 208 Aspatria Hall. 186 Pasture House. 180 Clarks Farm. 172 Peter House. **Cheviot** – 147.50 Easthwaite. 130 Mowbray Farm. **Mule** – 145 Byresteads. 139 Swinside End. 138.50 Westray. 136 Deanscales. **Texel x Herdwick** – 144 Seathwaite. 142.50, 138, 136.50, 130.50 Croft House. 141, 140 Grange Grassings. 136.50 Bennet Head. 134.50 North Lane. **Swaledale** – 136, 135 Howbeck Lodge.

Prime Lambs (pence per kilo) – Texel – 1571.4, 409.8 Low House. 432.7, 403.8, 390.2 Aspatria Hall. 412.7, 350 Peter House. 404.5, 363.8 Dearham Hall. 391.5 Parkhouse. 376.4, 366.7, 366, 362, 360, 358.7, 352 Allerby Hall. 368.6 Rook Farm. 366.3 Greengill. 352.5, 359.1 Riggingill. 362.5, 355.3 Poppy Farm. 361.1 Bell House. 360 Meadow Farm. 358.7 Derwent House. 354.4 Hill Top. 352.4 High Farm. **Beltex** – 1408.2 Low House, 502, 407.2 Loughrigg. 429.5 Aspatria Hall. 404.1 Peter House. 403.7 Parkgate Hall. 400 Allerby Hall. 400, 400, 371.2 Parkhouse. 400 Meadow Farm. 389.8 Whinnerah. 382.2 Loughrigg. 373.8 Rook Farm. 367.8 Croft End. 365.9 Blackthorn Close. 363.5 Bell House. **Texel x Herdwick** – 335.1, 315.9 Howbeck Lodge. 334.6, 320.9, 317.4 Croft House. 332.4 Swinside End. 321.6, 313 Seathwaite. 320 Low Eskholme. 318.9 Easthwaite. 317.5 Greenbank Close. 315 Mowbray Farm. 311.1 Grange Grassings. 310.5 Dearham Row. **Suffolk** – 325, Aspatria Hall. **Cheviot** – 325 Mowbray Farm. **Mule** – 315.9 Swinside End. 314.8 Westray Farm. 309.1 Hill Top. 293.6 Stockhow Hall. **Herdwick** – 305 Croft House. **Swaledale** – 281.3 Howbeck Lodge.

R&E Campbell, High Field House topped the ewe ring today with Texels at £290, this same good farming home sold a pen of Suffolk cross ewes at £224. Mule ewes today topped at £174 from Jordan Winder, Mid Town Farm. Herdwick ewes topped the Hill bred section today at £119 from JR Weir, Elva Plain.

Cast Ewes- Texel – 290, 223, 198, 190 Highfield House, 205 Hunday Farm, 201, 199, 198, 197(2), 196, 193 Midtown Farm, 200 Shatton Lodge Close, 198, 189 Lake View, 194, 188 High Flatts, 189 Kelmores Hills, 186 Sneckyeat Farm. **Suffolk** – 224, 210 Highfield House, 184 Lake View, 182 Midtown Farm. **Cheviot Mule** – 190 Highfield House, 168 Scalderskew. **Mule** – 174 Midtown Farm, 168 High Flatts, 157 Shatton Lodge Close, 156, 152, 118 Kelmores Hills,

151 Old Hyton Farm, 149 Oughterside Mill, 148, 122 Foulseyke Farm, 146 Rook Farm, 136 Riggingill, 131 Arlecdon Hill Farm, 130, 123 Muncaster Home Farm. **Cheviot** – 170 Midtown Farm, 118 Ashlack Hall. **Lleyn** -154 Hobkin Ground Farm. **Beltex** – 148 Elva Plain. **Herdwick** – 119, 105, 99 Elva Plain, 104 Croft House, 100 Grange Grassings, 100 Stool End Farm, 96 Kelmore Hills, 96, 92 Stool End Farm, 96, 93 Church Stile. **Swaledale** – 104 Sands Close, 104 Uldale Hall, 102, 84 Beechcroft, 99, 94 Byresteads Farm, 91 Scalderskew, 90 Grange Grassings, 87 Shatton Lodge Close.

Cast Rams- Texel – 191 Miller Place. **Herdwick** – 144 North Lane. **Lleyn** – 100(2) Muncaster Home Farm.