



THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026
SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS
FOLLOWED BY DAIRY CATTLE &
SHOW AND SALE OF SHEARLINGS & HOGGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

CALVES & STIRKS – 72

Thursday the 14th May saw an absolute flier from start to finish at Hopes Auction, starting off with Calves and Stirks, with what can only be described as “the dearest calf trade ever”.

There were all ages, shapes, and sizes forward with a crowd of both regular and new buyers, to ensure all calves and stirks were very well bid for.

Top price of the day was a tremendous 12-month-old Angus Bullock from Drumburgh Castle Farming Co, which went off to sell to £1240.

Kirsty Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm sold a January born Charolais Bull Stirk to closely follow up at £1220.

Smaller and younger calves were also very well sold, with milk calves in demand. Graham Farms sold 4-week-old Blue Heifer calves to £650 and Messrs Bowe, Griggsfield also sold two British Friesian, aging 4 weeks old, selling to £610 per head.

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 28th May 2026, many more could easily be sold please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	9	£1107.78
Drumburgh Castle Farming Co, The Grange	7	£1100.00
Gerrard House Farm Ltd, Gerrard House	2	£1045.00
Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor	6	£883.33

Aberdeen Steer Stirks £1240 £1200 (4) The Grange (Drumburgh Castle Farming Co)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £850 £810 The Grange (Drumburgh Castle Farming Co) £780 East Farm (Carruthers) £770 £750 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £720 (2) £600 East Farm (Carruthers) £720 Plumbland Farm (Eillbeck) £520 Cobble Hall Farm (Nicholson)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £560 (2) Griggsfield (Bowe)

Charolais Bull Stirks £1220 £1130 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £1120 £1100 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Limousin Bull Stirks £1120 £1000 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £970 £960 £930 £840 (2) £810 £740 Cobble Hall (Nicholson) £940 £780 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £1180 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £910 £800 (2) £750 £720 (2) Cobble Hall (Nicholson) £800 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

Limousin Bull Calves £700 £660 £600 Waverton House (Wannop) £620 Griggsfield (Bowe)





Limousin Heifer Calves £600 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £550 Griggsfield (Bowe)

British Blue Steer Stirks £930 £920 £900 £880 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd)

British Blue Bull Stirks £1110 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd) £1060 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £820 £800 £780 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £820 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £1040 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £980 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd) £860 £810 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £810 £800 x 2 £770 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £760 x 2 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

British Blue Heifer Calves £650 £590 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Friesian Bull Calves £610 (2) Griggsfield (Bowe)

Holstein Steer Stirks £450 £400 East Farm (Carruthers)

DAIRY CATTLE – 1

Short of Dairy Cattle today, however the one we had in, was an extremely strong, milky Heifer, 10 days calved from a genuine dispersal sale sold to £2600 for WH & HH Marris & Sons, Croft Farm,



WH & HH Marris & Son, Croft House sold a cracking Heifer to £2600

Friesian Heifers £2600 Croft Farm (Marris)

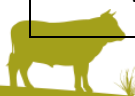
SHOW AND SALE OF HOGGS AND SHEARLINGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Moving swiftly on, we held the Show and Sale of Hogs and Shearlings with Lambs at foot, with a quality entry forward.

The pre-sale show was in the very capable hands of Mr Steven Watson, Croft House, Caldbeck, who was faced with the hard task of judging the quality put before him, but after deliberation he awarded the Champion Rosette to the first prize pen of 5 Continental Hogs with Lambs from ML Fell, Harley Croft, Torpenhow, making a 2nd appearance of great stock in Wigton for the week. The Reserve Champion went to the first prize pen of 5 Suffolk Hogs from Messrs Whiteford, Tercrosset.

SHOW RESULTS

Class	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Pen of 10 Mule Hogs with Lambs	Low House Farm Ltd, Low House	JH & JE Taylor, Harras Farm	Low House Farm Ltd, Low House
Pen of 5 Continental Hogs with Lambs	M Fell, Harley Croft	TC Whiteford, Tercrosset	M Fell, Harley Croft
Pen of 5 Continental Shearlings with Lambs	J Browell & Sons, Quarry House	J Browell & Sons, Quarry House	
Pen of 5 Suffolk Hogs with Lambs	TC Whiteford, Tercrosset	JH & JE Taylor, Harras Farm	RC Mitchell, Saughtregate





Best Single Unit with Lambs	K Hodgson, Prospect House	RC Mitchell, Saughtreegate	GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside
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CHAMPION – M Fell, Harley Croft with pen of 5 Continental Hogs with Lambs

RESERVE – TC Whiteford, Tercrosset with a pen of 5 Continental Shearlings with Lambs

The early morning showers just helped the job along nicely, ensuring the ring side was packed with men, there for older ewes, the best end and first crosses.

