TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2018

Hopes Auction Co, Wigton held their weekly sale of Primestock when there was an entry of 41 Cattle, 18 Bulls and 857 Prime Sheep including 400 Spring Lambs, 298 Prime Hoggs and 159 Prime Ewes.

Pleasing to see an increase in numbers forward and trade remaining strong for a wonderful show of meated cattle throughout the sale with the top being 251.5 p per kg was paid for a super 597 kgs Limousin Heifer shown by D A Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth. The top price per head for heifers was £1775.12 paid to DA Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth for an outstanding 729 kgs Limousin Heifer purchased by Steven Wilson, Family Butcher, Corby Hill, Calisle.

Steers also forward in greater numbers and topped at 224.5p and £1564.77 for a 697 kgs Limousin which was shown by Messrs Bowe, Mechi, Blennerhasset.

The strongest show for some time and trade to match with the best Continental bulls to 229.5p paid to JG & M Little, Greenhill Farm, Wigton for a 599 kgs Limousin. Black and Whites sold to 188.5p for well meated sorts from I Grainger, Kiln Close. Top gross was £1514.21 for a British Blue from Messrs Bowe, Mechi. As ever more cattle are required each week.

HEIFERS

Limousin 251.5 247.5 243.5 230.5 225.5 Hill House (Harrison) 244.5 223.5 Low Whinnow 244.5 236.5 226.5 225.5 Crosby House Farm 243.5 229.5 Greenlands 239.5 234.5 Greenhill Farm 235.5 Lesson Hall (Steel) 229.5 228.5 227.5 Allerby Hall

British Blue 243.5 Loughrigg 237.5 231.5 Hill House 224.5 Langrigg House **STEERS**

Limousin 224.5 Mechi 221.5 East Mill 216.5 210.5 Kirkland Guards 215.5 Allerby Hall

Angus 193.5 Lesson Hall (Steel)

BULLS

Limousin 229.5 226.5 217.5 Greenhill Farm 219.5 Allerby Hall 218.5 217.5 Mechi 213.5 Grange Farm 209.5 205.5 Uldale Hall 205.5 Seacroft **British Blue** 197.5 Kiln Close

Friesian 188.5 Kiln Close 165.5 Limekiln Nook

LAMBS

400 spring lambs sold to a tremendous trade with the end result being very similar to the previous week. An overall average of 323.94p and 329.1 SQQ was achieved. Handy weight lambs 34-45 kgs sold very well. There was 115 lambs forward weighing between 32-39 kgs and they averaged 347.67p. Adam Bell, Hill Crest had a fantastic run of lambs and sold a pen of Beltex weighing 35.5 kgs for £148. Many lambs sold at over £150 with not much weight needed.

The top price per head was £186 paid to S & D Peile, Parkgate Hall, Waverton for a tremendous Beltex weighing 45 kgs and were purchased by R J Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King St, Wigton. The run of lambs from Parkgate Hall weighed between 40-45 kgs and averaged 399.98p and £170 per head.

Pence per kg honours went to Miss P Rae, Greenah Hall, Langrigg selling 43 kgs Beltex lambs for 418.6p per kg.

James Crichton, Loughrigg also had a fantastic run weighing between 37-44 kgs and averaged 393.46p and £151.79 per head.

More lambs are required every week. Please contact Jimmy on 07827 966377

Per Head

Beltex £186 £171 £165 Parkgate Hall £180 £149 Greenah Hall £150 £138 Moor Platt Farm £148 £143 £126 Ellerslea £148 Hill Crest

Texel £175 £169 Loughrigg £171 Bothel Parks £168 £159 £150 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £165 Hill Crest £163 £155 Far Broom £163 £155 Midtown Farm (Bowe) £161 Kirkland Guards £159 High Blaithwaite £159 £156 Bothel Parks £155 Pasture House £155 Mechi £150 Hill House

Charollais £151 Kiln Close

Millenium Bleu £151 £140 Loughrigg

Suffolk £151 £145 £130 Greenah Hall £146 £123 Kiln Close £141 £127.50 Hill Crest £128 £120 Mechi £131 £125 £115 Low House (Skelton) £120 Swinsty Farm £120 Spring Hill £120 Beck Farm £120 Swinsty Farm

Rouge £149 Loughrigg

Dutch Texel £144 £140 Beck Farm

Per Kq

Beltex 418.60 338.60 Greenah Hall 413.30 405.70 371.70 Parkgate Hall 371.40 356.60 310.70 Ellerslea 345.0 326.10 Moor Platt Farm

Texel 416.90 392.90 380.20 Hill Crest 407.10 394.90 392.60 Bothel Parks 402.40 397.70 Loughrigg 397.40 388.10 Midtown (Bowe) 388.10 382.70 Far Broom 387.80 High Blaithwaite 387.50 367.20 Pasture House 383.30 Kirkland Guards 383.10 370.60 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 377.00 Park House Farm 370.50 Greenhill Farm 369.0 Mechi

Rouge 402.70 Loughrigg

Millenium Bleu 393.90 378.40 Loughrigg

Charollais 368.30 Kiln Close

Dutch Texel 359.0 351.20 Beck Farm

Suffolk 356.10 Kiln Close 344.70 300.70 266.0 322.2 321.3 Greenah Hall 315.8 Beck Farm 315.40 306.50 Hill Crest 291.50 Swinsty Farm 280 Greenhill Farm

PRIME HOGGS

Prime hoggs also sold well and more could have been sold to the sellers advantage.

The top price was £132.50 paid for a fantastic Beltex hoggs from MJ Lawson, Pasture House, Bolton Low Houses.

JT & EM Marrs & Son, Broomhills had a great run of 52 hoggs were 47.7 kgs and averaged 245.59p and £117.22

Beltex £132.50 £127 £126 Pasture House £131 Hill House

Texel £131 Croft House (Hunt) £128 £126 £125 £124 Broomhills £127 High Hall £126 Thistlebottom £124 £121 Hill House

Mule £123 Broomhills Farm £122 Pasture House

Suffolk £110 Crummock Bank £105 Hill House

PRIME EWES

Another good show of ewes with plenty of meat forward and trade topping at £143 for a Charollais from J Crichton, Loughrigg, Trade was strong throughout the sale and more ewes are required.

Charollais £143 £141 Loughrigg £136 Lesson Hall (Steel)

Texel £138 Loughrigg £136 £132 Pasture House £134 £132 £130 Harrot Hill £133 £130 £128 £126 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £133 £128 Clea Hall £130 West Causewayhead £128 Low House Farm £127 £126 Hill Crest £126 Crummock Bank

Suffolk £ 136 £132 Loughrigg £130 Midtown Farm (Bowe) £125 Mechi £125 Hards Cottage £122 Loughrigg

Beltex £128 £121 Parkgate Hall

Mule £111 Clea Hall £85 £78 Pasture House

Half Bred £109 Low Blaithwaite £91 Crummock Bank

Cheviot £90 £79 Pasture House

Swaledale £54 Pasture House £45 Manor Farm