

Darlington held their 'Special February Show & Sale' of Store Cattle in conjunction with their weekly sale of Cast Cattle, Store & Breeding Stock. Forward were 588 Cattle & 441 Sheep.

112 Cast Cows & OTM sold to 169ppk or £1308

2 Stock Bulls sold to 157ppk or £1363

188 Store Heifers sold to £1300

171 Store Steers sold to £1265

113 Young Bulls sold to £1150

1 Cow & Calf sold to £1200

441 Store Sheep sold to £79

Cast Cattle - No cracks appearing in the cast cattle trades armour as the high prices for all classes continue, this week's average was close to 118ppk for a show made up of 37% dairy cows, 26% native breeds and the remaining 37% continentals. Top price per kilo was 169 pence achieved by a fabulous Limousin from Marwood based farmers J E & A J Mitchell, Parrick House which sold to M Worsley, Healey Farm, Bristfield. Leading gross valued cow was a strong 7 year old Aberdeen Angus from Page Farms Partnership, Rookwith House, Ripon which sold to R & K Lunn, Home Farm, Wilton for £1308. The days highest gross valued beast was bought by Worsley Wholesale, Bristfield, a 9 year old Charolais Bull which realised an impressive £1363 certainly sent his vendor Mr Binks back to Low Walworth Farm smiling from ear to ear. Dairy breeds peaked on the day at 136ppk from Barton Rose Holsteins, Richmond.

Cast Cows – Top prices per kilo 169 JE & AJ Mitchell. 168 157 145 R & J Carter. 155 W A Wardman Ltd. 155 149 J E Jordan & Son. 155 M & E Webster. 154 J & E M Lawson. 150 M F Hall. 149 J R & B Anderson. 148 140 J Bailey. 148 GW Chapman. 146 RR Hutchinson. 143 139 135 134 Skelton Farming Ltd. 141 J W Teward & Sons. 136 Barton Rose Holsteins. 135x2 K O Stones. 132 H & P Hutchinson.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1308 Page Farms Partnership. £1226 £1038 J E Jordan & Son. £1106 W A Wardman Ltd. £1089 £1035 £968 J Shadforth. £1078 £967 J Bailey. £1070 W & M Knaggs & Son. £1054 £992 K O Stone. £1049 H & P Hutchinson. £1009 Skelton Farming. £1008 W & R Kemp & Son. £999 R & J Carter. £980 G P Addison. £968 £951 S Oldfield. £962 J & E M Lawson.

Cast Bulls – Top prices per kilo 157 R & J Carter. 127 C Binks & Son.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1363 C Binks & Son. £927 R & J Carter.

Store Cattle - A tremendous show and a spectacular trade from start to finish, 100% clearance with no less than 63 active ringside buyers ensuring that vendors of all cattle were delighted with their days trading. The mornings show classes were ably judged by

Matthew Brown of J R Gardiner Ltd, Rock Farm, Carnaby and as Champion he selected a fantastic little 9 month old British Blue cross steer from father and daughter team Ian & Rebecca Appleton of Pudding Poke Farm, Elwick which went on to sell for £1050 to Anthony Kitson, Hutton Rudby. The leading price on the day was £1300 which was achieved by a 21 month old Limousin heifer from W B Rutter & Sons, Greengill Farm, she sold to L B & J Tipling, Sleights House Farm, Hartside and will no doubt be given the chance to make a wonderful suckler cow. Top priced steer was a 22 month old Charolais from R W Shann & Sons, Ryall Farm, Sedgfield when he sold for £1265 whilst the very strong young bull trade was led by an 11 month old British Blue from T L Holmes & Son, White House Farm, Craghead at £1150. The heifers averaged £805, the bulls £881 and a wonderful show of steers an impressive £922.

