

Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their annual Junior Farmers Calf Club Show & Sale of Store Cattle in conjunction with their weekly sale of cast cattle, store and breeding stock on Monday 10th April 2017. Forward were 384 Cattle and 172 Sheep.

90 Cast Cows sold to 178ppk & £1376

3 Cast Bulls sold to 193ppk & £1299

51 Store Bulls sold to £1390

84 Store Steers sold to £1360

138 Store Heifers sold to £1250

18 Bulling Heifers sold to £1000

40 Ewes & Lambs sold to £160

68 Store Hogs sold to £6

Junior Farmers - Once again the next generation did themselves proud as they returned with their store cattle in our annual overwintering competition which was kindly sponsored by Lloyds Bank and Zoetis and ably judged by Elaine Sedgewick of Long Myers Farm, Sherburn. Whilst numbers were down on the year (partly thanks to TB restrictions) the quality remained strong and credit must go to our champion produced perfectly on the day by 17 year old Ben Cowton of Tow Law; his immaculate Limousin Steer was picked out and purchased at our October suckled calf sale from the Stones Family of Marrick, Richmond. Reserve Champion was awarded to 19 year old Melissa Donaldson, Little Langton Grange, Northallerton; bought on the same day as our Champion she hailed from the Tindale's of Paradise Farm, Durham this one was also turned out for show impeccably.

The above mentioned pair of budding young show people also came out on top of the generously sponsored classes for stockmanship with their presentation of both their cattle and themselves wonderful to see, they no doubt both have a great future in the industry.

The leading profit went to the pre-sale favourite Jack Barker, Little Ketton Farm, Coatham Munderville who is making a habit of scooping this prize, at the ripe old age of 15 his old head on young shoulders usually earns himself a living; the winning steer was bought on Halloween for £940 and sold today for £1360. Pleasingly all those who entered this year went home with plenty of money to bank.

Show Results (Prize Money in Brackets)

Best Young Bull (Exhibitor aged over 15)

1st (£25) Christopher Patterson, Cowstand

2nd (£15) Christopher Patterson, Cowstand

Best Young Bull (Exhibitor aged 15 and under)

1st (£25) Henry Turnbull, Waterloo

2nd (£15) Lydia Turnbull, Waterloo

3rd (£10) Henry Turnbull Waterloo

Best Steer (Exhibitor aged over 15)

1st (£25) Ben Cowton, Low West House (Champion & £100)

2nd (£15) Melissa Donaldson, Little Langton Grange

Best Steer (Exhibitor aged 15 and under)

1st (£25) Dylan Robson, High West House

2nd (£15) Jack Barker, Little Ketton

3rd (£10) Jack Barker, Little Ketton

Best Heifer

1st (£25) Melissa Donaldson, Little Langton Grange (Reserve Champion)

2nd (£15) Ben Cowton, Low West House

3rd (£10) Amberlea Jackson, Holly Hills

Showmanship Award

1st (£150) Ben Cowton, Low West House

2nd (£100) Melissa Donaldson, Little Langton Grange

3rd (£50) Dylan Robson, High West House

Greatest increase in value

Young Bull

1st (£25) Christopher Patterson, Cowstand

2nd (£15) Henry Turnbull, Waterloo

3rd (£10) Henry Turnbull, Waterloo

Steer

1st (£25) Jack Barker, Little Ketton (Biggest Overall Gain = £200 prize)

2nd (£15) Elliot Greaves, Oakdene

3rd (£10) Jack Barker, Little Ketton

Heifer

1st (£25) Melissa Donaldson, Little Langton Grange

2nd (£15) Ben Cowton, Low West House

3rd (£10) Amberlea Jackson, Holly Hills

Cast Cattle - A blistering trade again as the cow ring remains red hot, the average was once again over 120ppk with all classes very easy to sell. Top price per kilo was 178 pence achieved by a wonderful young Limousin Cow from P M Beveridge, Leazes Farm, St Helen Auckland whilst our top gross value came from G P Addison, Hayberries Farm, Mickleton with a 6 year old Limousin selling for £1376. Dairy breeds were the best trade seen for some time peaking at 147ppk from G Swinbank & Sons, Breckon Hill, Sedgfield and an unbelievable £1100 from W E & C A Anderson, Layton Fields, Caldwell.

