Hopes Auction Co Ltd, Wigton held their fortnightly sale of Over Thirty Months Cattle on Thursday 10th May when there was an entry of 42 cattle

A nice show of cows forward and a strong trade for all classes with only two selling below 100p per kg. Good to see more returning to our cow ring to benefit from the trade.

Top beef today was 164.5p paid for a Limousin from DG & JA Bell, Low Blaithwaite, Wigton. Black and Whites provided the bulk of the sale with a firm enquiry. Taking the top spot was JW & EA Sewell, Leesrigg Pasture selling to 148.5p. Several others over 140p leaving good returns.

Top gross for beef sired was £1323 for a Charolais from Messrs Harrison, Aikhead and Dairy to £1168 from JW & E A Sewell, Leesrigg.

Geld heifers to 157.5p for a Holstein Friesian from B Salisbury, Beech Farm and Continental to 169.5p from J Harrington, Riggwood.

Stock Bulls to £1487 (157.5p) for a Limousin from Messrs Thirlwall, Bothel Craggs.

PRICES PER KG

Limousin 164.5 Low Blaithwaite 162.5 Fellside House Farm 151.5 Aikhead Hall 147.5 126.5 Westward Parks 146.5 High Plasketlands 124.5 Stockbridge Farm **Charolais** 159.5 Aikhead Hall

Holstein 157.5 Beech Farm 135.5 East Woodside 112.5 103.5 The Ling **Friesian** 148.5 Leesrigg Pasture 146.5 Dykesfield 138.5 Uldale Hall 132.5 Kiln Close 132.5 125.5 Low Blaithwaite 107.5 Lowfield House 101.5 Oulton House

British Blue 146.5 Fellside House Farm 139.5 Westward Parks

Montbeliarde 145.5 114.5 112.5 Dykesfield

Ayrshire 134.5 124.5 121.5 116.5 Thackthwaite Hall

Hereford 118.5 Dyke Nook

Limousin Bull 151.5 Bothel Craggs

Holstein Friesian Bull 141.5 Beech Farm 132.5 Greyrigg House

Blonde Bull 129.5 Dyke Nook

Limousin Heifer 169.5 Riggwood

Belted Galloway Heifer 143.5 Mechi

British Blue Heifer 137.5 Birkmire Farm

Friesian Heifer 130.5 Nerewater Farm

PRICES PER HEAD

Charolais 1323.85 Aikhead Hall

Friesian £ 1168.70 Leesrigg Pasture £1100.22 Dykesfield £980.16 Low

Blaithwaite £931.48 Kiln Close £907.18 Uldale Hall

Limousin £1132.63 Fellside House £1130.12 Low Blaithwaite £1051.68

Westward Parks £962.03 Aikhead Hall £909.77 High Plasketlands

Holstein £1051.48 East Woodside £888.30 Beech Farm

British Blue £974.23 Fellside House Farm £943.02 Westward Parks

Ayrshire £ 879.63 £793.07 Thackthwaite Hall

Montbeliarde £838.08 Dykesfield Hereford £770.25 Dyke Nook Limousin Heifer £827.16 Riggwood Belted Galloway Heifer £843.78 Mechi British Blue Heifer £822.25 Birkmire Farm Friesian Heifer £780.39 Nerewater Farm Limousin Bull £1487.73 Bothel Craggs Holstein Bull £1175.28 Greyrigg House Blonde Bull £1010.10 Dyke Nook