TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2018

Hopes Auction Co, Wigton held their weekly sale of Primestock when there was an entry of 42 Cattle, 7 Bulls and 1256 Prime Sheep including 140 Ewes.

A bigger show and a good result for all types with trade on a part with recent weeks with the top end yielding strong returns once again which topped at 245.5 p per kg paid on two occasions and both for Limousin Heifers. One shown by DA Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth weighing 530 kgs and the other a 648 kgs shown by J Dixon & Sons, Lesson Hall, Wigton. The top price per head for heifers was £1646.50 paid to DA Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth for a British Blue Heifer.

Steers sold to a top price of 217.5p paid on three occasions and all were Limousin crosses. They were shown by Messrs Cape, Kirkland Guards, Mealsgate (701 kgs), Messrs Bowe, Bothel Parks, Bothel (698 kgs) and to W Gray & Sons, Mid Town, Aspatria (630 kgs). Top price per head was £1530.05 which was shown by Messrs Cape, Kirkland Guards, Mealsgate. More cattle required each week please.

A small show but big rewards with smaller bulls to 231.5p paid for a 580 kgs Limousin from JG & M Little, Greenhill Farm, Wigton. The top price per head was £1769.06 paid to RE Miller, West Farm, Aspatria for a Limousin. More could easily have been sold.

HEIFERS

Limousin 245.5 241.5 217.5 Hill House 245.5 239.5 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 220.5 216.5 Oughterside Mill 214.5 220.5 The Hill Farm 234.5 Allerby Hall 228.5 224.5 214.5 Welton Farm 224.5 Bothel Parks

Blonde 242.5 Hill House Charolais 234.5 Town Head British Blue 229.5 222.5 Hill House

STEERS

Limousin 217.5 East Mill 217.5 Bothel Parks 217.5 215.5 Kirkland Guards 211.5 202.5 Greenah Villa 205.5 202.5 Cockbridge House Charolais 216.5 The Thwaites 215.5 Town Head Angus 204.5 Lesson Hall (Steel)

BULLS

Limousin 231.5 229.5 Greenhill Farm 226.5 224.5 West Farm 200.5 Kiln Close British Blue 205.5 Kiln Close

HOGGS

1114 hoggs sold today to a keen ring of bidders with the overall average of 311.7p and an SQQ of 312.27p and £132.11 per head.

The top price per head was £182 paid to J Dixon & Sons, Lesson Hall, Wigton for a pen of six 48 kgs Texels and were purchased by RJ Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King Street, Wigton. J Dixon & Sons had a fantastic run of 32 well fed hoggs which averaged £175.50 and 367.79p per kg.

Pence per kg honours also went to J Dixon & Sons, Lesson Hall selling 43 kgs Texels for 416.3p per kg.

Today there was 316 Beltex sired hoggs forward which met an outstanding trade to average £140.30 per head. Texels forward averaged £134.36. 227 hoggs forward were either Mule or Blackface which met a tremendous trade. Heavy mules topped at £154 per head from MJ Lawson, Pasture House whilst Blackface topped at £114 for a pen of 40 from Messrs McGimpsey. A quality show of hoogs led to a brilliant trade for all classes of sheep. More are wanted weekly, please contact Jimmy on 07827 966377.

Per Head

Texel £182 £180 £179 £155 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £171 Pasture House £157 £154 Dundraw Farm £154 £149 Arkleby House £153 £149 £148 £147 £145 £143 Allerby Hall £153 £146 £145 Woodhouse Mains £152 Thistlebottom £150 Hill House £144.50 Broomhills Farm

Beltex £171 £169 £165 £163 £156 £153 £148 Hillside £170 £155 Aspatria Hall £169 £165 £157 £156 £154 £149 £145 Demense Farm £164 Abbey Cowper £151 Orchard Bungalow £151 West Farm £148 Broomhills Farm £147 £146 Kiln Close £145 Hill House

