

Thursday 15th February – Darlington Farmers Auction Mart had forward:

119 Bulls sold to 238pk & £1851

35 Steers sold to 251ppk & £1455

82 Heifers sold to 269ppk & £1520

2055 Hogs sold to 275ppk & £130

891 Cast Sheep sold to £128

16 Pigs sold to 116ppk & £87

Bulls – Heavyweight bulls sharper on the week. A top price of 238ppk was achieved twice by the same vendor, JA Matten & Sons, Avenue Grange, for 2 Limousins. One realised £1756, the other £1632, both were purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats. The top grossing bull was a Limousin consigned by D Richardson & Co Ltd, Bracken House, he realised £1851 and was also purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats.

Bulls – Top prices per kilo 238x2 233 228 JA Matten & Sons. 237 235 P & E Ellis. 237 228 217 GS & SE Wilson. 234 221 L S Staley. 234 233 229 224 223 220 JA & M Boyes Ltd. 232 221 L R Welsh & Co. 232 225 223 222 D Richardson & Co Ltd. 231 227 220 217 214x2 213 A G Watson & Sons. 230 227 224 217 C Harle & Sons. 228 TN Hodgson & sons. 220 American Squeeze Crush. 217 T F Bothroyd & Son. 215 J Stanwix & Sons.

Lead Grossing Bulls £1851 £1707 £1637 £1633 D Richardson & Co Ltd. £1778 £1773 £1756 £1632 JA Matten & Sons. £1773 T N Hodgson & Sons. £1753 £1636 £1582 £1575 £1572 £1552 A G Watson & Sons. £1710 JH & M&N Brown. £1682 £1625 American Squeeze Crush. £1679 £1588 £1540 L R Welsh & Co. £1671 £1667 £1591 £1571 C Harle & Sons. £1655 GS & SE Wilson. £1595 L S Staley. £1545 P & E Ellis.

Friesian Bulls – Top prices per kilo 175 169 164 161 155 R Ormston. 171 169 160 J Stanwix & Sons. 171 166 R Hall & Son. 165 162 158 JM & S Walton. 163 JE & B Morgan & Sons. 160 158 G Bird & Sons. 155 R Carter & Son.

Lead Grossing Friesian Bulls £1099 £1025 R Hall & Son. £1073 £1067 £966 £961 £930 R Ormston. £1019 £1010 £1009 £981 £961 JM & S Walton. £1008 £928 G Bird & Sons. £968 £962 £908 J Stanwix & Sons. £943 JE & B Morgan & Sons. £936 R Carter.

Clean Cattle, once again a good trade with all classes keenly bid for. Top price was 269ppk for a Limousin Heifer consigned by M F Hall, Woodhill Farm, she realised £1382 and was purchased by H Taylor & Sons Ltd, Darlington. The lead grossing clean beast was a Homebred Limousin Heifer, consigned by JM & M&C Wise, Manor Farm, she realised £1520 and was purchased by Bowland Foods.

Steers – Top prices per kilo 251 M F Hall. 219 215 196 195 J M Hall. 217 214 199 G Beadle. 197 189 188 185 181 G & JY Marshall. 191 GW & L Marsay.

Lead Grossing Steers £1455 £1448 £1388 £1261 J m Hall. £1450 £1341 £1309 G Beadle. £1357 M F Hall. £1342 GW & L Marsay. £1283 £1214x2 G & JY Marshall.

Heifers – Top prices per kilo 269 258 245 232 225 M F Hall. 267 239 235 I R Appleton. 258 248 238 233 Neasham Grange Farms. 257 237 221 P & E Ellis. 249 236 212 230 226 PJ & MP Gilhespy. 248

234x2 228 224 221 W F Hustwit. 244 236 234 B Walker. 241 JM & M&C Wise. 234 226 J & A Moralee. 228 G & JY Marshall. 225 217 215 D H Lawson. 225 L W Martin. 222 S E Chapman. 219x2 T Clark & Son.

Lead Grossing Heifers £1520 £1299 JM & M&C Wise. £1475 £1334 S E Chapman. £1419 £1336 £1328 Neasham Grange Farms. £1391 £1368 £1342 £1308 £1284 PJ & MP Gilhespy. £1385 £1382 £1345 £1299 £1289 M F Hall. £1382 £1331 P & E Ellis. £1377 £1296 D H Lawson. £1369 £1346 I R Appleton. £1340 £1339 £1310 B Walker. £1338 JM & S Walton. £1333 £1329 W F Hustwit. £1327 L W Martin.

Hoggs – With the sheep ring full of buyers eager to fulfil orders, once again all weights, would see a flying trade. Many more required to satisfy demand. Top price was 275ppk for a pen of Beltex consigned by G W Dent, The Bungalow, they realised £110 and were purchased by West Scottish Lamb. A top price of £130 was achieved for a single lamb consigned by A C Simpson & Son, McNeil Farm, which was purchased by A Atkinson.

Hoggs – Top prices per kilo 275 273 227 G W Dent. 239 J Norman. 237G I-Anson. 238 L fowler. 237 A J Spilman & Son. 236 233 225 G Thompson & Sons. 234 224 219 JR & M Richardson. 233 G & L Wood. 233 W.K M.M Lamb. 230 JC & A Hutchinson. 227 219 W Denham. 227 C Harle & Sons. 226 I Lancaster. 223 W Johnson & Son. 222 CS & V Whitfield. 220 JA Leckenby. 219 214 JF & MLG Bailey. 218 J & A Layfield. 216 A Newton. 216 CJM Hedley. 216 C Bowman. 216 W Kirk & Sons. 215 R Ormston.

Lead Grossing Hoggs £130 £129 £124x2 £121 £120x5 £119 £118x2 £117x2 £116.50 £116 £115.50x2 £115x3 A C Simpson & Son. £129 B D Layfield. £120 £118.50 £114.50 £111.50 £110 £109 J Thompson & Son. £119 J A Leckenby. £119 £116 £115 £109 £108 W Denham. £118 £115 £114.50 £111 W A Richardson Ltd. £118 £111.50 W.K M.M Lamb. £116.50 £109 G I-Anson. £116.50 £110 G W Dent. £114 £108 PE & EJ Clark. £111 C Harle & Sons. £110 £107.50 R Ormston. £109.50 JH & D Wise. £109 I Lancaster. £107 £106.50 A Crowder. £107 G Thompson & Sons. £107 J & A Layfield. £106.50 A J Spilman & Son.

Cast Sheep – As with the Hoggs, all cast sheep a sharper trade. Top price was £128 for a Continental Tup consigned by C Boocock, Freebrough Farm, which was purchased by A Atkinson.

Lead Grossing Cast Sheep £128 £101 £89 C Boocock. £123 £109 £103 £100 £95 R E Williamson. £121 £90 R McAneney. £118 £114 £110 £105 £101 £96 £94 J N Howie & Partners. £105 C R Raine & Son. £103 £95 £94 C Harle & Sons. £101 W Denham. £100 £99 J R Todd. £100 J Davis. £100 £95 W Ramsay & Son. £100 Tallentire. £99 £94 Skelton Farming Ltd. £96 RE & L Frank. £96 JF & MLG Bailey. £92 W Johnson & Son. £89 D & J Hunnam & son. £89 G S Bainbridge. £88x2 J & A Layfield.

Prime Pigs – Top prices per kilo 116 100 J Mitchell & Son. 70 Bill Quay Farm.

Lead Grossing Prime Pigs £87 £77 J Mitchell & Son. £48 Bill Quay Farm.