

Market Report for Wednesday 18th February 2026

On Wednesday 18th February 2026, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermonth, held their weekly sale of primestock with 17 Cattle: 1407 sheep including 1104 prime hogs and 303 cast ewes and rams.

Mitchells Auctions cattle ring today witnessed an outstanding trade with a pure Limousin cow from D&MA Wilson, Lamplugh Hall topping at 355.5ppk, £2979.09.

P&PI Walker, Beechcroft topped the bulls with a Limousin at 407.5ppk, £ 2913.63.

Both categories showing great returns via the live ring.

Cast Cows (per head - £) – Limousin - 2973.09, 2634.65, 2614.64 Lamplugh Hall. 1965.33, 1949.97, 1261.68 Strawberry How. 1678.97 Rose Cottage. **Holstein Friesian** - 1620.27, 1523.92 Lamplugh Hall. **British Friesian** - 1581.83, 1443.96 Harrington Parks. **British Blue** - 1398.29 Strawberry How. **Ayrshire** -1277.75 Strawberry House.

Cast Cows (per kilo) - Limousin - 355.50, 343.50, 333.50 Lamplugh Hall. 309.50, 285.50, 231.50 Strawberry How. 259.50 Rose Cottage. **Holstein Friesian** - 299.50, 221.50 Lamplugh Hall. **British Blue** - 289.50 Strawberry How. **British Friesian** - 249.50, 243.50 Harrington Parks. **Ayrshire** - 237.50 Strawberry How.

Prime Bulls (per head - £) – Limousin - 2913.63 Beechcroft. 2033.91 Uldale Hall. **Aberdeen Angus** - 2587.20 Beechcroft. **British Blue** - 2193.89 Uldale Hall.

Prime Bulls (per kilo) - Limousin - 407.50 Beechcroft. 634.50 Uldale Hall **Aberdeen Angus** - 367.50 Beechcroft. **British Blue** - 367.50 Uldale Hall.

Prime Hogs

All categories of Prime Hogs dearer on the week. The sale topped at £230 for a tremendous Texel from W&E Gate, Rook Farm purchased by Mohammed Alam.

The ppk honours went to MJ Lawson, Pasture House with his grass reared Beltex hogs weighing 45kgs achieving 444.4p.

47% of the hogs forward today fell into the hillbred sections, with an overall sale average 344.72ppk.

Light fell hogs regularly making 340p and topping at 376.4ppk for Texel x Herdwicks from JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm. W&E Gate, Rook Farm sold Scotch Blackface hogs to 365ppk. P&J Bland, Knott Houses sold a pen full of pure Herdwicks weighing 37kgs at 354.1ppk.

Top Consignment Averages (3 or more):-

G Gate, Hollins Farm	3	57kg	£210.33
A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	4	55kg	£203.75
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	15	58kg	£190.47
J&DG Gate, Fieldside Farm	7	51kg	£190.29
F Gate, Sally Hill	3	51kg	£173.33

Prime Hogs (per head) – Texel – 230, 214, 208 Rook Farm, 211, 209 Hollins Farm, 202, 200, 194, 193, 188, 187(2) High Flatts, 190, 181 Fieldside, 190 Sally Hill, 188, 182 Riggingill, 182 Mid Farm, 181 High Lawnthwaite Farm. **Beltex**

– 211 Hollins Farm, 210(2), 204, 191 Kelmores Hills, 200, 148 Pasture House, 198, 196 Fieldside, 187 Whinnah Lodge, 167 Whinnerah, 151 East Townend, 146 Park Rd. **Suffolk** – 188, 159 Westray Farm, 174, 167.50, 164 New Hall Farm, 164 Woodside Farm, 156 Beechcroft, 155 Whinnah Lodge. **Blue Texel** – 162 Pasture House, 136 Croftside Farm. **Blueface Leicester** – 155 Burns Farm. **Charollais** – 154.50, 149 Beechcroft. **Cheviot** – 154, 150.50 Blackthorn Close, 150.50, 148, 144 Dearham Hall, 144 Rook Farm. **Mule** – 152.50 Shatton Lodge Close, 150.50 Whinnerah, 150 Hill Top, 149.50 Low Garth, 148.50 East Townend, 148 Pasture House, 148 Low House, 130 Dearham Hall. **Scotch Blackface** – 151 Kilndale, 147.50 Greensyke, 135 Rook Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 150.50 East Townend, 148.50 Dearham Row, 145.50 Low Eskholme Farm, 143 Park Rd, 135.50 Poppy Farm, 128 Dearham Hall, 127 Eastwaite Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 149.50 East Townend, 125 Cockley Gill Farm. **Herdwick** – 149, 136, 123 Eastwaite Farm, 141, 133.50 Burnthwaite Farm, 134.50, 131, 130.50, 127.50 Knott Houses, 125 Forge Farm, 122 Stybeck Farm. **Swaledale** – 122.50 Low Priorscales, 110 Lowthwaite, 107 Cockley Gill, 107 Hollows Farm. **Rough Fell** – 120 Dearham Hall, 119.50 Askhill Farm.