#### Show Calves (Results)

##### Limousin Heifer

1st K O Stones, Nun Cote Nook sold for £1110 to R Marwood, Long Green

2nd J E Jordan & Son, The Brocks sold for £1040 to M F Hall, Woodhill Farm

3rd A & R Thompson, Dimmingdale sold for £935 to I Marshall & Sons, Hope House

##### British Blue Heifer

1st I R Appleton, Pudding Poke Farm sold for £1090 to A Kitson, Hutton Rudby (Reserve Champion)

2nd J & K Metcalf & Son, Park House sold for £1020 to J & R Waind, River House

3rd I R Appleton, Pudding Poke Farm sold for £930 to J & R Waind, River House

##### Other Breed Heifer

1st I R Appleton, Pudding Poke Farm sold for £1135 to J & R Waind, River House

2nd J Bailey, Wyvill Grange sold for £1150 to J & R Waind, River House

3rd J Bailey, Wyvill Grange sold for £1060 to M F Hall, Woodhill Farm

##### Limousin Steer

1st A & R Thompson, Dimmingdale sold for £1000 to J M Hall, Burdon Grange

2nd A & R Thompson, Dimmingdale sold for £1000 to J M Hall, Burdon Grange

3rd G W Dent, The Bungalow sold for £930 to R Matten, Thirsk

##### British Blue Steer

1st I R Appleton, Pudding Poke Farm sold for £1050 to A Kitson, Hutton Rudby (Champion)

2nd I R Appleton, Pudding Poke Farm sold for £930 to P Wood, Owton Grange Farm

3rd J & K Metcalf, Park House sold for £950 to A F Hall, Redcar House Farm

Young Bull

1st J R & M Richardson, Etherley House sold for £995 to A S & S M Kemp, Whitwell Farm

2nd S Beeforth, Low Crookleith sold for £970 to J Brown, Hood Grange

3rd W Lodge & Sons, Nags Fold sold for £850 to J A & M Boyes, Strathmore House

Young Bulls - £1150 £1100 £1090 T L Holmes & Son. £1140 Wilkinson & Son. £1110x2 £1100  
£1060x2 R Wade & Son. £1100x2 £995 J R & M Richardson. £1095x2 £1055x2 C Watson.  
£1090x5 R Wade & Son. £1080x2 J Norman. £1045x3 D E Stones. £1040x2 £1020 W Lodge  
& Sons. £1000x5 E W Storey Ltd. £1000 J F Harland.

Store Steers - £1265 £1260 £1230 £1145 £1140 £1120 £1115 £1095 £1070 R W Shann &  
Sons. £1210 £1200 J R & M Richardson. £1205x2 £1190 £1175x3 £1165 £1160x3 £1155x4  
£1105 J H Johnson. £1200 £1190 W B Rutter & Sons. £1190 £1070x2 H W & M Alderson &  
Son. £1130 £1020 J Walshaw & Son. £1120 F Stobart & Sons. £1050 I Appleton. £1000x3 A  
& R Thompson. £1000 WA Dinsdale & Son.

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£1030 J E Jordan & Son. £1030 MF & KC Stobart. £1025x2 K James. £1000 H W & M Alderson  
& Son. £1000 £950x4 F Stobart & Sons. £980 W Emerson. £975x2 Windlestone School.  
£960x2 M H Hodgson. £955x2 G W & M Singleton. £950 Barker Farming Partnership. £935x4  
A & R Thompson.

Breeding Cattle - £1200 R Hutchinson.

Store Sheep

The store sheep continue to come forward and the trade remains good in comparison to the prime sheep prices, something for everyone this week with the clock ticking some very small lambs were perhaps low money but good lambs which just need a finish putting on them are very easily sold. Top price came from K Cator, Stobb House Farm, Brandon Village when he sold a pair of strong sorts for £79, a further 4 occasions saw bidding pass the £70 barrier.

Store Lambs - £79 £72 £70 £65.50 £60 £55.50 K Cator. £74 £61 S Carman. £70 D G Snowdon.  
£70 G S Bainbridge. £68.50 £61.50 Hall Bros. £66.50 £65 £62 CH & MC Phalp. £62.50 T W  
Thompson. £60.50 £57.50 £56 G & L Wood. £60 £59 J Hird. £57 £56 G S Dixon. £56.50 P Kirk.  
£56 £54.50 £41 M Burton. £54 N Casterton.

Feeding Ewes £55 CH & MC Phalp. £44 £31 A Donkin.

