

Thursday 10th May – Darlington Farmers Auction Mart had forward:

119 Bulls 249ppk & £1941

40 Steers sold to 249ppk & £1671

92 Heifers sold to 260ppk & £1576

190 Spring Lambs sold to 348ppk & £143

2423 Hoggs sold to 311ppk & £179

732 Cast Sheep sold to £160

Bulls – A better show of bulls forward than in recent week, trade however would be sharper once again, especially for the heavyweights. Top price was 249ppk for a Homebred Limousin Bull consigned by P&E Ellis, Lisern Farm which realised £1650 and was purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats. The lead grossing bull was a Limousin consigned by JA Matten & Sons, Avenue Grange, he realised £1941 and was also purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats.

Bulls – Top prices ppk 249 248 P&E Ellis. 247 246 245x2 232 AG Watson & Sons. 247 IR Appleton. 247 245 238 J Layfield. 246 242 236 F&JS Gargett. 246 245 240 JB Luck. 246 245 244 242 WI Suddes & Son. 244 242 239 JA&M Boyes Ltd. 244x2 243x2 239 234x2 JA Matten & Sons. 241x2 239 J&A Moralee. 240 R&D Harland. 238 K&TK Atkinson. 237 Rochester & Murray. 235 JK&CE Farming Ltd. 235 RW Welford & Sons.

Lead Grossing Bulls £1941 £1922 £1886 £1881 £1798 £1766 £1699 £1694 JA Matten & Sons. £1886 £1825 JB Luck. £1856 £1832 £1744 F&JS Gargett. £1839 £1783 £1766 £1749 JA&M Boyes Ltd. £1820 IR Appleton. £1785 R&D Harland. £1775 J Layfield. £1761 £1731 £1665 £1661 £1658 AG Watson & Sons. £1686 K&TK Atkinson. £1669 £1649 RW Welford & Sons. £1668 LS Staley. £1650 P&E Ellis. £1642 Rochester & Murray.

Friesian Bulls – Top price ppk 209 159 JM Ramsay & Son. 192 180x2 178 G Bird & Sons. 179 178 170 J Musgrave. 170 159 R Ormston. 167 159 155 JM&S Walton. 155 JE&B Morgan & Sons.

Lead Grossing Friesian Bulls £1490 £1039 JM Ramsay & Son. £1151 £1109 £1017 JM&S Walton. £1148 £1080 £1071 G Bird & Sons. £1062 £1033 £1002 J Musgrave. £969 £960 £925 R Ormston.

Clean Cattle – A better trade on the week, with all classes of cattle well sold. Top price was 260ppk for a Homebred Limousin Heifer consigned by JB Luck, Milestone House which realised £1339 and was purchased by Bowland Foods. The lead grossing clean beast was a Blonde D' Aquitaine Steer consigned by R Ormston, Wardell House Farm, he realised £1671 and was purchased by R Pearson.

Steers – Top prices ppk 249 245 240 231 C&J Donnelly. 241 B Walker. 235 224 KJ&SS Bell. 228 219 R Ormston. 224 222 JM Hall. 223 220 J Pallister & Sons. 222 Askwiths. 217 LW Martin. 216 204 P Suddes. 206 J Henderson. 205 204 G Beadle.

Lead Grossing Steers £1671 £1524 £1383 R Ormston. £1580 £1376 £1364 JM Hall. £1494 J Pallister. £1461 £1444 £1440 £1325 C&J Donnelly. £1460 Askwiths. £1460 LW Martin. £1448 B Walker. £1445 £1397 £1308 KJ&SS Bell. £1348 Cheesebrough & Son.

Heifers – Top prices ppk 260 258 249 241 JB Luck. 258 247 237 229 Askwiths. 257 246 238 B Walker. 255 237 233 J Henderson. 253 247 246 WF Hustwit. 251 235 231 Cheesebrough & Son. 245 H Clark & Sons. 242 239 232 228 PJ&MP Gilhespy. 239 235 RO Gilson. 239 Rochester & Murray. 238 MJK Dodds. 237 JR Knox & Son. 236 LW Martin. 231 P&E Ellis. 230 225 RA Patterson & Son. 228 JJ Kemp & Son.

