

Market Report for Wednesday 30th April 2025

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

Well fleshed bulls from R Mattocks & Son, Row Hall topped the bulls with a British Friesian bull at £2083.14 and made 319.5p per kilo.

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

British Friesian – 2083.14 (319.5p), 2066.27 (314.5p) Row Hall.

A Simmental OTM heifer from M/s G Ellwood, Welcome Nook took top price pence per kilo at 359.5p. G&T Tyson, East House sold a well fleshed Limousin Cow making £2467.08.

Dairy cows topped with a Holstein Friesian cow from D&MA Wilson, Lamplugh Hall at £1950.80. Topping pence per kilo was British Friesian cow from J Pattinson & Son, Uldale Hall selling at 305.5p

Cast Cows (per head - £ & per kilo)–

Limousin – 2467.08 (311.5p) East House, 2079 (337.5p) Parkhouse Farm, 1830.74 (319.5p) Poppy Farm, 1708.05 (289.5p) Frizington Hall, 1585.68 (297.5p) High Beckcote. **British Blue** – 2310.81 (295.5p) Eskett View, 2070.56 (309.5p), 1874.07 (315.5p) Holmecroft Farm, 1693.02 (285.5p), 1493.50 (257.5p) Parkhouse Farm. **Hereford** – 2218.22 (281.5p) Shatton Lodge Close, 2032.76 (285.5p) Poppy Farm. **Simmental** – 2038.37 (359.5p) Welcome Nook. **Holstein Friesian** – 1950.80 (281.5p) Lamplugh Hall, 1886.93 (271.5p), 1635.20 (255.5p) Southwaite Farm, 1873.37 (253.5p) Hill Farm, 1690.89 (235.5p) Woodend Farm, 1611.95 (257.5p) Bolton Cottage Farm. **British Friesian** – 1933.82 (305.5p), 1848.28 (305.5p), 1714.04 (293.5p) Uldale Hall, 1922.65 (281.5p), 1782.63 (341.5p), 1400.80 (257.5p) Gutterby Farm, 1576.85 (261.5p) Fairladies Farm. **Holstein** – 1857.68 (263.5p) Hill Farm. **Ayrshire** – 1783.43 (261.5p), 1395.36 (229.5p) Plaskett Lands. **Aberdeen Angus** – 1531.88 (237.5p) Holmecroft, 1429.35 (243.5p).

TH Craig, High Farm had a hatrick in the ewe section with both a Texel and Suffolk making £198 topping the sale. A Cheviot got top honours in the hillbred section making £156 from D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm.

Top Consignment Averages (3 or more)

M/s Fraser, High Flatts	3 avg	£182.67
TH Craig, High Farm	6 avg	£177
M/s T Nelson, Aldenstone	4 avg	£175.25
SJ Forsyth, West Ghyll End Farm	9 avg	£166.67
H Wilson, Swallow Heights	3 avg	£166.67

Cast Ewes (price per head) –

Suffolk – 198 High Farm, 190 Ryhola Meadow. **Texel** – 198, 190 High Farm, 194, 182 West Ghyll End Farm, 192, 178(x2) High Flatts, 190 Parkhouse Farm, 190 Greenbank Close, 188, 182 Kelmores Hills, 182 Fairladies Farm, 178 Outgang Farm, 177(x2) Burthwaite Farm. **Mule** – 184 High Farm, 178 Aldenstone, 178 Greenbank Close, 178 Baggra Yeat, 176, 160 Fairladies Farm, 170, 154 Kelmores Hills, 159 Ryhola Meadow, 158 Outgang Farm, 157

Highfield Farm, 152 Lowther St, 150 High Farm. **Beltex** – 166 Woodhall Brow Farm, 130 Parkhouse Farm. **Cheviot** – 156, 128 Outgang Farm, 136 Stybeck Farm, 132 Seathwaite Farm. **Charollais** – 152 Swallow Heights, 132 Stybeck Farm. **Scotch Blackface** – 144 Mosser Heights, 110 Mossergate Farm, 100 Pasture House. **Bluefaced Leicester** – 140 Chapel House Farm. **Herdwick** – 133, 119(x2), 116 Stephney Farm, 128, 116 Seathwaite Farm, 116 Greenbank Close, 116 Low Eskholme Farm, 100 Outgang Farm. **Swaledale** – 122 Frizington Hall, 122, 114, 100 Mosser Heights, 120, 112 Chapel House Farm, 120 Baggra Yeat, 112 Hole House, 100 Kirkland Howe Farm. **Kerryhills** – 109, 101, 100 Highfield Farm.

