

Market Report for Wednesday 26th March 2025

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

Today we had 40 cattle forward. Topping today's cast cow ring was a tremendous Limousin from J&E Nichol, Whinnerah weighing 719kg selling for 3473.50ppk totalling £2498.53.

Dairy bred cows topped at 321.50ppk (£2462.69 – 766kg) for a Montbeliarde from first time seller JE&WB Wearing, Low Shaw Farm.

Prime bulls sold to a roaring trade, with the top price being 395.50ppk which was achieved twice for Limousins from J Pattinson & Son, Uldale Hall.

Dairy bred bulls sold to 349.50ppk from WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm.

Cast Cows (per head - £ & per kilo)–

Limousin – 2498.53 (347.5p) Whinnerah, 1878.86 (289.5p) Gibbtarn. 1647.34 (285.5p) Low Shaw Farm, 1494.68 (255.5p) Lake View. **Montbeliarde** – 2462.69 (321.5p) Low Shaw Farm. **Aberdeen Angus** – 2316.89 (261.5p), 2071.76 (275.5p), 1310.07 (239.5p) Beck Farm, 1851.47 (269.5p) Hawkbarrow. **Holstein Friesian** – 2140.97 (279.5p), 2133.45 (247.5p) East Farm, 1807.65 (257.5p) Langhorn, 1741.55 (253.5p), 1556.78 (247.5p) Arkleby House, 1401.35 (223.5p) Woodside Farm. **Holstein** – 2026.12 (255.5p) Gibbtarn, 1857.68 (263.5p) Lodge Farm, 1259.65 (213.5p) Langhorn. **British Friesian** – 2008.44 (291.5p) Arkleby House, 1821.72 (255.5p), 1290.55 (243.5p), 1217.20 (209.5p) Low Shaw Farm. **British Blue** – 1853.78 (267.5p) Colingate Farm.

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

Limousin – 2349.27 (395.5p), 2179.21 (395.5p), 2082.41 (383.5p) Uldale Hall.
British Blue – 2323.34 (381.5p), 2138.94 (349.5p) Lowca Cottage.
British Friesian – 1988.66 (349.5p) Greengill Farm.
Holstein Friesian – 1957.50 (337.5p) Greengill Farm.
Holstein – 1911.39 (339.5p), 1665.37 (321.5p) Greengill Farm.

Cast Ewes

Beltex – 221 Arkleby House, 199 Woodhall Brow, 187 Mechi Farm, 179 Middlegill. **Texel** – 220, 208, 194 Summerhill, 220 Hill Top, 209, 209 Lake View, 200, 164, 164, 162, 162 Kelmores Hills, 190 Hunday Farm, 180, 169, 169, 157 Croftside Farm, 178 Low Stowbank, 167, 165, 155 Riggingill. **Bluefaced Leicester** – 186 Mosser Mains. **Mule** – 182, 150 Kelmores Hills, 167, 167 High Low Hall, 162 Hill Top, 160 Hole House, 156, 152 Seafield House, 152 Seat House, 140 Riggingill. **Suffolk** – 169, 159 Nixon Terrace, 168 Hole House. **Cheviot** – 147 Low Stowbank, 137 Nixon Terrace, 134 Stybeck Farm. **Herdwick** – 142, 109 Knott Houses, 126 Mosser Mains, 100 Nixon Terrace, 97 Yew Tree Farm. **Swaledale** – 118, 88 Hole House, 106 Causeyway Foot, 105 Cockey Beck, 88 Wythop Hall. **Texel x Herdwick** – 111 Penny Hill.

Cast Ewes

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	221	G Wilkinson, Arkleby House	£196.50
Texel	220	A Ashburner, Summer Hill	£142.80
BF Leicester	186	Ms Clark, Mosser Mains	£186.00
Mule	182	A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	£132.10
Suffolk	169	A Neale, Nixon Terrace	£165.33
Cheviot	147	GW Whitfield, Low Stowbank	£139.33
Herdwick	142	P&J Bland, Knott Houses	£94.66
Swaledale	118	LG Sibson, Hole House	£82.63
Texel x Herdwick	111	N Race, Penny Hill	£111.00

Cast Rams

Cheviot – 224 Eastwaite. **Texel** – 210 Grange Grassings. **Herdwick** – 140 Knott Houses.

