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THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026
SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS
FOLLOWED BY THE SHOW AND SALE OF STORE LAMBS

CALVES & STIRKS – 113

Overall Sale Average - £725.49

62 Bulls Average - £680.32

39 Heifers Average - £740.26

12 Steers Average - £910.83

An increased show of Calves with some super consignments forward. All classes keenly bid for, to a top of £1080 for 5-month-old British Blue Bull Stirks from Round Hill Farm Ltd, who also sold Blue Heifers to £1060 from the same home. Inra 95 Steer Stirks sold to £1070 for RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm.

Three-month-old, weaned calves to £930 for Blue Heifers from Messrs Eilbeck & Son, Plumbland Farm and £890 for a pair of Blue Bulls from Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor.

Milk Calves forward in greater numbers and attracting significant attention to a top of £730 for Blue Bulls from Messrs Harrington, Flatt Bank and Heifers to £660 for Blues from the same home.

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 17th September 2026, for further information please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Round Hill Farm Limited, Round Hill Farm	5	£1074.00
RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	9	£990.00
Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House	3	£940.00
R Morton, Wampool Grange	2	£900.00

British Blue Bull Stirks £1080 £1070 x 2 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd) £810 £800 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

British Blue Steer Stirks £1020 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £890 £880 Crookdake House (Hetherington)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £1060 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd) £1050 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £940 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £830 £760 £660 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson) £770 (2) Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £750 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson)

British Blue Bull Calves £890 (2) £890 £860 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £890 £880 £860 £810 £780 x 2 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £730 £700 (2) £680 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington) £650 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £520 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

British Blue Heifer Calves £930 £880 £860 x 2 £720 (2) Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £830 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £660 £610 £560 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Inra 95 Bull Stirks £760 £650 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Inra 95 Steer Stirk £1070 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)



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Charolais Bull Stirks £1050 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Steer Stirks £1040 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £1090 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd) £780 Hartlaw Farm (Harrison)

Charolais Bull Calves £740 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Charolais Heifer Calves £680 Waverton House (Wannop) £650 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Limousin Bull Stirks £1050 £750 Wampool Grange (Morton) £960 £820 £710 (2) Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £810 Yew Tree Farm (Peile)

Limousin Steer Stirks £1080 £910 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £840 (2) £820 £770 Hartlaw Farm (Harrison)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £950 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £810 (3) Hartlaw Farm (Harrison) £760 £630 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson)

Limousin Bull Calves £690 Waverton House (Wannop) £650 Griggsfield (Bowe)

Simmental Bull Stirks £610 Yew Tree Farm (Peile)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £930 £890 £770 Blue Dial (Hetherington) £880 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £710 £680 £530 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson) £690 East Farm (Carruthers) £680 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Aberdeen Angus Steer Stirks £770 Hartlaw Farm (Harrison)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £1010 £750 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £850 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £600 Hartlaw Farm (Harrison)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £600 (3) East Farm (Carruthers) £470 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £440 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £350 Cardew Hall Farm (Musgrave)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £580 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £400 (2) East Farm (Carruthers) £220 (2) Cardew Hall Farm (Musgrave)

Holstein Bull Stirks £380 Yew Tree Farm (Peile)

Holstein Bull Calves £330 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £290 East Farm (Carruthers) £240 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)

Longhorn Bull Calves £260 Cardew Hall Farm (Watson)

Friesian Bull Calves £240 (2) £220 (3) Griggsfield (Bowe)



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STORE LAMBS - 1455

Thursday 3rd September saw the Show and Sale of Store Sheep take place at Hopes Auction of Wigton, with the pre-sale show in the very capable hands of Mr Tom Hill, who stayed over the night to do the double, he placed as follows :-

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
PEN OF 10 CONTINENTAL LAMBS	Brian Strong, Grapes Barn	R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge	R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge
PEN OF 10 SUFFOLK LAMBS	EA & RS Bell, Beech Tree Farm	Messrs Knight, Stephney Farm	Messrs Knight, Stephney Farm
PEN OF 10 MULE LAMBS	EA & RS Bell, Beech Tree Farm	EA & RS Bell, Beech Tree Farm	
CHAMPION	Brian Strong, Grapes Barn		
RESERVE CHAMPION	R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge		

Our grateful thanks must go to todays Sponsors JA Birkett Agricultural Services, spreading for John Jardine, without the support of these local businesses, we would not be able to hold these shows.



