

## Market Report for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Mitchells Livestock Centre, Cockermonth, held their weekly sale of primestock.

Today's sale saw a smaller entry of cattle. Leading the trade on a per head basis was an outstanding 9-year-old Limousin from RJ Powell of Brimmer Head, which also topped the price per kilo at 329.50ppk. A Charolais cow grossing £2403.61 from J Hodgson, Woodend Farm. Holstein Friesian achieving £2293.98 from JD Faulder, Croft House Farm.

Prime bulls topped at £1,996.26 per head for a British Blue from G&I Carruthers of Lowca Cottage Farm. The same animal also led the price per kilo at 339.50ppk.

More cattle could have been sold, as vendors benefited from the strong ringside presence of buyers.

**Cast Cows (per head - £) – Charolais – 2403.61 Woodend Farm. Holstein Friesian – 2293.98 Croft House Farm. Limousin – 2250.49 Brimmer Head. Holstein – 2188.15, 2039.67 Gibbtarn, 2150.50, 2129.79 Lowca Cottage, 183880 Croft House Farm. British Blue – 2103.57 Gibbtarn, 1962.81 Brimmer Head. British Friesian - 2001.94 Uldale Hall. Aberdeen Angus – 1897.50 Woodside Cottage, 1810.25 Stybeck Farm, 1404.69 Low Place. Norwegian Red – 1400.13 Hunday Farm.**

**Cast Cows (per kilo) – Limousin – 329.5 Brimmer Head. Charolais – 323.5 Woodend Farm. Holstein – 287.5, 279.5 Lowca Cottage, 267.5, 259.5 Gibbtarn. British Blue – 289.5 Brimmer Head, 283.5 Gibbtarn. Aberdeen Angus - 287.5 Woodside Cottage, 263.5 Stybeck Farm. Holstein Friesian – 259.5 Croft House. British Friesian - 251.5 Uldale Hall.**

**Prime Bulls (per head - £) – British Blue – 1996.26 Lowca Cottage. British Friesian – 1879.88 Uldale Hall.**

**Prime Bulls (per kilo) – British Blue – 339.50 Lowca Cottage. British Friesian – 337.50 Uldale Hall.**

Cast ewes met a strong trade, topping at £234 for a tremendous Texel from A&B Fell, Hodgson Green.

Mules sold to a top of £171, while Suffolks reached £168, both from J&E Wilson, Far End Farm.

Fell sheep peaked at £154 from T.W. Bell & Son, Hill Top, with Herdwicks topping at £142 from T.W. Hird, Westray Farm. Swaledales sold to £132, again from J&E Wilson, Far End Farm, and Texel x Herdwicks reached £120 from P. Naylor, Bowderdale.

**Cast Ewes- Texel – 234 Hodgson Green, 192, 137 Orchard Farm, 160 Mid Farm, 160 Outgang Farm, 155, 132 Erintalla, 151 Moorside, 136 Ferndale, 135 Mid Farm. Mule – 171 Far End, 158(2) Frizington Hall, 152 Swinside End, 151 Moorside, 148 Hodgson Green. Suffolk – 168 Far End Farm, 140 Erintalla. Cheviot – 154 Hill Top, 132 Cragg House, 124 Row Head, 117 Low Whitebanks. Herdwick – 142, 120, 114 Westray Farm, 114 Croft House, 111 Seathwaite, 105 Row Head, 98 Yew Tree. Swaledale – 132 Far End, 117 Erintalla, 114 Hill Top, 108 Seatoller, 90 Swinside End. Texel x Herdwick – 120 Bowderdale, 95 Moorside.**

As we are heading to the close of ramadan with 1431 hoggs forward, 58% of these falling into the hill bred and mule categories we had an overall sale average £165.88 per head.

We had a 3 hogg race in close competition to achieve the top price with Sapphire Skelton, New Hall Farm crossing the line first with her Texel hogg at £248. Close on her tail was George Gate at £247 and William Fraser at £246. Texel hogs topping 513ppk and Beltex hogs at 510.9ppk both lots from R Skelton, New Hall Farm. Texel x Herdwicks achieving 417.1ppk from JG&PH Thompson, topping at £194.50 from WS&C Jackson. Mules achieving 395.3ppk from WCG Holdings, topping at £181.50 from JE&A Wilson. Pure Herdwicks achieving 380.9ppk and topping at £179 from G Harryman Jr. Swales achieving 374.4ppk and topping at £175 from JE&A Wilson.

