



THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2026 **SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS, FOLLOWED BY** **THE SALE OF EARLY BREEDING SHEEP AND STORE LAMBS**

CALVES & STIRKS – 100

Overall Sale Average - £804.25

48 Bulls Average - £833.85

51 Heifers Average - £780.78

1 Steer Average - £580.00

Into three figures today and once again a packed ringside with all classes keenly bid for. Top at £1330 for a 12m Charolais Bull from T Hornsby, Rose Farm. Strong Heifers to £1190 for 7-month-old Limousins from Ramsay Ltd, Dockray Hall. Stirks to £1160 for 5-month-old Blue Bulls from Messrs Jefferson, High Pow and Heifers to £1100 for JD Hetherington, Blue Dial.

Weaned Calves good to sell and a super selection, topping at £990 for 15-week-old Blue Bulls from Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head and £900 for 4-month-old Blue Heifers from Messrs Carter, Gerrard House.

Milk Calves in short supply but those forward good to cash with 8-week-old Charolais Bulls at £680 for Messrs Harrington, Flatt Bank and Blue Heifers from Messrs Watson, Moorhouse at £800, a good benchmark. It was however the entry of 2–3-month-old Blues from Norman Eilbeck, Plumbland Farm that dominated, with Blue Bulls to £850, that took the honours.

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 20th August 2026 and will run in conjunction with the Sale of Store Lambs, please advise entries to the office by Friday 14th August for cataloguing purposes, or contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Messrs Hornsby, Rose Farm	2	£1240.00
JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow	9	£1114.44
Messrs Ramsay Ltd, Dockray Hall	2	£1100.00
JD Hetherington & Sons, Blue Dial	5	£994.00
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	8	£983.75
RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	8	£961.25

Charolais Bull Stirks £1330 Rose Farm (Hornsby) £1060 £980 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £1010 £930 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Bull Calves £680 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £660 Waverton House (Wannop)

Charolais Heifer Calves £650 £630 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Bull Stirks £1160 (2) £1130 (2) £1120 (2) £1060 High Pow (Jefferson) £1050 £990 Hazel Head (Harrison) £870 £820 (2) £810 £740 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd) £850 Bridgebank (Greenop)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £990 Hazel Head (Harrison) £960 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £920 Bridgebank (Greenop) £900 £830 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd) £890 £860 £850 £820 (2) £800 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd) £860 (2) Crookdake House (Hetherington)





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British Blue Bull Calves £850 £830 £810 £780 x 2 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £700 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £500 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)

British Blue Heifer Calves £850 £830 £800 £790 £770 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £800 (2) £800 £720 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £780 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £750 £430 £400 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £460 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £1140 £760 Blue Dial (Hetherington)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £1090 £880 Blue Dial (Hetherington)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £750 £720 £710 £640 The Close Farm (Fisher) £450 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £690 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £520 (3) £500 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Limousin Bull Stirks £1100 £1050 High Pow (Jefferson) £1010 Dockray Hall (Ramsay) £990 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £960 £910 Hazel Head (Harrison)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £1190 Dockray Hall (Ramsay) £1150 Rose Farm (Hornsby) £1010 £980 (2) Hazel Head (Harrison) £950 £810 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Limousin Bull Calves £580 x 2 Waverton House (Wannop) £480 £445 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Limousin Heifer Calves £510 Waverton House (Wannop) £440 £400 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Holstein Heifer Stirks £1100 Blue Dial (Hetherington)

Longhorn £650 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd)

Salers Steer Calves £580 Knowe Hill (Roper)

Shorthorn Bull Stirks £530 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd)

Hereford Bull Calves £390 x 2 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd)

Hereford Heifer Calves £390 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd)



This 6-month-old Limousin Bull Stirk from Messrs Ramsay Ltd, Dockray Hall sold to £1010, with a Limousin Heifer Stirk selling to £1190 from the same good farming, taking their average for two Stirks sold to £1100



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EARLY BREEDING SHEEP

Thursday 6th August saw the Early Breeders Sale of Breeding Sheep at Hopes Auction, which saw a quality entry of stock sheep forward, with the annual consignment of two shears forward from MJ Lawson, Pasture House. This consignment of sheep needs no introduction with the ringside of returning customers making it obvious how well these sheep do for people. This consignment topped out for a pen of 4 tremendous stylish Texel crosses selling to a top of £360, purchased by returning customer Mr Gordon Cartmell. This consignment went on to sell a pen of 10 Texel X Mule 2 Shears to sell to £310 per head, twice, £300 once and £295 three times. Going on to average a staggering £300.48 (+£65.39 on the year). The top price awards were achieved by Miss Ella Lawson, Pasture House, topping with a tremendous Black 3 Shear Ewe, selling to a staggering £520, and purchased by Mr Adam Bell, with her two brothers following closely behind, selling their sheep for £500 each.