The top end of Lambs was very well bid for, with the small bare types best sold, with a pen of 10 from Steven Watson, Croft House, Caldbeck topping the day at £190 with Shane Ostle, Whelpo Bridge Farm also securing the same for Beltex. These good farmings went on to lead the averages :-

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Mr SM Watson, Croft House	20	£169.00
G & S Ostle, Whelpo Bridge Farm	9	£167.89
K Hodgson, Prospect House	18	£166.72
Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge	50	£163.56
RM & AE Bell, High Fell Farm	30	£161.13
Mr B Strong, Grapes Barn	40	£156.35
Messrs Richardson, Low Garth	41	£153.68
M & L Peile, Holly Barn	13	£153.08
MA & J Thompson, High Hall	15	£151.93

All lambs were very well bid for with first cross lambs making £120-£130 regularly away and ¾ bred texel lambs selling for £135-£148, regularly away, with Messrs TI Wetherell & Son, Low Building Farm averaging £139.10 for 40, Messrs MG & M Brough, Howgill Farm averaging £138.75 for 88 and Messrs JB & EJ Peile Ltd, Greystoke Castle Farm averaging £136.74 for 104 forward. This proves more of these runs of ¾ bred Texel types are needed going forward, with a strong ringside of buyers to release maximum returns.

More Store Lambs are required for our next sale, which will be held on Thursday 17th September 2026, please contact David Fearon 07500173273 or the office on 01697342202.





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Beltex £190 £181 £161 £154 Whelpo Bridge Farm (Ostle) £190 £148 Croft House (Watson) £180 £168 £161 £148 £146 £140 Holly Barn (Peile) £178 £178 £177 £174 £170 £166 £148 £146 Prospect House (Hodgson) £179 Stephney Farm (Knight) £178 £158 £149 £148 Grapes Barn (Strong) £174 £150 £147 x 2 £140 High Hall (Thompson) £173 £170 £168 £166 £154 £148 Inglewood Edge (Hall) £169 £150 £146 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £168 £153 £150 £146 £145 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £166 Sycamore House (Skelton) £150 £145 £144 £143 £141 High Park Foot (Telford) £150 £140 x 3 High Old Shield (Metcalfe) £146 Bustabeck (Fawcett) £142 £141 Highfield Farm (Hoodless)

Dutch Texel £185 £156 £143 £140 £130 Flake Bridge Farm (Pyman & Harrison) £176 £163 £148 x 2 £130 High Fell Farm (Bell) £176 £158 £137 Low Garth (Richardson) £172 £136 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £160 £157 £154 £140 £138 £136 £130 Wallend Farm (Milburn) £158 £156 £154 £150 x 2 £147 £144 £140 Low Houses (Bell) £143 £132 Stephney Farm (Knight)

Black Texel £180 £170 £164 Stephney Farm (Knight) £158 High Hall (Thompson) £136 Prospect House (Hodgson)

Texel £177 £148 £140 £130 Ghyll House Farm (Bird) £158 £146 £142 Wampool Grange (Morton) £148 £146 x 2 £132 £128 Howgill Farm (Brough) £148 Newtown Farm (Thompson) £147 £142 £136 x 2 Greystoke Castle Farm (Peile) £146 Durdar Road (Riding) £144 £139 £138 £137 Low Building Farm (Wetherell) £138 x 2 £132 Clea Hall (Bland) £135 £122 School Farm (Wannop) £120 Low Farm (Irving) £120 Beech Tree Farm (Bell)

Suffolk £154 £138 £129 Braithwaite Farm (Clark) £144 Durdar Road (Riding) £142 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell) £131 £130 Beech Tree Farm (Bell) £130 Stephney Farm (Knight) £126 Wampool Grange (Morton)

Blue Texel £136 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £100 Linskeld Field Farm (Bell)

Mule £120 £110 Beech Tree Farm (Bell)

Leicester £114 Beech Tree Farm (Bell)

Dutch Spotted £96 The Coach House (England) £93 £92 Bramblewood (Todhunter)



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