Prime Hoggs (pence per kilo) – Beltex – 444.4, 411.1 Pasture House, 428.2 Whinnerah, 426.1, 396 Fieldside, 381.8, 367.3, 364.3, 362.1 Kelmores Hills, 374 Whinnah Lodge, 351.7 Hollins Farm, 351.2 East Townend, 339.5 Park Rd. **Texel** – 435.9 Old Hyton Farm, 410.5, 368.3 Pasture House, 407, 365.9 High Lawnthwaite Farm, 397.6, 390.2 Westray Farm, 395.7, 395 Riggigill, 391.1 Croftside Farm, 383.6, 366.7 Hollins Farm, 372.6 Ewanrigg Farm, 371.4 Whinnah Lodge, 369 Rook Farm, 365.8 Cockley Gill Farm, 363.4 Low Eskholme Farm, 362.9 Strawberry How, 362.5 Mid Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 376.4 Poppy Farm, 364.7 Stybeck Farm, 363.8 Low Eskholme Farm, 345.3 Dearham Row, 340.5 Park Rd, 337.5 Eastwaite Farm, 334.4 East Townend. **Cheviot** – 369.2 Rook Farm, 342.9, 336.4, 334.4 Dearham hall, 342 Blackthorn Close. **Blue Texel** – 367.6 Croftside Farm, 360 Pasture House. **Scotch Blackface** – 364.9 Rook Farm, 343.2 Kilndale, 343 Greensyke. **Herdwick** – 354.1, 344.9, 344.6 Knott Houses, 348.6, 341.4 Stybeck Farm, 335.7 Whinnah Lodge, 332.4, 317 Eastwaite Farm, 320.5 Burnthwaite Farm. **Suffolk** – 345.7, 329.8 Westray Farm, 335, 328, 316.4 New Hall Farm, 310 Whinnah Lodge, 298.2 Woodside Cottage, 288.9 Beechcroft. **Charollais** – 338.6, 309 Beechcroft. **Dutch Spotted** – 332.2 East Townend, 328.9 Cockley Gill Farm. **Mule** – 328.9 Pasture House, 327.2 Whinnerah, 326.1 Hill Top, 325 Dearham Hall, 323.1 Swinside End Farm, 322.8 East Townend, 321.7 Low House, 318.1 Low Garth. **Rough Fell** – 324.3 Dearham Hall, 284.5 Askhill Farm. **Swaledale** – 314.1 Low Priorscales, 289.2 Cockley Gill Farm, 289.2 Hollows Farm, 283.3 Low Priorscales. **Blueface Leicester** – 287 Burns Farm.

Cast Ewes- Blue Face Leicester - 216 Hill Top Farm, 121 Burns Farm. **Texel** - 206, 202, 178 High Flatts, 193, 140 The How, 186 Sally Hill, 172, 145 Winder Lea, 150 Strawberry How, 131, 126(2), Station House, 130(2) High Lawnthwaite Farm, 130 Kelmores Hills. **Blue Texel** - 180 Rough Holme Farm. **Suffolk** - 168 Strawberry How, 129 Winder Lea, 110 Low Garth, 93 Low Stowbank. **Charollais** - 150, 135, 114 Rose Cottage. **Cheviot** - 147, 122 Fold Head Farm, 112 Station House, 112 Low Stowbank, 107 Kelmores Hills. **Mule** – 142 Station House, 133 Swinside End Farm, 132 Winder Lea, 130 Stainton Farm. **Dorset** - 142, 134 Garnett House. **Cross** - 114 Station House. **Kerry Hill** - 113 Station House. **Dutch Spotted** - 100 Rose Cottage. **Swaledale** – 109 Low Stowbank, 103 Kelmores Hills, 100 Old Hyton Farm, 91, 88 Stainton Farm. **Herdwick** - 109, 97 Armathwaite Hall Estate, 109 High Lawnthwaite, 106(2) Burnthwaite Farm, 105 Bowderdale, 92 Swinside End Farm, 91 High Lawnthwaite Farm. **Jacob** - 91 Cockley Gill Farm.

Cast Rams- Texel - 180 The How. 176 High Lawnthwaite Farm. **Herdwick** - 129 Bowderdale. 117, 115 Knott Houses. 102 Burns Farm. **Blue Face Leicester** - 110 Hill Top Farm. **Swaledale** - 103 Cockley Gill Farm.