

Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their weekly sale of Cast Cattle, Store and Breeding stock on Monday 12th March 2018, forward were 431 Cattle and 639 Sheep.

108 Cast Cattle sold to 203ppk or £1460

147 Store Steers sold to £1245

138 Store Heifers sold to £1135

38 Young Bulls sold to £1100

558 Store Hoggs sold to £123

19 Ewes with Lambs sold to £162

27 In Lamb Ewes sold to £100

6 Breeding Rams sold to £123

Cast Cattle - The monumental trade continues with yet another staggering average this week of some 142 pence per kilo, the cow beef is in extremely high demand. Top of the tree this week was a wonderful 6 year old Limousin cow from C R Raine & Son, Stanhope Gate, Middleton-in-Teesdale which sold for 203 pence per kilo and £1449; amazingly she was not our highest grossing cow as another 6 year old Limousin from W I Suddes & Son, South Farm, Cornsay Village surpassed her when she sold for £1460 (181ppk). Some tremendous dairy cows on offer too this week and the pick of them a 7 year old Holstein Friesian from J Layfield, Nackshivan Farm, Willington tipped the scales at 715 kg and sold for 165ppk and an impressive £1179, the whole show of cows returned an average of £940 apiece.

Cast Cattle Leading PPK - 203 173 C R Raine & Son. 201 T & D I Allen & Son. 187 181 173 172 W I Suddes & Son. 185 181 165 163 J Layfield. 185 183 167 B R Lawson. 183 173 168 161(x2) Skelton Farming Ltd. 181 A R & B A Wilson. 179 K & A Harker. 175 A & K Hall. 173 169 I Spedding. 173 S & A Greaves. 171 W Wearmouth & Son. 170 L B & J Tipling. 169 163 A T Bainbridge. 169 A & K Hall. 169 H S Hutchinson. 165 W Robson. 165 G L & M Steel. 163 A & K Hall. 161 G E & J Donaldson.

Cast Cattle Leading Gross - £1460 £1396 £1385 £1245 W I Suddes & Son. £1449 £1300 C R Raine & Son. £1427 £1360 £1275 A & K Hall. £1400 L B & J Tipling. £1370 £1252 £1181 £1179 J Layfield. £1314 £1264 £1062 £1045 A R & B A Wilson. £1265 £1118 B R Lawson. £1247 S & A Greaves. £1202 K & A Harker. £1202 G E & J Donaldson. £1199 £1134 A T Bainbridge. £1183 T & D I Allen & Son. £1147 £1146 £1137 £1107 £1062 Skelton Farming Ltd. £1113 B & J D Beadle. £1094 A A Thompson. £1063 £1015 I Spedding. £1052 W Robson.

Store Cattle - Some steam on again at times in the store ring as the trade continues in exceptional fashion, some fine prices for all classes. Hats off to the milk producers who have stuck by the traditional British Friesian, a fine example of this today from Messrs R & W Todd, High Toft Hill Farm whom sold 3 incredible 17 month old Limousin steers out of Friesian cows for a wonderful £1245 apiece. Top of the heifer trade was a strong 2 year old Charolais from I K & T N Wilson of Throstle Nest Farm, Lanchester which reached an impressive £1135; the young bulls are unsurprisingly dear given the wonderful prime trade

we are seeing of late, top price of £1100 was achieved by a trio of strong 17 month old Limousin's shown by A & A G Moralee, Lowfield Farm, Willington.

Store Steers - £1245(x3) £1190 £1100 R & W Todd. £1200 £1135 £1090 D W Dresser. £1200 J F Harland. £1190 £1175 £1145 £1125 £1080 £1070 A Gregg. £1185 £1120 R W Shann & Sons. £1145(x2) P Kirk. £1145 £1130 £1100 P R E Marwood. £1135 T Sedgewick & Son. £1100 J E Burton. £1095(x3) £1075(x3) A Wilson. £1090 D R Easton. £1090 A J Marr & Son. £1080 J & J E Robson. £1075 J H & C Ltd. £1065 G W & M Singleton & Sons.

Store Heifers - £1135 £1100 I K & T N Wilson. £1095 £1030(x2) £1025 £960 J G Wilkinson & Son. £1080 A J Marr & Son. £1035 M H Hodgson. £1025(x3) £1020 T Sedgewick & Son. £1010 £1000 £990 P J Wiper. £980 R Valks. £975 T & G Lee. £970 J & J E Robson. £970(x3) R R C Andrew. £970 F Bainbridge. £970 £955 M H Hodgson. £970 C H & M C Phalp. £965 G W & M Singleton & Sons. £955(x6) T & G Lee.

Young Bulls - £1100(x3) £1050 £980 A & A G Moralee. £1090(x2) £1060(x2) £910(x2) £900 £840(x3) J Norman. £1010 T & D I Allen & Son. £960 F Fabi. £930 B Williamson. £815 £760 £740 R Errington & Son. £750 B Watson.

Store & Breeding Sheep - The sheep trade is bouncing with prime hogs and cast ewes a flyer last Thursday we naturally witnessed a wonderful trade once again through the store ring, some exceptional prices for store hogs peaked at £107 for a single Texel shown by Mr D Thomas of The Dolt Farm, Haltwhistle, Mr Thomas enjoyed a fine day also selling feeding ewes to £92, breeding rams to £123 and in lamb ewes to £100. Our first sight of some ewes with lambs resulted in a solid trade, aged ewes sold to £65 per life with an average of £52 per life from D & R Reed, Craddock Row, Sandhutton.

Ewes & Lambs - £162(x2) £145 £140 £132 £130 £125 £102 D & R Reed. £110 Dafydd Thomas.

Breeding Rams - £123 £122 £110 £88(x2) Dafydd Thomas.

In Lamb Ewes - £114 £110 £100 £95(x2) £92 £90 £82 £80 £75 Dafydd Thomas. £82 M Lindley.

Store Hogs & Feeding Ewes - £107 £105 £103 £92 £90(x2) £81 £80.50 £79 Dafydd Thomas. £98 £93 S M A & J Swinbank. £97 £84 S J Love. £95 £89 W R Wilson & Ptnrs. £89 S Blythman. £87 E A Hinton. £86(x3) £80 D F & M Littlefair. £86 K Mowbray. £83 N B & R Hird. £81 £79 G & L Wood. £80 F Johnson. £78 N & A Hunter.