



THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026

SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS

FOLLOWED BY THE SALE OF STORE LAMBS & BREEDING SHEEP

CALVES & STIRKS – 99

Overall Sale Average - £746.77

48 Bulls Average - £728.54

36 Heifers Average - £718.61

15 Steers Average - £872.67

A good range of ages and types of Calves and Stirks available today, selling to a packed ringside of buyers, seeing new buyers competing alongside our regular buyers, for the good stock on offer today.

Topping today at £1250, a pen of three 9-month-old Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks from Messrs Bowman, Skiprigg Farm, whilst 7-month-old Angus Bull Stirks from Gerrard House Farm Ltd sold to £1010, taking their average to the top spot of the day at £995 for 2 sold.

Inra-95 Heifer Stirks sold to £910 for RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm.

Weaned Calves sold to £950 for a pair of British Blue Steers from Tarnrigg Moor Ltd, whilst weaned Heifer Calves sold to £880 for a pair of British Blues from J & I Watson & Son, Moorhouse Farm and Weaned Blue Bull Calves from Messrs Eilbeck & Son, Plumbland Farm sold to £900.

Six-week-old Milk Calves sold to £640 for a pair of Limousin Bull Calves from J & I Fisher, The Close Farm.

Our next sale of Calves and Stirks will be held on Thursday 15th October 2026, for further information please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Gerrard House Farm Ltd, Gerrard House	2	£995.00
Messrs Bowman, Skiprigg Farm	5	£982.00
RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm	8	£875.00
JW Briggs & Son, Southerfield Hall	3	£873.33
Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor	9	£871.11
Messrs LF Raven, Priestcroft	6	£868.33
Messrs DG & AV Crozier, Cowlyers	2	£855.00

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £1250 (3) Skiprigg Farm (Bowman) £1010 £980 Gerrard House (Gerrard House Farm Ltd)

Aberdeen Angus Steer Stirks £830 £790 Dockray Farm (Pigg) £810 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £810 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £700 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £880 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £750 Cowlyers (Crozier) £730 Dockray Farm (Pigg)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £580 (2) £390 The Close Farm (Fisher) £390 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £770 Yew Tree Farm (Peile) £600 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £390 The Close Farm (Fisher) £340 Flatt Bank (Harrington)





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British Blue Steer Stirks £970 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £950 (2) £900 £890 (3) Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £860 Dockray Farm (Pigg)

British Blue Bull Stirks £910 £880 £870 £840 (2) Priestcroft (Raven) £910 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £870 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £900 (2) Flat Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Bull Calves £900 (2) £850 (2) £830 (2) £800 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £890 (2) Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £780 Yew Tree Farm (Peile) £610 (2) Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £550 (2) Flatt Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Heifer Calves £880 (2) £780 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £870 £800 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £850 £810 (2) £680 (2) Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £720 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £510 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Limousin Bull Stirks £890 Southerfield Hall (Briggs) £870 Priestcroft (Raven)

Limousin Steer Stirks £960 Cowlyers (Crozier)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £900 (2) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £860 Southerfield Hall (Briggs)

Limousin Bull Calves £640 (2) £540 (2) £520 £500 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Limousin Heifer Calves £570 £500 £490 (2) £390 The Close Farm (Fisher)

Inra-95 Steer Stirk £890 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Inra-95 Heifer Stirk £910 £820 £800 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

Inra-95 Bull Calves £760 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Inra-95 Heifer Calves £690 (2) Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

Simmental Bull Calves £890 Yew Tree Farm (Peile)

Simmental Heifer Calves £840 Yew Tree Farm (Peile)

Holstein Bull Stirks £710 £450 Skiprigg Farm (Bowman)

Charolais Heifer Calves £490 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

Friesian Bull Calves £410 (2) £405 (2) £375 (2) Griggsfield (Bowe)

STORE LAMBS

Once again, an absolute flier was witnessed at Hopes Auction Mart in the Store Sheep Ring, with sheep for all requirements and a ringside of buyers to ensure all sheep well sold.

A tremendous demand seen throughout the sale for the top end of Gimmer Lambs with a top price of £250 being achieved from Messrs Hall, Horsley Hill Farm, Hawick, for an exceptional Beltex Gimmer Lamb.



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Keith Hodgson, Prospect Farm also had an excellent Gimmer Lamb selling for £230, as did David Scott, Thirlwall Castle, selling for £220.