**Top Consignment Averages:-**

G Gate, Hollins Farm	4	61kg	avg	£234.00
R Skelton, New Hall Farm	30	49kg	avg	£227.43
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	8	60kg	avg	£221.13
J Litt, Greengill Farm	14	51kg	avg	£200.21
PT&SM Hewitson, Byresteads	36	52kg	avg	£186.86

**Prime Hogs (per head) – Texel** – 248, 236, 230, 226, 219, 216(2) New Hall Farm, 247, 233, 231, 225 Hollins Farm, 246, 236, 223 High Flatts, 211 Greengill Farm. **Texel** – 248, 236, 230, 226, 219, 216(2) New Hall Farm, 247, 233, 231, 225 Hollins Farm, 246, 236, 223 High Flatts, 211 Greengill Farm. **Beltex** – 240, 235, 232, 229, 205 New Hall Farm, 238 Kelmores Hills. **Suffolk** – 240 Kelmores Hills, 195, 179 Far End Farm, 190 Croft House, 187 Sorrowstones, 186, 184, 179, 175, 170 Greengill Farm, 184 Ryhola Meadow, 179 Elva Plain, 178 Shatton Lodge Close. **Charollais** – 203 Greengill Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 195, 194.50, 180 Croft House, 184 Plumbland Farm, 181, 180 Yew Tree Farm, 176 Swinside End Farm, 174 Bowderdale, 173 High Lawnthwaite, 172 East Townend, 169 Greengill Farm, 168 Croft House. **Mule** – 181.50 Far End Farm, 181 Kelmores Hills, 181, 180.50 Plumbland Farm, 180 Byresteads Farm, 180 Frizington Hall, 179.50 Shatton Lodge Close, 179.50 Sorrowstones, 172.50 Threapland Lees, 170 Eirinntalla. **Blueface Leicester** – 181 Shatton Lodge Close. **Zwartables** – 181 Sorrowstones. **Herdwick** – 179 Oak How, 169.50 High Lawnthwaite, 154.50 Skelsceugh Farm, 151 Seathwaite Farm, 148 Yew Tree Farm, 140 Low Eskholme, 138 Church Stile. **Ryeland** – 179, 165.50 Ullock Mains. **Cheviot** – 178(2) Sorrowstones, 174 High Lawnthwaite, 169.50 Row Head, 169 Greengill Farm. **Romney** – 178, 168 Greengill Farm. **Swaledale** – 175 Far End Farm, 170, 168.50 High Lawnthwaite, 169 Seatoller Farm, 165 Plumbland Farm. **Dutch Spotted x** – 171 East Townend. **Greyface Dartmoor** – 168 Seatoller Farm.

**Prime Hogs (pence per kilo) – Texel** – 513, 446.9, 432, 415.4, 410.9 New Hall Farm, 434.5, 411.9 Kelmores Hills, 433.3 Greengill Farm, 427.8 Hollins Farm, 426.3 Mid Farm, 422.2, 420 Poppy Farm, 421.4, 413 High Flatts, 410.9 Shatton Lodge Close. **Beltex** – 510.9, 497.8, 493.6, 488.1, 470.6 New Hall Farm, 436.1 Elva Plain. **Texel x Herdwick** – 417.1 Poppy Farm, 409.5 East Townend, 405.9, 400, 388.1 Yew Tree Farm, 402.4 Greengill Farm, 400, 397.1 Swinside End Farm, 397.5 Church Stile, 397.4 Low Eskholme, 393.2 High Lawnthwaite, 391.3, 390.7 Croft House. **Suffolk** – 414.6, 400, 397.7, 380.9, 379.6 Greengill Farm, 383.3 Ryhola Meadow, 381.6 Sorrowstones, 379.5 Troutal Farm, 377.5 Moorside, 374.4 Threapland Lees, 373.8 Ewanrigg Farm, 372.5 Croft House, 370.8 Shatton Lodge Close. **Cheviot** – 402.4 Greengill Farm, 395.5 High Lawnthwaite, 385.2 Row Head, 378.7(2) Sorrowstones. **Dutch Spotted x** – 397.7 East Townend. **Mule** – 395.3 Eirinntalla, 392 Threapland Lees, 385.7, 348.1 Kelmores Hills, 383 Frizington Hall, 381.9 Sorrowstones, 374 Shatton Lodge Close, 371.4 High Lawnthwaite, 369.4 Plumbland Farm, 362.2 Swinside End Farm, 349 Far End Farm, 347.7 Low House. **Herdwick** – 380.9 Oak How, 368.5 High Lawnthwaite, 368.4 Low Eskholme, 368.3 Seathwaite Farm, 361, 352.6, 341 Yew Tree Farm, 353.8 Church Stile, 340.9 Elva Plain, 335.9 Skelsceugh Farm. **Ryeland** – 376.1, 342.1 Ullock Mains. **Swaledale** – 374.4 High Lawnthwaite, 364.6 Far End Farm, 351.1 Plumbland Farm, 345.3 Swinside End Farm, 344.9 Seatoller Farm. **Greyface Dartmoor** – 373.3 Seatoller Farm. **Romney** – 373.3, 363.3 Greengill Farm. **Charollais** - 369.1, 362.5 Greengill Farm.

**Zwartbles** – 362 Sorrowstones. **Rough Fell** – 346.2 Poppy Farm. **Bluefaced Leicester** – 341.5 Shatton Lodge  
Close.