The Sale started off with a sharp demand with the Champion pen drawn 2nd in the ballot, seeing fierce bidding, selling to top the Hogs at £276 a life, selling to returning customer Steven Powley, Low Northsceugh Farm. This superb run of Hogs and Lambs from Harley Croft went on to average a staggering £234.43 a life.

Top price per head was achieved by Keith Hodgson, Prospect House, with his first prize single unit, selling to top the day at £300 a life.

All sheep were easier sold than anticipated, with Mule Hogs topping at £160 a head for both the 1st prize pen from Jimmy and Laura Harrison, Low House Farm and for Messrs Taylor, The Harras.

Another mention must go the Mule Hogs with Twins from Jimmy and Laura Harrison, again selling for £144 a life, adding up to a whopping £432 a family.

Our next sale of Breeding Sheep will be held on Thursday 28th May, please advise entries to the office by Friday 22nd May 12 noon for cataloguing purposes, or contact David Fearon on 07500173273.

EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Beltex Ewe with Single - £300 Prospect House (Hodgson) £185 £182 £164 £158 £140 Wallend Farm (Milburn) £175 £172 Prospect House (Hodgson) £155 Thurstaston Road (Lambe)

Texel Ewe with Singles - £215 Hillhead (Browell) £155 Quarry House (Browell) £140 £136 £126 Beckside (Grainger)

Texel Ewe with Twins - £170 £140 Hillhead (Browell) £140 Beckside (Grainger) £134 (2) £133 Beckside (Grainger) £126 Homilton Farm (Hickson)

HOGGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Texel Hogg with a Single - £276 £222 £210 £194 Harley Croft (Fell) £230 £200 Tercrosset (Whiteford) £188 West Micklethwaite (Scott) £175 £158 £152 (2) £150 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £162 Saughtreegate (Mitchell) £162 (2) £154 £152 £142 Red Gable (Bowe) £160 £148 High Hall (Thompson) £158 Harras Farm (Taylor) £154 £142 (2) Dockray Hall (Ramsay) £142 Hillside (Stoddart)

Suffolk Hogg with a Single - £198 (2) Harras Farm (Taylor) £195 £160 Hillside (Stoddart) £180 Tercrosset (Whiteford) £154 Saughtreegate (Mitchell) £152 £150 £125 Brocklebank Farm (Brazendale)

Blue Texel Hogg with Single - £180 £148 Saughtreegate (Mitchell)

Mule Hogg with a Single - £160 £157 £154 £151 (2) £150 Low House Farm (Harrison) £160 Harras Farm (Taylor)

Suffolk Hogg with Twins - £145 £120 £105 Brocklebank Farm (Brazendale)

Mule Hogs with Twins - £144 £118 Low House Farm (Harrison)





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Texel Hogs with Twins - £112 Red Gable (Bowe)

SHEARLINGS WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Blue Texel Shearlings with Single - £235 £190 Saughtreegate (Mitchell)

Texel Shearlings with a Single - £235 Hillhead (Browell) £154 £152 £144 £136 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £148 £136 Quarry House (Browell)

Suffolk Shearlings with a Single - £220 Hillside (Stoddart) £168 £146 Quarry House (Browell)

Beltex Shearlings with Single - £205 Nook Close (Metcalf & Smith) £190 (2) £185 £160 Thurstaston Road (Lambe) £170 Hillside (Stoddart)

Blue Texel Shearlings with Twins - £145 Hillhead (Browell)

Texel Shearlings with Twins - £136 £132 £131 £130 £118 Homilton Farm (Hickson)

Charolais Shearlings with Twins - £126 Homilton Farm (Hickson)

Black Texel Shearlings with Twins - £118 Homilton Farm (Hickson)



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