

Market Report for Wednesday 17th December 2025

On Wednesday 17th December 2025, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermouth, held their weekly sale of primestock with 21 Cattle: 1814 sheep including 1370 prime lambs and 444 cast ewes and rams.

Today's cows topped at 315.5p per kilo for a pure Limousin M&KI Slater, Rose Cottage. Top gross was £2260.38 for a Limousin cow from Stargill Farm Partnership. GG&M Hunter & Son, Upmanby Farm topped the dairy bred cow section with a Holstein Friesian at 279.5p per kilo and grossing £1741.29.

A British Blue dairy bred bull from W Gray & Sons, East Mill topped the bull section at 349.5ppk and a gross of £2558.34.

Cast Cows (per head - £)– Limousin – 2260.38, 1913.70 Stargill Farm, 2139.09 Rose Cottage, 1771.45 Riggwood. **Holstein Friesian** – 1741.29 Upmanby Farm. **Norwegian Red** – 1368.08 Moss House. **Jersey** - 1310.24 Moss House. **British Friesian** – 1256.24, 1070.85 Clarks Farm. **Fleckvieh** – 1165.17 Moss House. **Dairy Shorthorn** – 1076.49 Moss House.

Cast Cows (per kilo)– Limousin – 315.5 Rose Cottage, 267.5, 255.5 Stargill Farm, 249.5 Riggwood. **Holstein Friesian** – 279.5 Upmanby Farm. **Norwegian Red** – 277.5 Moss House. **Fleckvieh** – 249.5 Moss House. **Dairy Shorthorn** – 221.5 Moss House. **Jersey** – 215.5 Moss House. **British Frisian** – 191.5, 181.5 Clarks Farm.

Prime Bulls (per head - £)– British Blue – 2558.34 East Mill Farm, 1995.63 Greengill Farm. **Holstein Friesian** – 1829.63, 1801.95, 1599.14, 1532.38 Greengill Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 1744.88 Greengill Farm.

Prime Bulls (per kilo)– British Blue – 349.5 East Mill Farm, 331.5 Greengill Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 337.5 Greengill Farm. **Holstein Friesian** – 307.5(2), 287.5, 271.5 Greengill Farm.

Cast Bulls (per head - £)– Simmental – 2253.69 Sleathwaite Farm.

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Today's prime lambs topped at £218 for a tremendous Beltex from R Skelton Contractors, New Hall Farm purchased by Harold Birkbeck on behalf of regular supporters Haighs Butchers of Workington and Whitehaven. Heavy Beltex lambs achieved 400ppk from T Trafford & Son, Peter House bought by Mr Alam. Messrs Lamb, The How presented a ring full of 42kg Texel lambs achieving 407.1ppk. Light weight lambs topped at 360.5ppk for a pen of Texels from JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm. W Cowx & Son, Townend, Uldale showed a ring full of first cross Texel lambs at 350ppk.

Leading Consignments (3 or more)

R Skelton, New Hall Farm	30	av	£193.63
J Blackburn, Greenbank Close	9	av	£186.78
M/s S&D Peile, Parkgate Hall	7	av	£185.29
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	14	av	£184.86
J&M Wilson, Meadow Farm	18	av	£175.33
T Trafford & Son, Peter House Far	14	av	£172.29
C&J Harrison, High Croft	3	av	£169.00
GS&B Barwise, Bell House Farm	15	av	£168.73
RW Carr, Croftside Farm	30	av	£167.92
M/s Lamb, The How	14	av	£167.36

Prime Lambs (per head) – Beltex – 218, 209(2), 200, 191 New Hall Farm, 200 Peter House Farm, 197 Greenbank Close, 196 Kelmores Hills, 196, 190, 180 Parkgate Hall. **Texel** – 210, 198 Greenbank Close, 209 Hollins Farm, 205, 201 Rook Farm, 205, 204, 196, 193 New Hall Farm, 202, 198, 194(3), 192 High Flatts, 194 Peter House Farm, 194 Kelmores Hills. **Suffolk** – 209 Hollins Farm, 191, 159 Westray Farm, 178 High Bewaldeth, 176 Kelmores Hills, 171 Tarn Bank, 170 Holmerigg, 166 Bell House Farm, 160, 151 Far End Farm, 160, 155 Croft House. **Charollais** – 190, 178, 174 Bell House Farm, 176 Far End Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 170 Croftside Farm. **Cheviot** – 153(2), 131.50 Moorside, 140 Poppy Farm, 131 Stonecroft. **Blue Texel** – 147 Croftside Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 146 Greenbank Close, 145 Grange Grassings, 143.50, 134 Grange Farm, 140.50 Hayes Castle, 139, 138 Croft House, 134 Low Eskholme Farm, 131, 127 Seathwaite Farm, 129 Poppy Farm, 128.50 Croft House, 128 Dearham Row, 125 Swinside End Farm, 120 Armaside Farm. **Mule** – 142 Shatton Lodge Close, 141.50 Wilson Park Farm, 137.50 Moorside, 135.50 Westray Farm, 129.50 Eirinntalla, 127 Swinside End Farm. **Swaledale** – 103 Low Priorscales, 100 Eirinntalla. **Herdwick** – 101 Hinning House.

