



THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026 **SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS** **FOLLOWED BY THE SALE OF STORE LAMBS**

CALVES & STIRKS – 108

Overall Sale Average - £774.68

44 Bulls Average - £745.75

50 Heifers Average - £737.45

14 Steers Average - £982.14

A super show of Calves and Stirks today, with a vast range of all ages, sizes, and quality, selling to a packed ringside of buyers, with some buyers having to leave empty handed as the trade was pushed to high rates.

Topping today at £1270 a 5 month old Inra 95 Steer Stirk from RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm, who also topped the Heifer section with a 5 month old British Blue Heifer, selling to £1010, resulting in this good farming securing the top average place at £1060 for 8 animals sold.

Four month old British Blue Bull Stirks sold to £1090 for JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow, allowing this family to take the second top average spot of the day at £1006.67 for 6 animals sold.

Two month old Weaned Bull Calves in the form of British Blues sold to £870 for regular consignors Messrs Eilbeck & Son, Plumblund Farm, whilst Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor secured the top spot for Weaned Heifer Calves at £870 for 3 month old British Blues.

Milk Calves at 6 weeks old sold to £640 for Limousins from J & I Fisher, The Close Farm, whilst Blue Heifers sold to £650 for Messrs Harrington, Flatt Bank.

More Calves are required for our packed ringside of buyers to forfill their requirements.

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 29th October 2026, for further information please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	8	£1060.00
JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow	6	£1006.67
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	11	£929.09
Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House	2	£910.00
Wellington Farm Aspatria, Wellington Farm	10	£898.00
Messrs JM & GJ Dockeray, Kelsick House Farm	10	£897.00
Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor	5	£834.00

Inra-95 Steer Stirk £1270 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Inra-95 Heifer Stirk £990 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Charolais Steer Stirks £1160 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £1040 Kelsick House Farm (Dockeray)

Charolais Bull Stirks £940 x 2 £850 Kelsick House Farm (Dockeray)

Charolais Heifer Stirks £990 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £940 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)





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Charolais Heifer Calves £650 £580 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson)

British Blue Steer Stirks £1110 £990 Wellington Farm (Wellington Farm Aspatria) £1020 (3) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £900 £820 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £800 Gaterigg Farm (Watson)

British Blue Bull Stirks £1090 £1060 £1020 (2) £960 High Pow (Jefferson) £1070 £1040 £980 Hazel Head (Harrison) £900 £880 x 2 £810 Kelsick House Farm (Dockeray) £890 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £1010 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £960 Wellington Farm (Wellington Farm Aspatria) £940 £880 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £920 Hazel Head (Harrison) £900 £820 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £890 £840 Kelsick House Farm (Dockeray)

British Blue Bull Calves £870 £860 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £650 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £610 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Heifer Calves £870 £800 £780 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £860 £840 £620 (2) Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £670 £590 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £650 £480 £420 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £640 (2) £630 Gaterigg Farm (Watson) £600 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)

Limousin Bull Stirks £1060 £1010 £940 Hazel Head (Harrison) £890 High Pow (Jefferson)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £950 (2) £860 Hazel Head (Harrison) £670 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Limousin Bull Calves £640 (2) £630 £560 (2) £460 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Limousin Heifer Calves £650 Cobble Hall Barn (Nicholson) £470 £300 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Aberdeen Angus Steer Stirks £930 £910 £760 Wellington Farm (Wellington Farm Aspatria)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £840 (2) £820 (2) Wellington Farm (Wellington Farm Aspatria) £670 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £730 East Farm (Carruthers) £480 (2) £300 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £760 £460 £360 East Farm (Carruthers)

Holstein Bull Calves £450 £440 East Farm (Carruthers) £440 Hazel Head (Harrison) £410 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck)

Jersey Bull Calves £310 The Close Farm (Fisher)

STORE LAMBS - 1955

What an absolute topper of a day unfolded in the Store Sheep Ring at Hopes Auction on Thursday 15th October. A tremendous offering of 1955 Store Sheep were forward at Hopes with three first time Store Sheep vendors present.

An overall average of a staggering £148.41 was released for every sheep sold.

Topping the day was travelled vendor Messrs Beveridge, Low West House Farm, Co Durham, topping the day at a staggering £270 for a superb example of a Beltex Lamb.



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A total of 91 Sheep sold for £200 or over throughout the sale with Andrew Kirkbride of Flimby Hall, topping out at £242 being the 3rd auction of the week, this man has topped. This good farming later went on to top the averages at an eye watering £198.57.

Closely following was Brian and Will Storey, Woodhead Farm, Haltwhistle, who rocked up with their usual goods, selling to a top of £245 and averaged out at £197.02, up to date this year this good farming have consigned 241 Store Sheep through Hopes Auction and are sitting at an averages of £203.41. The Sheep are a credit to the Storey family as are all the Sheep consigned today.

