

Market Report for Wednesday 12th March

On Wednesday, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermonth, held their weekly sale of primestock with Cattle, sheep including prime hogs and cast ewes and rams.

Today we had 25 cast cows in, with a great ringside of buyers. Cows are making more money as the weeks go on. Good feeding type cows are £2.80ppkg- £3.00ppkg really are selling well here at Mitchells. More cows and wanted.

Cast Cows (per head - £ & per kilo) –

Limousin – 2476.50 (317.50p) 2052.75 (287.50p), Gibb Tarn. 2347.84 (333.50p), 2274.83 (367.50p), Woodhall Brow.

British Blue – 2433.89 (384.50p), 2260.60 (317.50p), Brimmer Head. 2365.51 (359.50p), Woodhall Brow. 2260.58 (295.50p), East House.

Simmental – 1829.91 (269.50p), East House. 1796.26 (275.50p), Pickett How. 1533.68 (269.50p), 1517.29 (253.50p), Strudda Bank.

Holstien Friesian – 2144.85 (271.50p), 1769.91 (239.50p), Croft House. 1742.70 (235.50p), East Farm. 1451.51 (231.50p), Middleton Place.

Cast Bulls (per head - £ & per kilo) –

Limousin – 2318.65 (267.50p), High Bewaldeth.

The Easter fat show comes early here at Mitchells

What a great show of cattle we had on offer here today with 60 prime cattle. Selling easily over £4.00ppk for good cattle and heavy cattle around £3.75-£3.85 heifers avg. Bullocks up to £4.11 and avg £3.96ppk.

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

Limousin – 3073.16 (389.50p), 2797.47 (398.50p), Mechi Farm. 2941.20 (427.50p), 2744.55 (427.50p), Lesson Hall. 2937.59 (415.50p), 2900.21 (418.50p), 2735.70 (414.50p), 2728.62 (418.50p), 2686.95 (426.50p), 2684.80 (419.50p), 2557.78 (390.50p), 2535.98 (425.50p), 2491.72 (404.50p), 2341.28 (397.50p), High Plaskett Lands. 2870.35 (426.50p), 2847.65 (422.50p), 2797.84 (426.50p), 2634.17 (423.50p), 2610.58 (431.50p), Crosby House. 2735.54 (421.50p), 2722.29 (404.50p), 2710.40 (423.50p), 2630.25 (417.50p), 2629.13 (427.50p), 2628.38 (407.50p), Allerby Hall. 2696.60 (415.50p), 2596.57 (411.50p), 2591.73 (415.50p), 2584.41 (391.50p), Newbiggin Farm. 2649.99 (383.50p), Springfield. 2546.42

(398.50p), 2360.01 (405.50p), 2103.36 (404.50p), 2102.36 (391.50p), 2047.40 (388.50p), East House. 2527.25 (395.50p), 2473.55 (405.50p), 2290.15 (407.50p), Hundith House. 2468.91 (399.50p), West Farm.

Charolais – 2906.35 (396.50p) High Plaskett Lands.

British Blue – 2764.46 (439.50p), Crosby House. 2752.40 (421.50p), 2230.47 (375.50p), 2203.65 (373.50p), Greengill.

Prime Steers (per head - £ & per kilo) –

Limousin – 3096.41 (369.50p), 2900.10 (393.50p) Mid Farm. 2988.09 (418.50p), 2771 (407.50p), Crosby House. 2968.20 (382.50p), 2924.99 (398.50p), Arkleby Hall. 2952.41 (389.50p), Newbiggin Farm. 2366.70 (367.50p), East House.

Charolais – 2992.69 (414.50p), Crosby House Farm.

British Blue – 2936.95 (398.50p), Crosby House. 2848.43 (407.50p), West Farm.

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

Charolais – 3045.87 (391.50p), Ellenbank. **Holstein Friesian** – 1814.25 (307.50p), 1608.18 (273.50p), Greengill. **Simmental** – 2104.67 (363.50p), Ellenbank.