Cast Cows – Top prices per kilo 178 P M Beveridge. 169 140 138 135 AR & BA Wilson. 167 G P Addison. 158 122 C B Taylor. 157 151 JE & AJ Mitchell. 150 148 147 135 W R Thompson. 148 H M Dent. 147 G Swinbank & Sons. 145 144 G Moor. 143 S Beeforth. 140 G Swinbank & Sons. 133 131 125 J & EM Lawson. 132 J Armstrong. 130 F J Hugill. 129 I & RA Watson. 128 WE & CA Anderson. 126 RW & MJ Wallis. 126 E & JW Storey Ltd. 126 P Tindale. 125 S H Watson & Son. 123x2 T H Vickers & Son. 123 J R Wilson.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1376 G P Addison. £1308 P M Beveridge. £1306 I & RA Watson. £1269 £1024 £1022 £1006 AR & BA Wilson. £1139 H M Dent. £1104 £1065 £978 W R Thompson. £1100 WE & CA Anderson. £1091 C B Taylor. £1001 J Armstrong. £974 J R Wilson. £959 £957 F J Hugill. £951 D & CA Henry. £938 £900 £852 Little Newsham Farms.

£931x2 J & EM Lawson. £902 RW & MJ Wallis. £871 Barton Rose Holsteins. £868 S Beeforth. £866 A & K Hall. £865 £811 S H Watson & Son.

Cast Bulls – Top prices per kilo 193 MR Willey. 149 RW & MJ Wallis.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1299 RW & MJ Wallis. £999 MR Willey.

Store and Breeding Cattle

A selection of Bulling Heifers started proceedings and with grass now growing the trade was firm, leading the section was a 19 month old Limousin from D Walker, High Woodfield Farm which sold for £1000. The store cattle leading prices were all dominated by our junior farmers as the young bulls were topped by 10 year old Henry Turnbull of Waterloo Farm selling his 15 month old Limousin for £1390; 15 year old Jack Barker, Little Ketton sold both of his Limousin Steers for £1360 and 19 year old Melissa Donaldson led the heifer trade at £1250 with her 17 month old British Blue. The trade for commercial store cattle was breath-taking at times in particular the grazing types were noticeably dearer, some of the smaller heifers had to be seen to be believed the trade was fabulous throughout.

Bulling Heifers - £1000 £920 £850 £840 D Walker. £940x2 £890x2 £820x2 £815 £810x2 H S Fletcher & Son.

Store Bulls - £1390 £1285 H Turnbull. £1280 £1140 C Patterson. £1270 £1175 L Turnbull. £1130 £1100 D E Stones. £1000x4 £940x3 £925x2 £850 E & JW Storey. £890 £780 R W Raper & Sons. £885 K Sayer. £800 £780 W Robson Farms. £750x3 J T Forster & Son.

Store Steers - £1360x2 J Barker. £1260 E Grieves. £1240 B Cowton. £1190 M Donaldson. £1170 D Robson. £1150 £1070 £1050 £995 3970 G Dowson. £1145x3 £1120 F J Hugill. £1085 P M Beveridge. £1070 £1065 D W Dresser. £1065 £940 G W & M Singleton & Sons. £1055 P M Beveridge. £1050x3 Leggott Farming Ltd. £1015x2 £1005x2 C B Maddison. £1010 £1000 JR & L Harding. £990x4 £950x4 £935x2 R E Dickson. £965 JW & M Buckle. £940 F J Hugill. £900x2 T & G Lee. £875x3 W Robson Farms Ltd.

Store Heifers £1250 M Donaldson. £1130 B Cowton. £1065x2 G W & M Singleton & Sons. £1060 £1040x3 3995 £965x2 £960x2 R W Raper & Sons. £1050 £1035x3 £1030 £1020x2 £990x4 £975 £970x2 Leggott Farming Ltd. £1040 J M Greensit & Son Ltd. £1035 £965 M H Hodgson. £1010x3 £990x5 T & G Lee. £995x2 £960x2 W M Bainbridge. £980 £955 K Sayer. £955 T T Hall & Son. £950 JW & M Buckle.

Store & Breeding Sheep

The store hogs are all but finished as new life appears and the ewe and lamb market begins, prices varied from £45 to £60 per life with plenty of interest at ringside, given the uncertainty of the current prime sheep market the ewes and lambs look to have kicked off a good trade. Top price of £160 was shared between T & R Dent, Craven Garth Farm, Rosedale and J R Johnson, Heley House Farm, Sedgfield.

Ewes & Lambs £160 £155x2 £150x2 £148 £145 £128 £120 £112 £105x2 J R Johnson. £160
£150 £140 T & R Dent. £118 N Back.

Store Hogs

Texel £60 £50 £43 J Terry; Mule £50 £48 J Terry; Suffolk £38 J Musgrave.

Photographs attached

Ben Cowton with his winning black steer

Melissa Donaldson with her reserve champion heifer

Jack Barker (biggest profit)





