



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025
CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS,
CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE,
FOLLOWED BY STORE LAMBS

CALVES & STIRKS – 82

The Christmas Show and Sale attracting a quality entry of Calves put before Mr Graham Teasdale, Doddick Farm, who chose a 6-month old British Blue X Heifer from Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm, selling to a centre record of £1550. 8- and 9-month-old stirks sold to £1380 for Limousin Heifers from Messrs Hughes, Oakshaw, with Charolais Bullocks to £1220 from the same home.

Younger Stirks to £900 for 4-month-old Blue Bullocks from Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House, and Heifers the same age to £850 for Charolais from RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm.

Milk Calves in short supply and topping at £650 for British Blues Bulls from Graham Farms, Greenrigg

Next Sale of Calves and Stirks Thursday 8th January 2026.

Overall averages: - Bulls Averaged: £580.74 for 30
 Heifers Averaged: £823.67 for 33
 Steers Averaged: £851.25 for 19

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm	1	£1550.00
Messrs Hughes, Oakshaw	12	£1095.00
Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House	3	£896.67
Messrs RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	10	£844.00
Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor	6	£768.33
Messrs DG & AV Crozier, Cowlyers	6	£706.67
Messrs Carr, Pasture House	7	£675.71
Messrs J & I Watson & Son, Moorhouse Farm	6	£675.00
Messrs Armstrong, Plasketlands	4	£602.50

SHOW RESULTS

CLASS	1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE
Males under 3 months	Lot 63 – Graham Farms, Greenrigg - £650	Lot 65 – Graham Farms, Greenrigg - £510	Lot 82 – TE & K Bowe, Griggsfield - £410
Heifers under 3 months	Lot 119 – K Brough & Son, Bolton Cottage Farm - £710	Lot 79 – TE & K Bowe, Griggsfield - £400	Lot 86 – Messrs Carr, Pasture House - £650
Males over 3 months	Lot 105 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm - £910	Lot 123 – GN Hetherington, Crookdake House - £890	Lot 106 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm - £990



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Heifers over 3 months	Lot 66 – Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm - £1550	Lot 113 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm - £1000	Lot 114 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm - £850
CHAMPION	Lot 66 – Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm - £1550		
RESERVE CHAMPION	Lot 113 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm - £1000		

British Blue Steer Stirks £870 £850 £670 £660 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd)

British Blue Bull Stirks £900 (2) £890 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £750 (2) £730 £500 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £510 Plasketlands (Armstrong)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £1550 Manor Farm (Marrs) £780 (2) Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £720 £670 £510 Plasketlands (Armstrong) £720 £650 Pasture House (Carr) £710 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

British Blue Bull Calves £650 £510 (2) Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £520 £510 (3) Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

Limousin Steer Stirks £990 £850 £730 (2) £730 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £700 (2) £650 Cowlyers (Crozier)

Limousin Bull Stirks £760 £690 Pasture House (Carr)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £1380 £1340 Oakshaw (Hughes) £730 (2) £730 Cowlyers (Crozier) £600 £510 Pasture House (Carr)

Limousin Bull Calves £440 £410 Griggsfield (Bowe)

Limousin Heifer Calves £460 £400 Griggsfield (Bowe)

Charolais Steer Stirks £1220 £1180 (2) Oakshaw (Hughes) £910 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Bull Stirks £800 Pasture House (Carr)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £1200 £1070 £950 (2) £850 Oakshaw (Hughes) £1000 £850 x 2 £800 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Beef Shorthorn Heifer Stirks £1060 £760 Oakshaw (Hughes)

Beef Shorthorn Heifer Calves £400 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £660 (2) Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £410 £360 Griggsfield (Bowe)

Friesian Bull Calves £280 (3) Griggsfield (Bowe)



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DAIRY CATTLE – 35

Overall averages: - Cows Averaged: £2048.33 for 15
Heifers Averaged: £2722.50 for 20

The Christmas Show and Sale attracting the biggest entry of the year, whilst harder work, trade finding a level with plenty of ringside interest, to a top of £4000 for a 45kg Holstein X Norwegian Red Heifer from How End Farms and selling to the Judge Mr N Robinson, West Cocklaw.

Thanks to the Swainson Family who very kindly donated this Heifer to the MND Association. This fundraising event was further bolstered by the generosity of Keith Twentyman, who kindly donated 2 loader buckets selling for a combined total of £2500.

The Dairy Sale generated serial prices over the £3000 and the first prize Holstein Heifer from Orton Grange Farms which stood Reserve Champion, topped this tranche at £3300.

Older Cows with milk on board selling to £2700 for a 56kg 2nd Calver from How End Farms

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
JA Martin Farms Ltd, Orton Grange Farm	1	£3300.00
How End Farms, Howend	23	£2682.61
Messrs LF Raven, Priestcroft	3	£2083.33
Messrs Scott Ltd, Carrick Dene	5	£1800.00
A, FW & I Carr, New House Farm	3	£1583.33

SHOW RESULTS

CLASS	1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE
Best Holstein Heifer	Lot 32 – JA Martin Farms Ltd, Orton Grange Farm - £3300	Lot 17 – How End Farms, Howend - £2800	Lot 11 - How End Farms, Howend - £2900
Best AOB Heifer	Lot 9 – How End Farms, Howend - £4000	Lot 12 – How End Farms, Howend - £3000	Lot 19 – How End Farms, Howend - £2800
Best Cow	Lot 24 – How End Farms, Howend - £2700	Lot 31 – How End Farms, Howend - £2350	Lot 15 – How End Farms, Howend - £2600
CHAMPION	Lot 9 – How End Farms, Howend - £4000		
RESERVE CHAMPION	Lot 32 – JA Martin Farms Ltd, Orton Grange Farm - £3300		





