

Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their weekly sale of Cast, Store and Breeding Cattle on Monday 9th October. Forward were 401 head.

117 Cast Cows sold to 190ppk or £1282

5 Stock Bulls sold to 201ppk or £1478

3 Cows and Calves sold to £1400

26 Young Bulls sold to £1340

128 Store Steers sold to £1200

119 Store Heifers sold to £1290

Cast Cattle - An average once again over 122 pence per kilo as the surplus, old and even the weary cows are coming to a very satisfactory end. Top priced cow came from Skelton Farming Ltd, Low House Farm, Stanghow and reached a very impressive 190 pence per kilo. Leading gross valued cow came from M W Skidmore Ltd, North Hanging Wells, Eastgate with a 32 month old British Blue which realised an impressive £1282. Bull trade remains good, top this week was a 7 year old Limousin from G T & E Atkinson, Wether Hill Farm, Winston which sold for £1478; a youngster from B & J D Beadle, Scaife House, Staindrop sold for 201 pence per kilo. Black and white cows were again easy to sell, particularly those carrying flesh, the pick came from R & W Todd, High Toft Hill who reached 131ppk with a 40 month old.

Cast cows – Top prices per kilo 190 183 171 Skelton Farming Ltd. 183 159 156 M W Skidmore Ltd. 181 J R Bainbridge. 179 E Blacklock. 177 163 149 136 B & J D Beadle. 167 E Peacock. 159 WR & AM Sayer. 163 138 W & M Knaggs & Son. 155 W J Smith & Ptnrs. 155 JE & AJ Mitchell. 153 151 G P Addison. 149 J M Dickeson. 147 J Stanwix & Sons. 145 K Mitchelson. 143 G Archbold. 142 J & V M Bussey.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1282 £1035 M W Skidmore Ltd. £1236 £1070 £978 £970 Skelton Farming Ltd. £1195 J A & R Smith. £1160 £1055 W & M Knaggs & Son. £1146 C & E Gaskin. £1109 JE & AJ Mitchell £1106 £990 E Blacklock. £1102 K Mitchelson. £1084 £1032 G P Addison. £1075 G Archbold. £1062 £1024 £963 B & J D Beadle. £1037 J R Bainbridge. £1015 E Peacock. £1004 W J Smith & Ptnrs. £978 J M Dickeson. £955 J P & R Ward.

Cast bulls – Top prices per kilo 201 120 B & J D Beadle. 137 G T & E Atkinson. 127 A & M Farms.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1478 G T & E Atkinson. £1155 B & J D Beadle. £1059 A & M Farms.

Store Cattle - A lift in trade for certain this week, perhaps less bodies around the ring but certainly those in attendance had come to do business. The young bull trade was good throughout and exceptional for the better end, none better than our sale topper a truly outstanding 16 month old Limousin from D Dixon, Middle Heads Farm which sold for an incredible £1340. The leading heifer on the day drew much attention, a wonderful 18 month old British Blue from B & J Donald, Gibbs Neese Farm, Staindrop was bought to make a suckler cow for £1290 by Antonio Tindale, Paradise Farm, Shadforth. Dozens of cattle on the day sold beyond £1000, plenty of strong sorts on offer including the leading steer which came from R & W Todd, High Toft Hill Farm; a 21 month old Limousin which sold for £1200.

Breeding Cattle – Cows & Calves £1400 £1100 Barrs Of Broughton. £800 WM & DH Bussey.

Store Bulls - £1340 £1110 £900 D Dixon. £970 £900 £880 E Pearce. £840 S.T.E.F Ltd. £795 £785 £780 £755 J Curry. £775 £770 C Bowman. £780 K Mitchelson. £740 D E Elsob.

Store Steers £1200 £1130 £1120 £960x5 R & W Todd. £1170 £1065 W B Rutter & Sons. £1170 £1120 £1035x3 £995 £950x2 T W & C Emerson. £1160 D W Dresser. £1105 R N Foord & Son. £1100 £970x2 £900 F Ward. £1090 J R & L Harding. £1065 £990 J S Foster. £1060 £1020 £930x2 D R Smith. £1025 £995 G S Dowson. £970 K Sayer. £960 E Blacklock. £935 K Cator. £935 B & J Donald. £920 £900 £890 £880 G S Bainbridge.

Store Heifers £1290 31005x2 B & J Donald. £1160 £950 T T Hall. £1095x2 £1060x2 R L Walker. £1090 £960 £950 P J Wiper. £1070 £1025 T Teasdale. £1065 £1060 £960 C & E Gaskin. £1040 £935 J S Foster & Son. £1010 £995 D R Smith. £1000 £975 M Gallon. £1000 £980x2 F Ward. £990 D W Dresser. £980x2 £930 K Sayer. £970 J R & L Harding. £940x2 W B Rutter & Sons. £940x2 T Teasdale. £915 J Bell. £910 E Blacklock. £910 D W Dresser.