Cast Ewes

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Suffolk	£198	TH Craig, High Farm	£194
Texel	£198	TH Craig, High Farm	£127.68
Mule	£184	TH Craig, High Farm	£127.68
Beltex	£166	AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm	£127.33
Cheviot	£156	D&KI Clemetson, Outgang Farm	£120.44
Charollais	£152	H Wilson, Swallow Heights	£127.20
Scotch Blackface	£144	JR Vickers, Mosser Heights	£114
Bluefaced Leicester	£140	M Brough, Chapel House Farm	£140
Herdwick	£133	M/s Knight, Stephney Farm	£94.29
Swaledale	£122	IR&JM Fearon, Frizington Hall	£86.35
Kerryhill	£109	AJ&L Hocking, Highfield Farm	£102

Cast Rams (price per head) –

Charollais – 196 Swallow Heights. **Texel** – 172, 168, 140 Gatra Farm, 146 Parkhouse Farm, 138 Smaithwaite Farm, 130 High Low Hall. **Bluefaced Leicester** – 134 Baggra Yeat. **Swaledale** – 112 Chapel House Farm.

Cast Rams

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Charollais	£196	H Wilson, Swallow Heights	£196
Texel	£172	C Spencer, Gatra Farm	£149
Bluefaced Leicester	£134	JA Ritson, Baggra Yeat	£134
Swaledale	£112	M Brough, Chapel House Farm	£112

3 hogs topped the sale at £210 all from our regular consignors, 2 from TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall and 1 from A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills. All 3 purchased by our regular butchers Tony Harrison Butchers, Cockermouth, W Lindsay & Son Butchers, Cockermouth and also Wilsonwillis Butchers, Cleator Moor.

M/s S&D Peile, Parkgate Hall, Wigton sold Beltex hogs taking top honours at 420.8ppk to weekly supporter Lancashire Direct.

Top Average Consignments –

TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	12 avg £197.17
M/s S&D Peile, Parkgate Hall	10 avg £195.80
M/s Fraser, High Flatts	5 avg £177
A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	10 avg £171.50
H Pickthall & H Wilson, Swallow Heights	5 avg £161

Prime Hogs (price per head) –

Dutch Texel – 210 Aspatria Hall. **Beltex** – 210, 202 Aspatria Hall, 210, 206 Kelmores Hills, 206, 202, 192 (x2) Parkgate Hall. **Texel** – 200, 190, 186 Aspatria Hall, 192, 186 Kelmores Hills, 190, 188, 168 High Flatts, 170 Little Moor. **Suffolk** – 176, 160 Swallow Heights, 166 Kelmores Hills, 158, 144 Hole House, 155, 149, 142 Low House Farm, 142 Greengill Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 175 Kelmores Hills, 150 Little Moor, 139, 126 Sorrowstones, 134 Crown

Farm, 128.50 Drigg Moorside, 125 Whinnah Lodge, 125 Woodhall Brow Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 159 Croft End. **Mule** – 151, 138 Hill Top, 145 Kelmores Hills, 144 Seafield House, 138 Low House Farm, 135 Greengill Farm, 135 Uldale Hall. **Herdwick** – 150, 140 Miller Place, 144 Stephney Farm, 143, 127, 125 Knott Houses, 142 Swinside End Farm, 138 Crosbythwaite Farm, 133 Baggra Yeat, 125 East House. **Swaledale** – 144 Hole House, 130 Uldale Hall, 126 Baggra Yeat. **Zwartbles** – 142 Ullock Mains. **Romney** – 141, 138, 128 Greengill Farm. **Cheviot** – 135, 124 Row Head. **Scotch Blackface** – 126, 123, 120, 115 Greengill Farm, 115.50 Woodhall Brow Farm. **Blue Texel** – 117 Greengill Farm.

Prime Hogs (pence per kilo) –

Beltex – 420.8, 403.9, 391.8, 384 Parkgate Hall, 420, 348 Stephney Farm, 396.2, 388.5 Aspatria Hall. **Dutch Texel** – 388.9 Aspatria Hall. **Texel** – 370.4, 344.4, 339.3 Aspatria Hall, 357.7, 325.4 Kelmores Hills, 354.7 High Flatts, 340.9 Hill Top, 322.6 Gatra Farm, 312.2 Hole House. **Suffolk** – 314.3, 303.3, 284 Greengill Farm, 304 Pasture House, 300, 287.3 Hole House, 195.8, 292.5, 292.2 Low House Farm. **Texel x Herdwick** – 312.5 Whinnah Lodge, 309 Knott Houses, 306 Drigg Moorside, 303, 291.3 Crown Farm, 297.6 Woodhall Brow Farm, 294.9 Low Eskholme Farm, 292.7 Greengill Farm. **Herdwick** – 305, 300, 290.7 East House, 297.6 Howbeck Lodge, 295.6, 288.6 Knott Houses, 287.5 Crosbythwaite Farm, 285.7 Miller Place, 285.3 Seathwaite Farm, 284.5 Gatesgarth. **Scotch Blackface** – 302.6, 300, 293, 292.7 Greengill Farm, 288.8 Woodhall Brow Farm. **Mule** – 300, 286.6 Greengill Farm, 300 Seafield House, 293.6 Low House Farm, 293.2 Poppy Farm, 286.6 Kirkland Howe Farm, 285.9 Sorrowstones. **Cheviot** – 292.7 Pasture House, 288 Row Head. **Zwartbles** – 289.8 Ullock Mains. **Romney** – 287.8, 287.5, 284.4 Greengill Farm. **Swaledale** – 286.4 Baggra Yeat, 280.5, 275.7 Poppy Farm. **Blue Texel** – 285.4 Greengill Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 233.8 Croft End.

