

Monday 9th July – Darlington Farmers Auction Mart had forward:

91 Cast Cows sold to 205ppk & £1510

5 Cast Bulls sold to 145ppk & £1334

1 Calf sold to £370

34 Store Bulls sold to £1180

55 Steers sold to £1210

72 Heifers sold to £1040

5 Breeding Cattle sold to £1180

Cast Cattle – Despite a plainer show of cows forward, with nearly a third being Black & Whites, all cast cattle once again a sharp trade. Top price ppk and the lead grossing beast was a Young Limousin Heifer consigned by J Layfield, Nackshivan Farm, she topped the market at 205ppk, realising £1510 and was purchased by Worsley Wholesale Meats Ltd.

Cast Cows – Top prices per kilo 205 199 198 193 134 J Layfield. 176 TW Thompson. 173 JA&UM Fawcett. 170 139 GA Rogerson & Son. 168 139 134 P Tindale. 167 160 135 P Jones. 165 JT Forster & Son. 159 TF Bothroyd & Son. 156 139 135 GM Simpson. 141 138 136 W Wearmouth & Son. 135 129 Stainton Hill Farms. 134 R Bradley & Son. 131 J&F Hartley & Sons. 129 GW&L Marsay. 129 J&K Metcalf & Son.

Lead Grossing Cast Cows £1510 £1506 £1472 £1410 J Layfield. £1198 TW Thompson. £1191 R Bradley & Son. £1152 JA&UM Fawcett. £1142 £1073 £989 P Jones. £1044 £1024 GM Simpson. £1039 C&MJ Ford & Son. £1033 P Tindale. £1021 I Newton & Son. £1004 TF Bothroyd & son. £1003 J&F Hartley & Sons. £980 JT Forster & Son. £961 JC Thwaite & Son. £960 941 W Wearmouth & Son £936 GA Rogerson & Son.

Cast Bulls – Top prices ppk 145 TW Thompson. 141 TH Mace & Sons. 140 J Anderson. 119 HM Dent.

Lead Grossing Cast Bulls £1334 TW Thompson. £1173 J Anderson. £1112 TH Mace & Sons. £1103 HM Dent.

Store Cattle – With the droughty conditions upon us all at the moment, you would expect the store cattle trade to have eased up - on the contrary, all cattle were sharper on the week. Top price was £1210 for a Simmental Steer, which was first in a run of 10 strong dairy bred steers consigned by RJ Bradshaw, Hawthorne Farm, whose cattle went on to average of £1100 per head. Leading the way with the heifers was a 14mth British Blue consigned by NG Beveridge, Low West House. More store cattle required on a weekly basis for our ever expanding customer base.

Calves – Limousin £370 HS Hutchinson.

Breeding Cattle – Cows & Calves £1180 £1050 K Wilson.

Store Bulls - £1180 £1140 £1105 £840 D Dixon. £1070 KBS&AL Roche. £1000 £870 P Leese. £895 £680 £630 AP Taylor. £775 £710 £675 FP&IM Jefferson. £775 £740 K Wilson. £740 E Welford. £645 MJ Lowcock.

Store Steers - £1210 £1195 £1190 £1185x2 £1155 £1130 £1040 £880x2 RJ Bradshaw. £1095 £1070x2 H Walton & Son. £995x2 TA Hall. £990 PRE Marwood. £965 £935x3 N Swinbank. £955 £935x4 WJ

Smith & Partners. £935 K Wilson. £900 NG Beveridge. £845 £765x4 J Butterfied & Son. £795x2 TA Hall.

Store Heifers £1040 £965 £940 £935 NG Beveridge. £975 £960x4 £950 £930 £910 £890x2 AR Marshall. £955x2 £880x2 £860 £820x2 P Kirk. £920 N Swinbank. £870 P Leese. £845 £830 PRE Marwood. £840 £670 TT Hall. £810 £805 £755 UI Spedding. £790 K Wilson. £780x2 JA Bainbridge. £750 WM&DH Bussey.