Any Other Breed Heifer £4000 £2800 £2700 £2600 £2500 x 2 Howend (How End Farms)

Holstein Heifers £3300 Orton Grange Farm (Martin Farms Ltd) £3000 £2900 x 3 £2800 x 2 £2700 x 2 £2600 £2400 Howend (How End Farms)

Friesian Heifers £2300 £2000 £1950 Priestcroft (Raven)

Holstein Cows £2700 £2400 £2350 £2050 Howend (How End Farms) £2100 £2000 £1700 £1650 £1550 Carrick Dene (Scott) £1700 £1600 £1450 New House Farm (Carr)

Any Other Breed Cow £2600 x 2 £2200 Howend (How End Farms)

STORE LAMBS – 1345

Thursday 11th December saw the final sale of Store Sheep for 2025, with once again another quality run of 1345 Store Sheep forward, which puts the Tiffenthwaite Ring up 2007 Sheep on the year.

Top price of the day was achieved by Messrs Bindloss, Shap Abbey, who consigned their first run of Store Sheep and topped the day at a staggering £198, closely followed by Amy Bell, Thethwaite Farm for another tremendous Beltex lamb selling to £196.

Topping the averages, was once again a tremendous run from David Batty, Cobble Croft, Blennerhasset, selling a pen of 20 tremendous Beltex lambs to secure the top spot of £177.00.

All lambs proved particularly good to sell but the edge slightly off the next step down from the very best, however the long keep and commercial lambs much easier sold.

Our next sale of Store Lambs will take place on Thursday 8th January 2026, for further information please contact David Fearon on 07500 173273.

David along with the whole team at Hopes Auction would like to thank all buyers and sellers over the year for their continued support and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Head	£ Average
D Batty, Cobble Croft	20	£177.00
Amy Bell, Thethwaite Farm	12	£161.50
Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey	25	£161.40
Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge	49	£148.59
R & L Hodgson, Woodside Cottage	40	£146.50
Messrs I Fisher, Croft End Farm	9	£144.89
R & M Scott, Thirlwall Castle	27	£143.48
Messrs JW Crozier, Raggetsyke	14	£139.29
Hunter Whins Ltd, Whins Farm	57	£138.51
BJ Harrison, Beck Farm	57	£134.23
Messrs Pitchford, Great Easby Farm	41	£133.41
M Bewley, Mid Farm	18	£133.11
Messrs W Young, Croft House	28	£133.04
MA & J Thompson, High Hall	117	£132.65
JW Storey & Son, Woodhead Farm	22	£132.09
Messrs E & P Skelton, Sycamore House	26	£131.92





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Beltex £198 £188 £176 £174 £160 £153 £150 Shap Abbey (Bindloss) £196 £182 £162 £161 £160 £148 Thethwaite Farm (Amy Bell) £188 £184 £163 £160 £153 £151 £148 x 2 £147 Woodside Cottage (Hodgson) £170 Sycamore House (Skelton) £170 Woodhouse Farm (Storey) £165 x 2 £151 £148 Inglewood Edge (Hall) £162 £158 Croft End Farm (Fisher) £160 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £160 Mid Farm (Bewley) £154 Park House Farm (Brown) £154 £151 £146 High Hall (Thompson) £152 £146 x 3 Thirlwall Castle (Scott) £150 West Cocklaw (Robinson)

Dutch Texel £177 x 2 Cobble Croft (Batty) £170 £135 Raggetsyke (Crozier) £148 £145 £134 £132 x 2 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £135 £130 Howgill Farm (Brough) £132 Greenside (Dalton)

Suffolk £156 £140 £132 Whins Farm (Hunter) £136 Beck Farm (Harrison) £131 West Cocklaw (Robinson) £126 Home Farm (Parkin) £113 High Hall (Thompson)

Texel £152 £150 £140 £136 £121 Beck Farm (Harrison) £150 £142 £127 Croft House (Young) £149 £146 £138 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £148 £141 £125 £124 £120 x 2 West Cocklaw (Robinson) £146 £144 £138 £135 £129 £121 Desoglin (Forster) £145 Raggetsyke (Crozier) £144 £131 Whins Farm (Hunter) £138 £134 Chestnut House (Walker) £138 £126 £124 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £132 Sycamore House (Skelton) £131 £128 Woodhead Farm (Storey) £130 £128 £127 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £130 Mid Farm (Bewley) £129 £122 High Hall (Thompson) £126 £122 Westward Parks (Brockbank) £120 The Ash (Cowan)

Millenium £150 £110 Rosemount (Jackson)

Charollais £138 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £90 Chestnut House (Walker)

Mule £119 High Hall (Thompson)

Herdwick £110 Park House Farm (Brown)



Winners of the Christmas
Jumper and Hat Day

Left: Micheal Armstrong,
Plasketlands, who
received a bottle of red
wine

Right: Robin Pitchford,
Great Easby Farm, who
received a selection box

Well done to everyone
who joined in the
Christmas spirit.



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