TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018

Hopes Auction Co, Wigton held their weekly sale of Primestock when there was an entry of 32 Cattle, 10 Bulls and 612 Prime Sheep including 20 Spring Lambs, 539 Prime Hoggets and 53 Ewes.

Similar numbers forward and a strong trade which topped at 255.5 p per kg and £1668.42 paid for a super 653 kgs heavy Limousin Heifer shown by DA Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth and purchased by R J Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King St, Wigton. Plenty making 235p plus with light weight heifers in short supply and selling to 249.5p from I & CL Richardson, Greenlands.

Steers received a firm enquiry and sold to a top price of 218.5 p and shown by W Gray & Sons, East Mill, Aspatria. The top price per head for steers was £1574.13 also shown by Messrs W Gray & Sons, East Mill, Aspatria. More are required each week.

Increasing numbers forward and trade remaining firm for all classes and more required to satisfy demand. Don't forget Red Market = No pre-movement TB testing and no movement restrictions. Beef bred bulls sold to 224.5p paid for a Limousin shown by W Gray & Sons, East Mill, Aspatria. The top price per head was £1704.30 paid for a Limousin shown by TW Bell & Son, Hilltop Farm, St Johns in the Vale, Keswick. Black and White Bulls sold to 180.5p from I Grainger, Kiln Close.

HEIFERS

Limousin 255.5 243.5 234.5 229.5 Hill House (Harrison) 249.5 241.5 240.5 219.5 Greenlands 247.5 Mechi 239.5 237.5 High Plasketlands 238.5 Welton Farm 228.5 Welton Farm 225.5 220.5 219.5 Kirkland Hall 222.5 219.5 Mid Farm (Scott)

British Blue 248.5 225.5 Hill House Blonde 224.5 Hill House Charolais 214.5 Mechi

STEERS

Limousin 218.5 205.5 East Mill 204.5 Greenah Villa **British Blue** 212.5 Greenah Villa

BULLS

Limousin 224.5 214.5 East Mill 223.5 218.5 Hilltop Farm 222.5 209.5 Allerby Hall

British Blue 191.5 Kiln Close

Friesian 180.5 179.5 Kiln Close 153.5 The Thwaites

SPRING LAMBS

Only 20 spring lambs forward with most of them being handyweights and all of them purchased by local butchers. Buyers are now requiring large numbers of lambs. Please contact Jimmy for advice on selling spring lambs and hoggs on 07827 966377

The top price for Spring Lambs was £150 per head and 333.3p per kg paid to Adam Bell, Hill Crest, Rosley for Texel lambs and were purchased by R J Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King Street, Wigton.

LAMBS PER HEAD

Texel £150 Hill Crest Suffolk £140 Hill Crest £137 £135 £130 Mechi £128 Hill Crest Beltex £139 £138 £135 £130 Lesson Hall (Dixon)

Zwartble £119 £111 Woodhouse Mains

Per Kg

Texel 333.30 Hill Crest **Beltex** 327.10 321.40 313.30 Lesson Hall (Dixon) **Suffolk** 312.20 311.10 Hill Crest 288.90 285.40 281.30 Mechi 285.40 **Zwartble** 252.30 241.20 Woodhouse Mains

HOGGS

Hoggs met an increase in price today with all classes being dearer on the week and sold to average 269p per kg. More could have been sold. The top price per head was £158 paid to GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside, Wigton for Beltex hoggs and were purchased by RJ Harrison, Butcher, King Street, Wigton.

Pence per kg honours also went to GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside selling 40.5kgs Beltex for 345.70p per kg.

Per Head

Beltex £158 £150 £145 £140 £137 £134 Hillside £147 £135 £129 Woodhouse Mains £140 Broomhills £135 Inglewood Edge £130.50 Hill House Texel £135 High Hall £134 £133 £130 £128 £124 Thistlebottom £132 £129 £124 Broomhills Farm £138 Arkleby House £128.50 £119.50 Hill House £123 £122 £117.50 Pasture House £117.50 Round Hill Charollais £129 £101 Newby Hall £117 Broomhills £115 Hill House

Mule £120 Pasture House £109 Hillside £107 Hill House

Cheviot £116 £102 Pasture House £110 Thistlebottom

Swaledale £110 £95 Hillside Kerry £106.50 Round Hill

Blackface £106 £104.50 Pasture House

Herdwick £105 Pasture House

Per Kg

Beltex 345.7 325.8 305.80 297.9 Hillside 326.7 Woodhouse Mains 325.60 295.10 294.0 291.7 Orchard Bungalow 310.50 Inglewood Edge 302.60 300.0 Hill House 298.7 292.70 Allerby Hall

Texel 289.3 276.30 269.20 268.0 Thistlebottom 285.3 272.5 268.40 Allerby Hall 284.8 Pasture House 284.0 280.5 Hill House 280.0 High Hall 279.2 272.7 Round Hill 272.9 Broomhills Farm

Cheviot 281.6 258.7 Pasture House 268.3 Thistlebottom

Charollais 262.9 Broomhills 260.10 Hill House 233.3 231.7 230.40 Newby Hall

Blackface 257.30 255.40 Pasture House

Mule 256.50 241.0 Hillside 237.8 Hill House 235.30 Pasture House

Swaledale 243.6 238.7 Hillside **Herdwick** 233.3 Pasture House

Kerry 226.6 Round Hill

PRIME EWES

Trade remains firm for ewes with all classes good to sell. Many more are required.

The top today was £136 paid on three occasions. They were all Texels and were shown by Messrs Bowe, Mechi; Messrs Hewetson, Lords Close and GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside.

Texel £136 £127 £111 Mechi £136 £134 Hillside £136 £128 £106 Lords Close £118 Dufton House £115 Pasture House £109 High Hall Charollais £134 Hillside £114 Newby Hall Suffolk £123 Mechi £112 Dufton House

Mule £94 £87 Dufton House £89 Pasture House £81 Longthwaite Court **Cheviot** £83 £80 Pasture House £77 Thistlebottom

Herdwick £50 Pasture House