Cast Rams

Breed	Top Price	Vendor
Cheviot	224	DJ Porter, Eastwaite
Texel	210	Ms Harrington, Grange Grassings
Herdwick	140	P&J Bland, Knott Houses

Today we held the Stan Edmondson Show & Sale of Herdwick Hogs.

The judging was in the capable hands of Mr S Harryman.

The Champion pen sold to weekly supporter Mr Mohammed Alam on behalf of Lancashire Halal Ltd for £222.00 per head. Reserve Champions were bought by Kitsons Butchers, Five Houses Farm Shop, Northallerton for £180.00 per head.

The results are as followed:

1st Ms Bland, Clea Hall

2nd JR Weir, Elva Plain

3rd P Edmondson & J Loan, Seathwaite Farm

Champion Ms Bland, Clea Hall

Reserve Champion JR Weir, Elva Plain

Prime Hogs (per Head) Over 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Texel	£228	R Skelton & Son, New Hall Farm	£188.52
Herdwick	£222	M/s Bland, Clea Hall	£161.17
Beltex	£219	A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	£210.67
Suffolk	£208	A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	£191.57
Hampshire	£197	R Skelton & Son, New Hall Farm	£197
Dorset	£151	JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm	£151
Mule	£150	MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge Close	£148.11
Cheviot	£149	Church Stile	£149
Dutch Spotted	£149	L Bancroft, Hunday Farm	£149
Texel x Herdwick	£149	AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm	£149
Rough Fell	£144.50	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£144.50
Teeswater	£140	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£140

Prime Hogs (per Head) Under 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	£170	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	£169.33
Texel	£163	G Wilkinson, Arkleby House	£144.25
Suffolk	£157	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	£154.20
Texel x Herdwick	£147	G Wilkinson, Arkleby House	£136.54
Mule	£141.50	A Fearon, Kirkland House	£140.24
Cheviot	£140	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£137
Scotch Blackface	£140	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£132.60
Herdwick	£138	AW&A Porter, Boon Cragg Farm	£126.41
Swaledale	£136	WCG Holdings, Eirintalla	£129.90
Cheviot Mule	£138	JA Nanson, Sorrowstones	£138

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Under 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	404.9p	G Wilkinson, Arkleby House	404.78p
Texel	396.9p	JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm	337.5p
Texel x Herdwick	352.6p	M/s Matterson, Low Eskholme Farm	332.42p
Suffolk	348.9p	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	342.67p
Herdwick	338.2p	JJ&C Hodgson, Stybeck Farm	318.81p
Cheviot	333.3p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	327.39p
Dorset	330.6p	JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm	330.56p
Mule	324.4p	AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm	320.35p
Scotch Blackface	322.5p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	320.63p
Swaledale	309.5p	J&E Nichol, Swinside End Farm	291.59p
Cheviot Mule	306.7p	JA Nanson, Sorrowstones	306.67p

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Under 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Herdwick	444p	M/s Bland, Clea Hall	337.31p
Texel	418p	M/s Miller, Allerby Hall	321.42p
Beltex	365p	A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	343.48p
Suffolk	327.6p	R Skelton & Son, New Hall Farm	311.14p
Mule	325p	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	303.22p
Dorset	321.3p	JG&PH Thompson, Poppy Farm	321.28p
Rough Fell	314.1p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	314.13p
Dutch Spotted	310.4p	L Bancroft, Hunday Farm	310.42p
Texel x Herdwick	310.4p	AG&KF Nicholson, Swinside End Farm	310.42p
Cheviot	298p	Church Stile	298p
Teeswater	297.9p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	297.87p

Topping the sale at £228 for a texel from R Skelton & Sons, New Hall Farm purchased by regular supporter Tony Harrison Butchers, Main Street, Cockermonth. Beltex hogs topped at £219 from A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills and was purchased by Lancashire Direct.