Another massive mention must go to David and Anne Bell, Low Blaithwaite, who sold their entire Early Breeding Flock to top out at £340 a head for a pen of 6 Suffolk half bred 2 Shears, with the full run of 78 2-4 Shear Stock Ewes averaging up at a staggering £291.09.



This run of 126 Texel Breeding Ewes from MJ Lawson, Pasture House sold to a top of £360 for a pen of four, taking their average to a very respectable £300.48.

Ella Lawson sold a Black 3 Shear Ewe to £520, whilst Danny and James sold their two Sheep to £500 each.

STORE LAMBS

Moving on saw an exceptional offering of 1047 Store Sheep with Lambs forward to fit all budgets and requirements. The top end of lambs was absolutely off the clock with the best shapeliest Beltex and Dutch Lambs selling up to £192 per head from Messrs Byrne, Thornthwaite Close, for a pen of 4 Beltex cross lambs. This run of superb quality lambs went on to top the averages at an eye watering £181.15

Averages –

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Messrs Byrne, Thornthwaite Close	20	£181.15
Messrs Milburn, Wallend Farm	37	£175.78
Messrs Ewart, Barkbeth	32	£158.44
Messrs Hunt, Croft House	13	£144.62
Messrs Strong, Grapes Barn	22	£142.36

Commercial Lambs were once again very well bid for with first crosses selling to vendors advantages, with Messrs Pigg, Reathwaite Farm, consigning an exceptional run of 286 sheep, seeing pens of first cross Texels selling up to £140 for a pen of 17 and 15 Suffolk Mules selling for £139.

With the rain finally arriving it is looking like more Lambs are required for our next sale, which will be held on 20th





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EWES

Texel Ewes - £500 Pasture House (Danny Lawson) £360 £345 £330 £320 (2) £315 £310 (2) £300 (2) £295 (4) £290 £255 £240 Pasture House (Lawson) £300 £295 £290 £235 Park View (Pyman)

Suffolk Ewes - £340 £300 £295 (2) £290 (3) £285 (3) £280 £250 Low Blaithwaite (Bell) £325 £265 (2) Foulisyke Farm (Bowe) £265 Penny Hill Park (Clark)

Charollais Ewes - £140 The Beeches (Murray)

Mule Ewes - £180 Penny Hill Park (Clark)

Leicester Ewes £180 The Beeches (Murray)

Beltex Ewes £500 Pasture House (Lawson) £315 Park View (Pyman)

Dorset Ewes £155 The Beeches (Murray)

Black Texel £520 Pasture House (Ella Lawson) £300 £290 Pasture House (Lawson)

SHEARLINGS

Suffolk £400 £320 £275 £255 £250 £240 Whins Farm (Hunter) £225 £195 Penny Hill Park (Clark)

Texel £195 Penny Hill Park (Clark) £180 The Beeches (Murray)

Mule £190 Penny Hill Park (Clark)

TUPS

Suffolk £300 (2) Penny Hill Park (Clark)

SHEARLINGS WITH LAMBS

Texel £128 The Beeches

STORE LAMBS

Beltex £192 £182 £178 £175 Thornthwaite Close (Byrne) £168 £136 Croft House (Hunt) £160 £141 Scalderskew (Whitaker) £151 Reathwaite Farm (Pigg) £150 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £148 £134 Moss Hill (Bell)

Dutch Texel £188 £182 £162 £160 £150 £148 £138 Barkbeth (Ewart) £186 £184 £182 £180 £164 Wallend Farm (Milburn)

Black Texel £170 Croft House (Hunt)

Suffolk £156 £146 Wallend Farm (Milburn) £148 Farmside (Gardhouse) £143 Barkbeth (Ewart) £139 £126 £123 Reathwaite Farm (Pigg) £124 Moss Hill (Bell) £117 Sycamore House (Skelton) £117 Flake Bridge Farm (Pyman & Harrison)



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Texel £150 £136 Grapes Barn (Strong) £148 £136 £131 £128 Flake Bridge Farm (Pyman & Harrison) £145 £140 (4)
£136 £134 Reathwaite Farm (Pigg) £143 £141 £132 £130 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £140 £139 £138 (2)
Sycamore House (Skelton) £138 £132 £130 Beck Farm (Martin) £138 Foulseyke Farm (Bowe) £136 £128 Orton Rigg
Farm (Hennessy) £135 £134 Low Blaithwaite (Bell) £135 £128 £126 New House Farm (Bell) £132 Croft House (Hunt)
£128 Burthwaite (Mattinson) £126 Clea Hall (Bland) £126 Midtown Farm (Bowe)

Dutch Spotted £140 Barkbeth (Ewart) £134 £120 Croft House (Hunt)

Charollais £134 £124 Moss Hill (Bell)

Gritstone £128 Reathwaite Farm (Pigg)

Mule £100 Wythop Hall Farm (Emmott)



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