Lead Grossing Heifers £1576 £1480 £1393 Cheesebrough & Son. £1500 £1400 Rochester & Murray. £1479 R Ormston. £1434 £1390 £1389 £1308 WF Hustwit. £1421 £1375 B Walker. £1411 £1402 £1339 £1323 JB Luck. £1408 £1390 £1373 H Clark & Sons. £1394 LW Martin. £1379 JR Knox & Son. £1364 PJ&MP Gilhespy. £1359 Askwiths. £1341 J Henderson. £1332 £1328 RO Gilson. £1304 MJK Dodds.

Spring Lambs – A lot more quality lambs forward this week. Top price was 348ppk for a pair of Texel Lambs consigned by N Swinbank, Cold Comfort Farm, they realised £139 and were purchased by Castlebank Butchers. The top grossing price was £143 for a single Texel Lamb consigned by P Tindale, Paradise Farm which was purchased by JA Jewitt Ltd, Spennymoor.

Lambs – Top prices per kilo 348 345 335 333 286 N Swinbank. 325 321 314 313 306 298 290 P Tindale. 319 260 M Radford. 316 304 279 M&EM Dobinson. 311 310 300 296 278 RI Jones. 309 305 JC Johnson. 302 301 296 272 BR&RI Routledge. 293 K Wilson. 292 289 288 285 272 AS&G Donaldson. 272 JW&DW Laing. 271 266 W Johnson & Son.

Lead Grossing Lambs £143 £130 £128 £124 £119 £115 £112 P Tindale. £139 £134 £133x2 £115 N Swinbank. £129 £125 £110 M&EM Dobinson. £129 K Wilson. £126.50 £122.50 £121 £110 BR&RI Routledge. £123 M Radford. £123 £119 JC Johnson. £121 £120x3 £110 RI Jones. £114 £113 W Johnson & Son. £110 JW&DW Laing. £109 £107x2 AS&G Donaldson.

Hoggs – A good entry forward once again, with hoggs coming from all over the country, including one vendor who made the long trip from Gatwick Airport. The overall market average of 255ppk would make his and many others journeys worthwhile.

Top price was 311ppk for a pen of Texel Hoggs consigned by TN Callender, Ox Eye Farm they realised £168 and were purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats. The lead grossing price was £179 for a pen of Hoggs consigned by J Thompson & Son, Langthorne Hall which were purchased by West Scottish Lamb.

Hoggs – Top prices ppk 311 310 308 307 294 290 287 TN Callender. 308 P Coupland. 306 282 MC&MD Sparke. 305 288 282 M Robinson & Sons. 302 292 290x2 289 284 RL&AR Phillips. 299 286x2 J Thompson & Son. 295 D Blake. 290 W Johnson & Son. 289 M&CLR Dale. 285 RE&L Frank. 284 K Thompson. 282x3 280 L Oliver & Partners. 282 280x2 SJ&LH Brown. 281 277 JM Hall. 278 GE Raw.

Lead Grossing Hoggs £179 £176 £175 £169 £168 J Thompson & Son. £177 £168 £160 £157.50 3156x2 SJ&LH Brown. £169 £168x2 £167 £166x2 £158 TN Callender. £169 £165 D Blake. £168 £166 £162 K Thompson. £167 J Curry. £165 M Robinson & Sons. £165 £161 £157.50 AC Simpson & Son. £161 AW Gray. £160 £159 £157 L Atfield. £157 M&CLR Dale. £156 L Oliver & Partners. £155 P Coupland. £154 KO Stones.

Cast Sheep – All classes much dearer on the week, an entry of over 700 cast sheep saw the market average nearly £80 per head. Top price was £160 for a pair of Tups consigned by LE Harrison, Streatlam Grange which were purchased by Yorkshire Halal Meat Suppliers.

Lead Grossing Cast Sheep £160 £115 £111 £98 LE Harrison. £140 £120 £116 £114 £111 Proudley Farms Ltd. £140 £129 J Thompson & Sons. £131 £118 IM Maughan. £130 MC&MD Sparke. £129 AW Gray. £123 £113 PM&FM Hill. £121 £117 £116 R Bell. £121 P Cockburn. £121 £120 M Robinson & Sons. £121 NG Beveridge. £119 AC Simpson. £118 JL Gill. £117 RE&L Frank. £117 AS&G Donaldson. £117 R Herbert. £116 C&M Burnett. £116 P Coupland. £111 DR Easton. £110 JW Richardson.