

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Darlington Auction Mart had forward 225 Prime Cattle – including 105 Bulls. 43 Steers & 77 Heifers. 2273 Hoggs. 667 Cast Ewes & Tups. 28 Prime Pigs.

Bulls – A lot of black & white bulls forward, trade however would once again be sharper on the week. Top price was 229ppk for a homebred Blonde D Aquitaine consigned by P & E Ellis, Lisern Farm, which realised £1390 and was purchased by Pearsons Wholesale Butchers. The lead grossing bull was also a homebred Blonde D Aquitaine consigned by P Weightman & Sons, Hallfield Farm. He realised £1681 was purchased by Pearsons Wholesale Butchers.

Bulls – Top prices per kilo 229 225 P & E Ellis. 221 208 204 M Marshall. 220 218x2 217 214 208 205x2 204x2 A G Watson & Sons. 219 214 209 200 J & A Layfield. 217 209 208 S H Watson & Sons. 216 A S Chapman. 216x2 F & JS Gargett. 214 205 201 J Henderson. 207 J Richmond. 207 J J Kemp & Son. 205 203 E W Grieves. 202 200 J J Horn. 202 J J Kemp & Son. 198 JA Trobe & Son. 198 P T Stephenson.

Lead Grossing Bulls £1681 P Weightman & Sons. £1654 £1609 £1520 £1480 J & A Layfield. £1623 £1606 £1579 £1556 £1538 £1532 £1517 £1506 £1505 A G Watson & Sons. £1581 £1540 £1521 £1490 F & JS Gargett. £1578 £1510 £1430 E W Grieves. £1543 £1538 J J Horn. £1491 P & E Ellis. £1442 J J Kemp & Son. £1433 £1421 S H Watson & Son. £1354 M Marshall. £1346 P T Stephenson & Son. £1345 G & GH Tomlinson.

Friesian Bulls – Top prices per kilo 172 168 160 158 154 J M & S Walton. 167 159 153 150 G Bird & Sons. 163 161 J C Simpson. 156x2 154 J R & J Crowe. 155 152 R Hall & Son. 154 A S Chapman. 149 G S Dowson. 147x2 J Musgrave.

Lead Grossing Friesian Bulls £1113 £1049 J C Simpson. £1109 £1060 £907 R Hall & Son. £1066 £992 £976 £859 J M & S Walton. £1063 R H Blair & Ptnrs. £1013 £971 £949 G Bird & Sons. £1002 £968 M G Betney. £985 £978 £914 J R & J Crowe.

Clean Cattle – Dearer on the week, with some cattle seeing an increase of 8-10ppk. Top price, as with the bulls also went to P & E Ellis, Lisern Farm, for a homebred Limousin Heifer - she topped the market at 261ppk, realising £1281 and was purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats. The lead grossing clean beast was a homebred Blonde D Aquitaine Heifer consigned by W J Scott Ltd, Low Leam. She realised £1541 and was also purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats.

Steers – Top prices per kilo 235 233 227 225 223 220 217x2 W J Scott Ltd. 229 P & E Ellis. 228 227 208 Corner Bros. 226 210 206 J M Hall. 208 193 A Crowder. 201 193 T Watson. 201 195 J R Raine. 200 193 G Beadle. 200 C S Harrison. 191 L W Martin. 190 W Swinbank & Sons.

Lead Grossing Steers £1537 £1394 £1324 J M Hall. £1488 £1329 A Crowder. £1462 £1432 £1391 £1386 £1366 £1364 £1355 W J Scott Ltd. £1421 W Swinbank & Sons. £1395 £1346 £1324 Corner Bros. £1392 C S Harrison. £1330 J R Raine & Sons.

Heifers – Top prices per kilo 261 258 P & E Ellis. 258 250 247 237 P & J H Davison. 251 237 234 226 B Elsworth. 249 230 224 J J Kemp & Son. 247 225 I Renton. 246 238 233 W Swinbank & Sons. 245 223 W F Hustwit. 244 238 232 228 W J Scott Ltd. 241 222 J&A&DA Horn. 238 219 S C Barron. 238 J

Henderson. 229 R A Patterson & Son. 228 227 S & J Dent & Son. 224 J R Knox & Son. 223x2 T W Clark & Son.

Lead Grossing Heifers £1541 £1480 £1427 £1368 W J Scott Ltd. £1457 £1346 £1326 £1305 P & J H Davison. £1447 £1446 £1404 W Swinbank & Sons. £1427 S & J Dent & Son. £1358 £1300 £1298 B Elsworth & Sons. £1344 S C Barron. £1339 £1281 P & E Ellis. £1318 J Henderson. £1313 T W Clark & Son. £1309 £1260 J J Kemp & Son. £1309 I Renton & Son. £1296 £1260 A S Chapman. £1259 R D Musgrave.

Hoggs – Export type hoggs still in demand, all other classes still harder to sell. Top price was 214ppk for a pen of Texels consigned by J Andrews, The Banda, they realised £94 and were purchased by John Penny & Sons, Rawdon. The lead grossing pen of hoggs were a pen of Texels consigned by T N Callender, Ox Eye Farm, they realised £95 and were purchased by Castlebank Butchers.

Hoggs – Top prices per kilo 214 200 192 186 180 J Andrews. 208 190 T Osborne. 198 195 185 184 180x2 L Oliver & Ptnrs. 195 191 178x4 J Hicks. 191x2 K & M M Henderson. 190 T N Callender. 189 180 I M Maughan. 184 183 W H Greensit & Sons. 183 181 A J Spilman & Son. 183 T K Smith & Sons. 182 J H & J Raper. 179x2 M W Barnes. 177 J D Brannen.

Lead Grossing Hoggs £95 £89 T N Callender. £94.50 £94 £91.50 £90.50 £89.50 £88.50 A C Simpson & Son. £94 £93 £91.50 £91 £90.50 £90x2 £89.50 J Andrews. £94 T Osborne. £91 £90 J Hicks. £90.50 £88.50 £83 J Thompson & Son. £90 Chester & Dale. £86 I M Maughan. £85 B Elsworth. £83 C H Greensit Ltd.

Cast Ewes & Tups – A sharp trade once again, many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. Top price was £120 for a Texel Tup consigned by B R Lawson, Buddle House, which was purchased by Yorkshire Halal Meat.

Lead Grossing Cast Ewes & Tups £120 £87 B R Lawson. £105 £94 £90 A F Hall. £104 £98x2 £96 £94 £90x2 £86 J N Howie & Ptnrs. £102 £97 £94 £93 £90x3 S Harrison. £100 £97 R A Patterson & Son. £96 £89 £82 J & V M Bussey. £94 B Summerson. £93 F S Hutchinson. £92 £89 G W Lee & Sons. £91 £81 G H Watson. £91 N Swinbank. £90 £88 £84 £82 D A Gill. £89 E Taylor & Sons. £89 C H Greensit. £85 L E Harrison. £84 T W Clark & Son. £82 T N Callender.

Prime Pigs – Top prices per kilo 90 84 82 80 J Mitchell & Son. 61 52 A Stewart.

Lead Grossing Prime Pigs £110 R Wood & Son. £86 £73 C Weightman. £73 £67 £66 £64 J Mitchel & Son.