

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Darlington Auction Mart had forward:

119 Cast Cows sold to 190ppk & £1236.

7 Cast Bulls sold to 181ppk & £1303.

12 Breeding Cattle sold to £2650.

134 Store Bulls sold to £1260.

185 Store Steers sold to £1360;

153 Store Heifers sold to £1530.

Darlington Auction Mart held its annual 'Christmas Cracker' Show & Sale of Store Cattle. Expertly judged on the day by Master Jack Barker, Ketton Hall Farm, he awarded the championship to a British Blue Heifer consigned by Mr G Gibson, High Etherley, she topped the sale at £1530 and was purchased by the judge himself.

Show results as follows:

Class 1: Best Heifer 1<sup>st</sup> G Gibson, Etherley £1530. 2<sup>nd</sup> G Gibson, Etherley £1390. 3<sup>rd</sup> P T Makin, Great Ayton £880.

Class 2: Best Steer 1<sup>st</sup> G Gibson, Etherley £1310. 2<sup>nd</sup> G Gibson, Etherley £1290. 3<sup>rd</sup> W Wearmouth & Son, Rose Hill Farm £1180.

Class 3 Best Bull 1<sup>st</sup> JG & EM Welford, Dale House Farm, £900. 2<sup>nd</sup> D Dixon, Middleheads Farm, £1260. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ivanhoe Livestock Partnership, Wyvill Grange £940.

Cast Cattle - A fine trade throughout with an overall average once again comfortably over 120pence per kilo. The headlines this week were grabbed by a young Limousin cow consigned by R Marwood, Long Green which sold for 190ppk, realising £1166 and was purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats. The lead grossing cast beast on the day was a Limousin Stock Bull, consigned by E Blacklock, Ulwith Farm he realised £1303 and was also purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats.

Cast cows – Top prices per kilo 190 R Marwood. 189 154 E & MA Procter & Son. 183 172 165 148 142 133 W M Reed & Sons. 167 144 141 139 J K Atkinson. 164 J B Luck. 161 133 JR & G Walton. 151 145 J M W Brown & Son. 151 H S Hutchinson. 151 C Moffett. 148 D Barron. 147 E Blacklock. 145 G & W Jackson. 144 C & E Gaskin. 140 DF & M Littlefair. 139 135 B & JD Beadle. 137 J J Dowson. 135 Newcastle University. 132 F Hare & Sons. 131 J Norman. 131 R E Dickson. 130 C Gregg.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1236 C Moffett. £1197 £1131 £1081 W M Reed & Sons. £1189 D Barron. £1169 J B Luck. £1166 R Marwood. £1151 £1000 R E Dickson. £1124 B & JD Beadle. £1118 £1032 JR & G Walton. £1087 £1017 J M W Brown & Son. £1071 C & E Gaskin. £1066 F Hare & Sons. £1056 J K Atkinson. £1007 £986 Newcastle University. £982 £980 E & MA Procter & Son. £970 DF & M Littlefair. £953 L Brown & Partner.

Cast Bulls – Top prices per kilo 181 W & M Knaggs & Son. 145 E Blacklock. 131 J K Atkinson. 128 JR & B Anderson & Son. 125 109 J Richmond. 116 DF & M Littlefair.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1303 E Blacklock. £1271 £1123 J Richmond. £1257 W & M Knaggs & Son. £1047 DF & M Littlefair. £1024 JR & B Anderson & Son.

Store Cattle - The RPA seem to have revived the store cattle trade with the arrival for some of their single farm payment, some fabulous cattle forward this week were keenly bid for from all corners of the ring as all classes saw a definite rise. Top price was an astounding £1530 which was paid for a sensational 22month old British Blue Heifer from G & A Gibson & Son, High Etherley.

Breeding Cattle – Cows & Calves £2650 £2300 £1850 £1700x2 £1600x2 J & VM Bussey. £1550 £1400 G W Simpson.

In Calf Heifers - £1300 J Smith.

Store Bulls - £1260 £1230 £1225 £1140 D Dixon. £990 £960 £925 C Dawson. £940 £825 £820 Ivanhoe Livestock. £925 PF & JM Littlefair. £900x3 £855x3 £800x3 £765x2 C Peckitt & Son. £900 £820 £775 JG & EM Welford. £890 £880x2 £870 £835 £780 C Binks & Son. £880 £840 W J Love. £880x2 £760 JE & B Morgan & Sons. £725 J E Braithwaite & Son. £710 S Kirton Darling.

Store Steers £1340 £1310 £1290 £1200 £1190 G & A Gibson & Son. £1190x3 £1185x2 £1140x2 £1100 I Holmes. £1180 £1110 W Wearmouth & Son. £1165 £1020 W B Rutter & Sons. £1070 £990 M & E Walton. £1055x2 G & EM Nixon. £1050x2 £1015x2 £955x2 £950x2 R Lawson & J Farley. £1000 £930x2 JJM Lonsdale. £990 G H Craggs. £990 M Webster. £980x2 J Walshaw & Son. £925 H S Hutchinson. £920 GW & M Singleton. £920 S & RE Williamson. £910x4 £900x2 D Blake.

Store Heifers £1530 £1390 £1380 £1280 £1190 £1100 G & A Gibson & Son. £1215 £1090 £1065x2 £1060 £1030x3 £950x2 £900 P Coupland. £1195 £1135 C Moffett. £1140 £1040 W B Rutter & Sons. £1115 £1110 £1060x2 £1055 I Holmes. £1105 Northfield Farms. £1080 £1005 £1000 £930 A C Walton. £985 £900 R Lawson & J Farley. £975 £960x2 £910 P T Makin. £975x5 R R C Andrew. £935 M & E Walton. £930 £900x2 J Brannen. £905 J H Craggs.

Picture of the Champion Beast, with owner Mr Gibson and the judge Master Jack Barker

