

Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their 'Light Nights Show & Sale' of Store Cattle in conjunction with their weekly sale of Cast Cattle, Store & Breeding Stock on Monday 12th June 2017. Forward were 348 Cattle and 94 Sheep.

89 Cast Cows sold to 193ppk or £1639

7 Stock Bulls sold to 165ppk or £1819

1 Cow & Calf sold for £2500

92 Store Steers sold to £1290

98 Store Heifers sold to £1185

60 Young Bulls sold to £1180

37 Ewes with Lambs sold to £182

Cast Cattle - The wonderful bubble that the cast cow trade is currently floating in shows no sign of bursting, the cow average climbed to 130 pence per kilo whilst the stock bulls were an unbelievable trade averaging 153 pence per kilo and £1358 apiece. Top price per kilo was a young Limousin Cow from J J Kemp & Son, Elstob Hill Farm, Stillington when she sold for 193ppk, leading gross valued cow was a fantastic 10 year old British Blonde Cow from P Weightman & Sons, Hallfield Farm, Easington which realised a staggering £1639. Leading the price per kilo race for bulls was a shapely Limousin from J & E M Lawson, Harpington Hill, Morden which sold for 165 pence, only a penny behind came a fabulous 10 year old British Blue from J Henderson, Lizards Farm, Whitburn as he reached a gross value of £1694. Overshadowing everything else on the day however was a huge 5 year old Charolais bull from R E Shield, Oxclose Farm, Willington which pushed the scales beyond 1150kg reaching 157ppk and a mouth-watering £1819. Trade for dairy cows too was in fine form with the pick of them from A Harland & Son, Village Farm, Newton Mulgrave 155ppk and Little Newsham Farms, Darlington £1021.

Cast Cows – Top prices per kilo J J Kemp & Son. 191 140 W Swinbank & Sons. 184 181 P Weightman & Sons. 179 J R Fell. 171 147 G & W Jackson. 167 I Spedding. 159 F Hare & Sons. 156 143 139 138 G & GH Tomlinson. 155 139 A Harland. 150 137 S & J Dent. 148 T A Alderson. 141 L Kidd. 140 D G Collinson. 139 C B Taylor. 137 P F & J M Littlefair. 137 D & P H Brown. 135 J T Parkin. 134 B & L Robson. 134 132 J J Dowson. 134 J & K Metcalf & Son. 134 132 R O Gilson. 133 D G Collinson.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1639 £1533 P Weightman & Sons. £1410 £1001 G & W Jackson. £1346 J R Fell. £1147 F Hare & Sons. £1098 £1050 £1041 £979 G & GH Tomlinson. £1091 D & P H Brown. £1077 W Swinbank & Sons. £1045 PF & JM Littlefair. £1041 R O Gilson. £1026 M Sedman. £1021 Little Newsham Farms. £1014 £980 B & L Robson. £996 £965 S & J Dent.

£995 I Spedding. £986 J T Parkin. £978 J J Kemp & Son. £975 T A Alderson. £973 A Harland & Son.

Cast Bulls – Top prices per kilo 165 J & E M Lawson. 164 J Henderson. 163 A & M J Henshaw. 157 R E Shield. 157 J & E Waggett. 147 Barker Farming.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1819 R E Shield. £1694 J Henderson. £1390 Barker Farming. £1388 A & M J Henshaw. £1318 J & E Waggett. £1201 J & E M Lawson.

Show & Store Cattle - Some wonderful cattle were on display for our judge Tony Tindale of Shadforth to assess, his worthy champion a tremendous 13 month old black Limousin from F Bainbridge, Willoughby Hall later turned out to be the days leading priced heifer when she sold for £1185 to Jeremy Waind, Brawby, Malton. An incredible run of strong 2 year old Aberdeen Angus travelled East from E A & N Thompson & Son, Bromley Green and dominated the top end of the list for leading priced steers, the pick of the run made £1290 and all 16 averaged well over £1200. A fine show of young bulls were a great trade, the pick of them was an 11 month old Limousin from D Dixon, Middle Heads Farm, Rowley which sold for £1180 to Mike Teasdale, Scagglethorpe, Malton. Only one breeding outfit on offer but a good one non the less as a 2009 born Limousin Cow with a 7 month old heifer stirk at foot from C P Brown, Cedar Villas, West Cornforth sold for £2500 to T & R Quinn & Son, Quarry House Farm. The incredible store cattle trade we are seeing saw values for steers way beyond those seen in 2016 with heifers also rising and the young bulls marginally down, the steers average £984 (+£125) heifers averaged £860 (+£26) and young bulls averaged £863 (-£10).

Show Results

Best Heifer

1st F Bainbridge, Willoughby Hall sold for £1185 to J & R Waind, Brawby (Champion)

2nd F Bainbridge, Willoughby Hall sold for £1090 to J & R Waind, Brawby (Reserve Champion)

3rd C R Raine & Son, Stanhope Gate sold for £970 to M Robinson & Sons, Staindrop

Best Steer

1st C & J Donnelly, Bank Flow Farm sold for £1230 to S Wildman & Son, Selby

2nd C R Raine & Son, Stanhope Gate sold for £950 to R S Hall & Sons, Driffield

Best Young Bull

1st Hughes Brothers, Stokesley sold for £1050 to E R Hyde & Sons, Wakefield

2nd A C Bentham, Fletcher Hill Farm sold for £990 to R M & B Teasdale, Malton

Leading Prices

Cows & Calves £2500 C P Brown.

Young Bulls £1180 £1130 £1030 £990 D Dixon. £1100 £1095 £1020 C & J Donnelly. £1055 £1050 £1010 £990 Hughes Bros. £1050 £1040 £1025 £1015 M J Hutchinson. £990 A C Bentham. £970x2 £910x3 £890 S Jackson. £970 JR & J Crowe. £930x2 J J Stubbs.

Store Steers £1290 £1280x4 £1270x3 £1250x4 £1145x2 £1010x2 EA & N Thompson & Son. £1245 G Wall. £1230 C & J Donnelly. £1140 £1120x4 £1110x2 £1050 R J Bradshaw. £1135 £1110 L Kidd. £1120 £1095 £1000 W J Smith & Ptnrs. £1090 K M & S Sayer. £1020 CN & P Penk. £1010x2 G W & M Singleton.

Store Heifers £1185 £1090 £1030 £965 F Bainbridge. £1150 £1085 £1070 D R Easton. £1090 G Wall. £1045 W S Thompson & Ptnrs. £1035 O & L Welford. £1030 £940 G W & M Singleton & Sons. £1000 I Spedding. £980 J Davis. £980 C & J Donnelly. £975x2 £965 £940x2 JA & UM Fawcett. £970 £925x3 £920 C R Raine & Son. £960x2 P J Wiper. £940 B & J D Beadle. £930x2 S K Richardson & Son. £925 £915 J & S E Bainbridge. £920x2 K M & S Sayer. £910 C B Taylor.

Ewes & Lambs

Numbers are dwindling now however those forward continue to enjoy a tremendous trade, with prime lamb prices exceeding most peoples expectations the fast trade has certainly aided the breeding sheep prices all spring.

Hoggs & Lambs £155 J T Atkinson. £140 £135 £130 N Barker.

Shearlings & Lambs £182 G M Firby. £155 J T Atkinson.

Ewes & Lambs £180 x2 £170 £165x2 J T Atkinson. £168 G M Firby.

Store Hoggs £80 N Barker.

Feeding Ewes £84 N Barker.