Cast Ewes

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Texel | £330.00 | DG Gate & J Walker, Fieldside Farm |
| Charollais | £270.00 | J&M Wilson, Meadow Farm |
| Dutch Spotted | £219.00 | GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm |
| Beltex | £208.00 | J&M Wilson, Meadow Farm |
| Mule | £196.00 | JP Lister, Oughterside Mill |
| Suffolk | £181.00 | GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm |
| Cheviot | £154.00 | P Edmondson & J Loan, Seathwaite |
| Texel x Herdwick | £131.00 | G & A Crayston & Son, Thornholme |
| Jacob | £126.00 | H Teasdale, Lonning Farm |
| Herdwick | £111.00 | P Edmondson & J Loan, Seathwaite |
| Swaledale | £88.00 | G&A Crayston & Son, Thornholme |

Cast Rams

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Herdwick | £136.00 | DW Crowe, Wha House Farm |
| Swaledale | £131.00 | D Simpson, Seatoller Farm |

1547 prime hogs forward. Continental hang weighted hogs a sharper trade as seen nationwide. Upland hogs selling to a very similar trade with heavy weights seeing some resistance as seen in many markets. The sale saw large amounts of light weight hillbred hogs, with these looking well sold. The sale topped at £230 for a Texel from DG Gate & J Walker, Fieldside being bought by Tony Harrison Butchers, Cockermouth, with other Texel selling to £220 from M/s Fraser, High Flatts. Topping at £4.52ppkg were Beltex hogs from MJ Lawson with others to £4.30ppkg from M/s Miller, Allerby Hall.

A large show of upland bred hogs forward selling to a top of £192 for heavy Cheviot Mule from R Skelton, New Hall. Pure Cheviot selling to £155 from JR Weir, Elva Plain. Mule hogs sold to a top of £152 for a pen of 22 from MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge. Herdwick hogs sold to £140 from JE&A Wilson, Far End Farm. Many Herdwick hogs full of meat selling £3.25ppkg - £3.30ppkg.

We thank our customers for their continual support.

Prime Hogs (per Head) Under 45kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | £185 | Messrs Miller, Allerby Hall | £175.73 |
| Texel | £185 | Messrs Miller, Allerby Hall | £146.48 |
| Suffolk | £150 | WE & DE Litt, Greengill | £138.05 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £148 | WE & DE Litt, Greengill | £135.91 |
| Mule | £143 | AG & KF Nicholson, Swinside End | £136.17 |
| Herdwick | £135 | Church Stile Farm | £125.86 |
| Swaledale | £131 | WCG Holdings, Eirintalla | £129.50 |

Prime Hogs (per Head) Over 45kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Texel | £230 | Walker & Gate, Fieldside | £165.17 |
| Beltex | £218 | G Gate, Hollins | £188 |
| Suffolk | £198 | R Skelton & Son, New Hall | £157.41 |
| Texel x Herdwick | £158 | G Wilkinson, Arkleby House | £156.15 |
| Mule | £152 | MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge | £148.76 |
| Swaledale | £140 | J & D Roper, Kirkland House | £138.30 |
| Herdwick | £140 | JE & A Wilson, Far End | £139.14 |

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Under 45kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | 452.50p | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 425.85p |
| Texel | 411.10p | Messrs Miller, Allerby Hall | 352.10p |
| Texel x Herdwick | 376.30p | Messrs Matterson, Low Eskholme | 345.70p |
| Herdwick | 345.90p | JJ & C Hodgson, Stybeck | 326.16p |
| Suffolk | 335p | T Hird, Westray | 330.80p |
| Mule | 332.60p | AG & KF Nicholson, Swinside End | 315.81p |
| Blackface | 328.60 | WE & DE Litt, Greengill | 323.78p |
| Swaledale | 326.50p | Hinning House Farm | 298.12p |

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Over 45kg

| Breed | Top Price | Vendor | Average |
|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------|
| Beltex | 395.70 | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 369.35p |
| Texel | 379.60p | Messrs Richardson, Low Garth | 320.73p |
| Suffolk | 339.10 | WE & DE Litt, Greengill | 318.68p |
| Texel x Herdwick | 336.20p | G Wilkinson, Arkleby House | 331.88p |
| Mule | 319.60p | MJ Lawson, Pasture House | 306.65p |
| Swaledale | 297.90p | J & D Roper, Kirkland House | 293.01p |