Prime Hogs (per Head) Under 39kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Texel x Herdwick	£120.50	P&J Bland, Knott Houses	£107.26
Scotch Blackface	£115	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£103.58
Texel	£112	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	£95.91
Cheviot	£111	AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm	£111
Suffolk	£110	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£110
Herdwick	£109	R Wilkinson & R Tennant, Gatesgarth	£103

Prime Hogs (per Head) 40-45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	£168	M/s Knight, Stephney Farm	£161
Texel	£150	T Scott, Hill Top	£125.83
Suffolk	£137	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	£129.20
Mule	£135	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£121.64
Texel x Herdwick	£128.50	M/s Shepherd, Drigg Moorside	£125.82
Romney	£128	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£128
Herdwick	£127	P&J Bland, Knott Houses	£121.81
Scotch Blackface	£126	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£120.29
Swaledale	£126	JA Ritson, Baggra Yeat	£121.42
Cheviot	£124	H Naylor-Lopez, Row Head	£121.33
Blue Texel	£117	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	£117

Prime Hogs (per Head) Over 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	£210	TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	£189.80
Dutch Texel	£210	TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	£210
Texel	£200	TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	£162.76
Suffolk	£176	H Pickthall, Swallow Heights	£157.43
Texel x Herdwick	£175	A&D Smith, Kelmores Hills	£155
Dutch Spotted	£159	M/s Hodgson, Croft End	£159

Mule	£151	T Scott, Hill Top	£141.86
Herdwick	£150	EG Liddle, Miller Place	£142.42
Swaledale	£144	LG Sibson, Hole House	£144
Zwartbles	£142	CR&SH Trafford, Ullock Mains	£142
Cheviot	£135	H Naylor-Lopez, Row Head	£135

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Under 39kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	322.6p	M/s Knight, Stephney Farm	322.58p
Texel	322.6p	C Spencer, Gatra Farm	259.43p
Suffolk	314.3p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	314.29p
Texel x Herdwick	309p	P&J Bland, Knott Houses	284.48p
Scotch Blackface	302.6p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	289.41p
Herdwick	300p	G&T Tyson, East House	282.2p
Cheviot	284.6p	AJ Wood, Woodhall Brow Farm	284.62p

Prime Hogs (per kilo) 40-45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	420p	M/s Knight, Stephney Farm	392.68p
Texel	340.9p	T Scott, Hill Top	297.34p
Texel x Herdwick	312.5p	D Davis, Whinnah Lodge	306.07p
Herdwick	305p	G&T Tyson, East House	292.66p
Suffolk	304p	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	301.17p
Mule	300p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	289.63p
Scotch Blackface	300p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	293.3p
Cheviot	292.7p	MJ Lawson, Pasture House	291.2p
Swaledale	286.4p	JA Ritson, Baggra Yeat	284.02p
Blue Texel	285.4p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	285.37p
Romney	284.4p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	284.44p

Prime Hogs (per kilo) Over 45kg

Breed	Top Price	Vendor	Average
Beltex	420.8p	S&D Peile, Parkgate Farm	391.61p
Dutch Texel	388.9p	TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	388.89p
Texel	370.4p	TA Jefferson, Aspatria Hall	302.53p
Mule	300p	CP Nixon, Seafield House	292.41p
Suffolk	295.8p	J Shepherd, Low House Farm	290.37p
Texel x Herdwick	291.3p	D Gillett, Crown Farm	290.3p
Zwartbles	289.8p	CR&SH Trafford, Ullock Mains	289.8p
Rmoney	287.8p	WE&DE Litt, Greengill Farm	287.6p
Herdwick	287.5p	M&GM Fox, Crosbythwaite Farm	284.22p
Cheviot	281.3p	H Naylor-Lopez, Row Head	281.25p
Swaledale	271.7p	LG Sibson, Hole House	271.7p