Another mention must go to Geoff Thompson, Newtown Farm, who consigned 50 Herdwick X Texel Lambs, selling as a pen full, releasing £140 a head.

A strong ringside of buyers was forward for the days trading, ensuring all Sheep were well bid for .

More sheep are required for our next sale on the 29th of October, please do not hesitate contact David Fearon on 07500173273 by Friday 23rd October at 12 noon for cataloguing purposes.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
AM Kirkbride, Flimby Hall Farm	7	£198.57
JW Storey & Son, Woodhead Farm	82	£197.02
WW Gate, Low Aketon	26	£191.81
AJ & RE Marston, Easegill Head	48	£189.06
NG Beveridge, Low West House Farm	45	£184.93
P & B Hennessy, Orton Rigg Farm	10	£184.40
R & M Scott, Thirlwall Castle	47	£178.02
M & L Peile, Holly Barn	20	£175.55
MA & J Thompson, High Hall	17	£168.94
Miss B Bell, Waverhead	12	£163.25
Mr R Morton, Wampool Grange	11	£160.91
JM & J Fisher & Daughters, Holmewrangle Farm	16	£159.50
JW & B Metcalfe, High Old Shield	51	£159.35
DH & JM Murray, The Throp	50	£158.06
J Oliver & Sons, Walton Wood Head	52	£154.42
A Hudson, Meadow View	5	£153.60
WC & E Bell, Low Houses	123	£153.19
T Graham & D Fearon, Kirkland Garth	43	£153.07
GEH & SJ Stoddart, Hillside	36	£150.81
Messrs E & P Skelton, Sycamore House	25	£150.44

Beltex £270 £220 £200 £195 £191 x 3 £187 £182 Low West House Farm (Beveridge) £242 £222 £185 Orton Rigg Farm (Hennessy) £242 £205 x 2 Flimby Hall Farm (Kirkbride) £218 £199 £198 £193 £190 £180 Low Aketon (Gate) £212 £206 High Hall (Thompson) £210 £202 £196 £193 £188 Easegill Head (Marston) £204 £190 £189 £181 Holly Barn (Peile) £200 £197 £190 £189 Thirlwall Castle (Scott) £197 Kirkland Garth (Graham & Fearon) £196 Wampool Grange (Morton) £192 Waverhead (Bell) £191 Hillside (Stoddart) £190 £180 Holmewrangle Farm (Fisher) £188 The Throp (Murray) £180 Hobbies Burn (Story)





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Dutch Texel £245 £209 £203 £200 x 3 £178 Woodhead Farm (Storey) £185 £156 £153 £152 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £178 £177 £164 £162 £161 £155 £153 x 2 £152 x 3 £152 Low Houses (Bell) £178 £167 £164 £152 High Old Shield (Metcalf) £161 £152 x 2 £150 x 2 Sycamore House (Skelton) £154 x 2 £153 £152 Great Easby Farm (Pitchford) £152 Barkbeth (Ewart)

Texel £208 £200 £184 £175 Thirlwall Castle (Scott) £164 £160 £156 £148 x 3 Low House (Dickinson) £152 £148 £146 £145 £144 £143 £140 Howgill Farm (Brough) £152 Wampool Grange (Morton) £148 £147 £140 Bothel Craggs (Thirlwall) £148 £146 Hilltop (Story) £146 £137 £134 x 2 Park House Farm (Brennand) £145 £141 £137 £133 Buttermere Close (Dunn) £143 High Hall (Thompson) £142 £140 £139 x 2 High Bewaldeth Farm (Meadley) £138 £135 £133 Roanstrees (Dodd) £138 Shankfield Head (Armstrong) £134 £133 £130 x 2 Fell View Farm (Fearon)

Black Texel £170 Waverhead (Bell)

Suffolk £166 £136 Wampool Grange (Morton) £150 Sycamore House (Skelton) £150 High Hall (Thompson) £144 Hilltop (Story) £142 Fowrass Farm (Fowrass Fabrications) £140 £130 Bothel Craggs (Thirlwall) £134 £121 Barncroft (Swan) £133 Low Greenside (Airey) £130 £126 £122 Roanstrees (Dodd)

Charollais £147 £129 Brisco Hall (Coulthard)

Blue Texel £146 Hobbies Burn (Story)

Dutch Spotted £140 £124 Lowfield House (Robinson)

Cheviot £140 Fowrass Farm (Fowrass Fabrications) £129 Barncroft (Swan) £125 Low Greenside (Airey)

Herdwick £140 Newtown Farm (Thompson)

Black Face £100 Barncroft (Swan)



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