TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2018

Hopes Auction Co, Wigton held their weekly sale of Primestock when there was an entry of 23 Cattle and 1378 Prime Sheep including 112 Ewes.

A good show of meated cattle selling to late rates and topping at 252.5 p per kg and £1679.13 was paid for a British Blue Heifer shown by Messrs Fawkes, Welton Farm and was purchased by S Wilson, Butcher, Corby Hill, Carlisle. Weight was harder to sell than previous weeks with 550-600 kgs heifers in strong demand and selling to 245.5p from JG & M Little, Greenhill Farm, Wigton.

Steers receiving a strong enquiry and sold to a top price of 229.5 p and £1530.77 paid to RW & A Steel, Lesson Hall, Wigton and purchased by R J Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King Street, Wigton. More cattle required each week.

HEIFERS

British Blue 252.5 229.5 Welton Farm 244.5 West Farm 243.5 231.5 Hill House 213.5 East Mill

Limousin 245.5 Greenhill Farm 242.5 221.5 West Farm 230.5 221.5 Mechi 227.5 213.5 Hill House 223.5 216.5 East Mill

Charolais 220.5 Hill House

STEERS

Limousin 229.5 Lesson Hall (Steel) Angus 211.5 Lesson Hall (Steel)

HOGGS

Today saw a massive increase of 30ppk on last weeks trade with the 1266 Prime Hoggs averaging an outstanding 270ppk or 276p SQQ or £117.

388 of the Hoggs were Beltex which averaged £126.16 or 311.15. Messrs Fisher, Lairdlaugh had a fantastic run of 41 Beltex Hoggs which were 38.83 kg and averaged £128.34 or 330.53. Many runs of Hoggs averaged over the 300p per kg mark.

Mules and Blackface were also a nice trade. Mike Lawson from Pasture House had a fantastic run of Blackface which were 36.10 kgs and averaged £87.64 and 242.73p.

Swaledale and Blackface averaged 243p per kg overall and Mules averaged 226p.

The top price per head was £158 paid to J Dixon & Sons, Lesson Hall, Wigton for Texels weighing 53 kgs and were purchased by RJ Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King Street, Wigton.

Pence per kg honours went to S & D Peile, Parkgate Hall, Waverton selling 37 kgs Beltex for 383.8p per kg.

Per Head

Texel £158 £150 £149 £139 £137 £135 £130.50 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £138 £127 £123 High Hall £136 Bassenthwaite Hall Farm £131 £123 Broomhills Farm £131 £126 £125.50 £125 Thistlebottom £129 Kiln Close £129 £128 £127 £124 Dundraw Farm £124 £123.50 £123 Allerby Hall £124 High House (Dickinson) £123 Kiln Close

Dutch Texel £151 £145 £138 £137 £136 £134 £125 Cobble Croft

Beltex £147 West Farm £147 £142 £136 £135 Hillside £145 £142 £133

Parkgate Hall £141 High Hall £141 £132 Inglewood Edge £139 £134 £133 £132 West Micklethwaite £137 £136 £135 £130 Lairdlaugh £137 £135 £134 West Farm £134 Allerby Hall £134 Upper Cleugh

Charollais £138 £127 Kiln Close £106 Newby Hall

Millenium Bleu £137 £125 Kiln Close £100 Rosemount

Suffolk £130 £119 £115 Crummock Bank £124 Hill House £118 Primrose Cottage

Rouge £129 Kiln Close

Mule £118 High House (Dickinson) £90.50 Newby Hall £85 Greystoke Castle

Southdown £109 Rosemount

Swaledale £100 Hillside £85 Pasture House £80 Greystoke Castle

Herdwick £98 £96 Crummock Bank £86 Rosemount

Cheviot £93.50 Hill Crest £91 Pasture House

Blackface £88.50 £85 Pasture House

Jacob £81 £62 Crummock Bank

Ryeland £68 Grace Lane

Per Kg

Beltex 383.8 381.6 359.5 333.30 Parkgate Hall 361.6 352.5 333.30 Inglewood Edge 359.5 335.6 323.30 West Micklethwaite 357.6 340.6 The Orchard 347.8 346.3 345.8 339.3 337.5 336.10 335.10 Hillside 341.8 341.3 332.0 328.3 327.2 326.4 322.30 Lairdlaugh 341.3 Hill Crest 329.4 Kiln Close 326.8 325.10 West Farm

Dutch Texel 353.7 351.2 342.5 328.6 323.8 294.5 275.8 Cobble Croft **Texel** 316.3 Bassenthwaite Hall Farm 310.1 279.6 High Hall 302.4 282.6 278.5 Dundraw Farm 298.8 284.10 278.0 Thistlebottom 298.1 298.0 297.0 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 293.1 Dufton House 290.1 281.8 278.0 High House 286.0 282.6 Kiln Close 283.9 Allerby Hall 278.6 277.6 277.5 Broomhills 278.0 High House (Dickinson)

Millenium Bleu 311.40 Kiln Close 271.9 Rosemount

Southdown 311.40 Rosemount

Charollais 300.0 295.30 Kiln Close 235.60 Newby Hall

Rouge 293.20 Kiln Close

Suffolk 245.4 244.7 Crummock Bank 229.9 Primrose Cottage 228.2 Newby Hall 221.0 Hill House

Mule 256.5 High House 220.7 Newby Hall 207.3 Greystoke Castle Farm

Cheviot 253.4 Hill Crest 248.9 Pasture House

Blackface 250.6 235.4 Pasture House

Swaledale 243.9 Hillside 238.3 Pasture House 213.8 Greystoke Castle Farm **Jacob** 198.0 177.0 Crummock Bank

PRIME EWES

An improved trade again with all classes good to sell with the top price today was £144 paid to Messrs J Dickinson, High House, Southernby, Hesket New Market for Texel ewes. 10 pens made over £130 and more could have been sold. Cast rams peaked at £138 for a strong Texel Ram from Messrs Ramsay Ltd, Dockray Hall, Wigton.

Texel £144 £139 £138 £125 High House (Dickinson) £136 £127 £113 Lowfield House £128 West Farm £127 Manor Farm £119(2) Westward Parks £118 High Hall £114 Holly Barn £105 Chalkside £103 Thistle Bottom

Beltex £142 £126 £119 £96 Parkgate Hall £130 £129 Beech House £119 High

Hall £110 Cobble Croft

Suffolk £114 Crummock Bank
Half-Bred £111 Crummock Bank
Rye £105 Lowfield House
Charollais £103 £77 Newby Hall
Mule £85 Chalkside £83 Westward Parks

Cheviot £74 Thistle Bottom

RAMS

Texel £138 Dockray Hall £135 Cumdivock House **Beltex** £118 Cobble Croft £110 Dockray Hall £77 Holly Barn **Jacob** £99 Cumdivock House