Dutch Texel £171 £164 £159 £153 £132 Cobble Croft

Suffolk £155 £144 Pasture House £150 £123 Hill House £144 Hillside £140 £130 Thorns Farm

Mule £154 Pasture House £140 Rosemount £122 Hill House £116 Hillside £115 Thorns Farm £111 Cowgate

Charollais £153 Kiln Close

Millenium Bleu £148 Kiln Close £132 £104 Chapel Farm

Blue Texel £142 £126.50 £125 £122.50 £121 £117 £116 £114 £110.50 Stanger Hill

Swaledale £120 Kiln Close £115 Hillside £106 Stanger Hill £105 £104 Pasture House

Blackface £114 £113 Thorns Farm

Herdwick £95 Pasture House £84.50 Rosemount

Per Kg

Texel 416.3 389.10 372.70 371.10 367.30 327.5 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 364.30 356.6 346.5 343.9 341.9 337.9 334.10 331.40 331.30 324.70 319.10 318.80 Allerby Hall 361.30 335.0 Broomhills Farm 345.2 Woodhouse Mains 332.6 Dundraw Farm 327.7 324.10 Arkleby House

Beltex 402.40 390.90 384.10 376.20 374.70 369.30 369.00 368.60 359.80 357.10 350.60 343.9 342.60 Hillside 387.20 West Farm 377.50 Orchard Bungalow 364.10 353.70 Hill House 357.10 Aspatria Hall 353.70 351.10 Demesne Farm 350.0 347.60 341.9 Kiln Close 344.0 Inglewood Edge 341.7 Abbey Cowper Farm

Dutch Texel 388.60 387.80 383.10 364.30 356.50 322.0 Cobble Croft **Blue Texel** 364.10 335.30 334.30 333.30 331.40 327.00 325.70 322.40 321.70 310.90 308.50 306.90 Stanger Hill

Charollais 325.50 Kiln Close

Millenium Bleu 325.30 Kiln Close 307.00 297.10 Chapel Farm

Suffolk 307.5 258.60 Hill House 289.4 289.0 Thorns Farm 285.10 Hillside 246.0 240.0 Pasture House

Blackface 287.20 285.0 282.90 Thorns Farm

Swaledale 285.70 Kiln Close 284.90 284.50 Pasture House 270.60 Hillside 258.50 Stanger Hill 225.90 Rosemount

Mule 278.20 Hill House 275.90 Thorns Farm 259.70 Hillside 252.3 Cowgate 248.40 Pasture House 238.10 Stanger Hill

Herdwick 271.40 Pasture House 229.70 Rosemount

PRIME EWES

A bigger show and trade once again strong to a top of £150 paid for hard fed Beltex ewes from GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside, Wigton with plenty making in excess of £130. Mules sold to £108 from Messrs Dixon, Bank Head, Wigton and horned sheep selling to £65 for Swaledales from JS Hayton, Grange Farm.

Beltex £150 Hillside £140 £131 £108 Whitrigg Hall Farm £137 £129 £112 Parkgate Hall

Texel £149 Hillside £146 £143 £139 Mechi £141 £136 £135 Greenah Hall £140 Hillside £134 £131 Dufton House £126 Gate Farm £124 Dockray Hall £123 Kirkland Guards £122 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £120 Gate Farm

Rouge £139 Greenah Hall

Suffolk £138 £136 Forrester Fold (Logue) £120 Gate Farm £116 Mechi Farm £111 Stonethwaite £111 Hillside

Zwartble £117 Mechi £115 £108 £87 Stonethwaite

Mule £108 Bankhead £98 Cowlyers £97 Westward Parks £96 £88 Gate Farm £90 Whitehead Brow

Cheviot £84 Cowgate

Swaledale £65 Grange Farm £50 Fellside Farm

RAMS

Texel £130 Bank Head £111 Stonethwaite £110 Fellside £100 Westward Parks