Top Averages:-

A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	5	av	£206.40
G Gate, Hollins	5	av	£204.80
R Skelton, New Hall Farm	30	av	£199.97

M/s Bland, Clea Hall	10	av	£192.50 (Pure Herdwicks)
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	9	av	£191.78

(Prime Hoggs- per Head)

Texel – 228, 216, 214, 210(2) New Hall Farm, 224, 207 Kelmores Hills, 217, 209, 208 Allerby Hall, 214(2), 208 Hollins Farm, 214 High Flatts. **Herdwick** – 222, 163 Clea Hall, 180 Elva Plain, 162, 141 Seathwaite Farm, 143 Skelsceugh Farm, 140 Stybeck Farm, 138 Boon Cragg Farm, 137 Knott Houses. **Beltex** – 219 Kelmores Hills, 207, 206 New Hall Farm, 180, 170 Home Farm, 170 Pasture House, 166 Arkleby House. **Suffolk** – 208 Kelmores Hills, 204, 190(2), 185, 174 New Hall Farm, 157 Pasture House, 150(2) Greengill Farm. **Hampshires** – 197 New Hall Farm. **Dorset** – 151 Poppy Farm. **Mule** – 150 Shatton Lodge Close, 149.50 Pasture House, 149 Swinside End Farm, 148.50 Byresteads **Dutch Spotted** – 149 Hunday Farm. **Cheviot** – 149 Church Stile, 140 Greengill Farm, 132.50 Woodhall Brow Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 149 Swinside End Farm, 147 Arkleby House, 146.50 Woodhall Brow Farm, 141 Grange Grassings, 136.50 Church Stile, 135 Bennet Head, 134 Low Eskholme. **Rough Fell** – 144.50 Greengill Farm. **Teeswater** – 140 Greengill Farm. **Scotch Blackface** – 140 Greengill Farm, 134 Woodhall Brow. **Swaledale** – 136 Eirinntalla, 122 Poppy Farm, 121 Outgang Farm. Farm, 148 Greengill Farm, 146.50 Hill Top, 144 Sorrowstones.

(Prime Hoggs -Per kilo £)

Herdwick – 444, 332.7 Clea Hall, 375, 337 Elva Plain, 338.2 Stybeck Farm, 337.5 Seathwaite Farm, 329 Knott Houses, 329, 327.9 Boon Cragg Farm. **Texel** – 418, 417.3, 382, 378.2 Allerby Hall, 396.9, 373.5 Poppy Farm, 389.1 New Hall Farm, 389.1 High Flatts, 380.5 Beeches, 379.1 Arkleby House, 378.4 Chapel Howe, 377.8, 375.4 Hollins Farm, 376.7 Pasture House. **Beltex** – 404.9 Arkleby House, 404.8 Pasture House, 374.3 Chapel Howe, 365 Kelmores Hills, 346.2 Home Farm, 337.7, 328.6 New Hall Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 352.6 Low Eskholme Farm, 344.4 Poppy Farm, 341 Greengill Farm, 338.50 Eastwaite Farm, 338.5 Greengill Farm, 334.2, 334.1 Arkleby House. **Suffolk** – 348.9 Pasture House, 333.3, 326 Greengill Farm, 327.6, 316.7 New Hall Farm, 325 Kelmores Hills, 322 Causeway Foot, 317 Shatton Lodge Close, 311.4 Orchard Farm. **Cheviot** – 333.3 Greengill Farm, 315.5 Woodhall Brow Farm, 312.2 Hinning House. **Dorset** – 330.6 Poppy Farm. **Mule** – 325, 314.5 Pasture House, 324.4 Swinside End Farm, 321.6 Kirkland House, 313.3(2) Greengill Farm, 311.7 Hill Top. **Scotch Blackface** – 322.5 Greengill Farm, 319 Woodhall Brow Farm. **Rough Fell** – 314.1 Greengill Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 310.4 Hunday Farm. **Swaledale** – 309.5 Whinnerah, 309.1 Eirinntalla, 305.4 Poppy Farm.