Prime Lambs (pence per kilo) – Texel – 407.1 The How, 388 Peter House Farm, 387 Hayes Castle, 384.9 New Hall Farm, 381.8 Greenbank Close, 373.9 High Bewaldeth, 373.1, 371.4, 367.3 Kelmores Hills, 372.9, 361.7 Meadow Farm, 367.4 Riggingill, 366.7, 366(2) High Flatts, 365.5 Rook Farm, 365.1 High Lawnthwaite Farm. **Beltex** – 400 Peter House Farm, 384.3 Kelmores Hills, 381.1 Croftside Farm, 372.1, 333.3 Blackthorn Close, 365.9, 360 Parkgate Hall, 360.3(2), 351.6, 333.3 New Hall Farm. **Charollais** – 348.8, 345.1 Far End Farm, 316 Beechcroft, 312.3 Bell House Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 343.6 Low Eskholme Farm, 338.2, 311.4 Croft House, 328.2 Dearham Row, 325.6 Seathwaite Farm, 324.3 Aramside Farm, 324.2, 315 Swinside End Farm, 323.3, 320.9 Croft House, 322.5 Poppy Farm, 319.3 Hayes Castle, 315.2 Grange Grassings, 311.6 Grange Farm, 310.6 Greenbank Close. **Cheviot** – 343.2 Rook Farm, 322.9, 318.4 Stonecroft, 320.7, 312.2 Moorside. **Blue Texel** – 341.9 Croftside Farm. **Suffolk** – 334.1 Ryhola Meadow, 331.3, 331 Westray Farm, 329.3 Howbeck Lodge, 325.6 Shatton Lodge Close, 322.9, 313.7 Croft House, 320, 314.6 Far End Farm, 317.9 High Bewaldeth, 316.7 Tarn Bank, 314.3 Kelmores Hills. **Dutch Spotted** – 309.1 Croftside Farm. **Mule** – 308 Westray Farm, 301.2 Eirinntalla, 295.8 Shatton Lodge Close, 295.3 Swinside End Farm, 294.8 Wilson Park Farm, 292.6 Moorside. **Swaledale** – 286.1 Low Priorscales, 227.3 Eirinntalla. **Herdwick** – 273 Hinning House.

Continental ewes short in numbers and weight until local farmers start scanning. Texel reached £206 from Messrs Fraser, High Flatts. Suffolks to £198 from JG Harryman, Hawkshead and I&R Millard, Old

Hyton Farm. Heavy Mule ewes remain a very strong trade, topping at £179 from J&E Scott & Son, Mid Farm.

63% of today's sale were hill bred ewes averaging a staggering £93.39, with Scotch Blackface ewes leading the way at £149 from TA Byres, Ellenbank.

Cast Ewes- Texel – 206(2), 172 High Flatts, 199 Mid Farm, 196, 173, 164, 149, 141 Station House, 188, 187, 169 Parsonage, 178 West Lodge, 174, 140(2) Plumbland Farm, 155 Mid Farm, 150 Croft House, 150 Shatton Lodge Close. **Suffolk** – 198 Sunray, 198 Old Hyton Farm, 160 Meadowfields. **Bluefaced Leicester** – 191, 180 Byresteads Farm, 150 Wythop Hall. **Mule** – 179, 153 Mid Farm, 175 Plumbland Farm, 173 Parsonage Farm, 169(2) High Flatts, 167, 148 Byresteads Farm, 159 West Lodge, 158(2) Meadowfields, 150 Sunray, 149 Station House, 146 Old Hyton Farm, 141 Croft House, 136 Bell House Farm. **Cheviot** – 175 Uldale Hall, 116 Low Stowbank. **Zwartbles** – 173 Station House. **Scotch Blackface** – 149, 136 Ellenbank, 102 Shatton Lodge Close. **Texel x Herdwick** – 138 Burnthwaite Farm, 112, 105 Plumbland Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 130 Bell House Farm. **Herdwick** – 103, 100, 97 Croft House, 101 Grange Grassings, 99 Church Stile, 95 Greenlands, 94 Taw House, 94, 92 Burnthwaite Farm, 93 Bell House Farm, 93 West Lodge. **Swaledale** – 100 Uldale Hall, 99, 76 Byresteads Farm, 98, 95 West Lodge, 97 Low House, 92, 87, 85 Beechcroft, 90 Shatton Lodge Close, 89 Station House.

Cast Rams- Bluefaced Leicester – 172 Beechcroft, 164, 132 Wythop Hall, 158 Stockhow Hall. **Texel** – 120 Stockhow Hall. **Swaledale** – 112 low Snab.