Store Sheep were once again excellent to sell with Messrs Storey, Woodhead Farm selling their first two pens of tremendous Dutch Texels selling pens of 12 for £218 per head. This good farming once again went on to top the averages forwarding 80 exceptional sheep to average an eye watering £197.35.

Overall Average for 1687 sheep sold £145.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
J W Storey & Son, Woodhead Farm	80	£197.35
K Hodgson, Prospect House	18	£172.72
R & M Scott, Thirlwall Castle	52	£171.62
DH & GM Murray, The Throp	50	£167.40
M & L Peile, Holly Barn	17	£167.06
Mr M Batty & Miss Z Hall, Westerhouse Cottage	41	£165.54
MA & J Thompson, High Hall	29	£165.14
TJ Hall & Son, Horsley Hill Farm	55	£163.64
WH & F Wood, Well Head Farm	28	£161.71
Messrs E & P Skelton, Sycamore House	21	£159.95
Messrs Richardson, Low Garth	26	£159.23
WC & E Bell, Low Houses	123	£156.96
J Oliver & Sons, Walton Wood Head	46	£156.39
Messrs Parkin, Home Farm	28	£151.04
Messrs JJ & CE Palmer, Greensyke Farm	30	£150.97
M Birkett, Silverdale	6	£150.00

Working through the sale, there was a much larger demand for the smaller long keep lambs, as well as the first cross commercial sheep, with buyers present for all breeds and sizes.

More sheep are required for our next sale on the 15th of October, please do not hesitate contact David Fearon on 07500173273 by Friday 9th October at 12 noon for cataloguing purposes.

Beltex £250 £180 £179 £174 £172 Horsley Hill Farm (Hall) £230 £182 x 2 £174 £172 Prospect House (Hodgson) £220 £178 £174 x 2 £173 £172 £171 £170 Thirlwall Castle (Scott) £200 £188 £178 Well Head Farm (Wood) £192 £180 £179 Home Farm (Parkin) £191 £178 Low Garth (Richardson) £190 £173 £170 Holly Barn (Peile) £178 £171 The Throp (Murray) £176 £170 Grange View (Monkhouse) £174 £173 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £174 £172 Greensyke Farm (Palmer) £171 Westerhouse Cottage (Batty & Hall)

Dutch Texel £218 x 2 £191 x 2 £184 Woodhead Farm (Storey) £181 £180 x 2 £163 £162 £154 £152 Low Houses (Bell) £171 £166 £163 Sycamore House (Skelton) £154 High Fell Farm (Bell)

Texel £186 £169 £160 £152 £150 £146 £145 x 2 Low Blaithwaite (Bell) £183 £177 £173 £164 £162 £159 £150 High Hall (Thompson) £168 £158 Westerhouse Cottage (Batty & Hall) £164 £143 £140 Home Farm (Parkin) £162 £156 £150 £146 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £160 £160 £144 £143 High Old Shield (Metcalf) £158 £141 High Bewaldeth Farm (Meadley) £158 £146 Orton Rigg Farm (Hennessy) £156 £152 £141 The Ash (Cowan) £154 £148 Silverdale (Birkett) £148 Clea Hall (Bland) £147 Bothel Craggs (Thirlwall) £146 £145 £141 £140 Low House (Dickinson) £144 £140 Foulseyke Farm (Bowe) £144 Shankfield Head (Armstrong) £143 Barncroft (Swan) £141 Wallend Farm (Milburn)





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Suffolk £150 Home Farm (Parkin) £136 Grange Farm (Lister) £132 Shankfield Head (Armstrong) £128 £127 Bewaldeth Farm (Meadley) £126 £125 Wallend Farm (Milburn) £125 Thurstaston Road (Lambe) £122 Carwath (Coulthard) £119 Laypool (Taylforth)

Mule £134 £100 Rose Farm (Hornsby) £130 £120 Grange Farm (Hayton) £124 Homilton Farm (Hickson)

Blue Texel £134 High Bewaldeth Farm (Meadley)

Cheviot £132 Shankfield Head (Armstrong) £124 Laypool (Taylforth)

Dutch Spotted £120 Low Blaithwaite (Bell)

BREEDING SHEEP

EWES

Texel £280 Town Head (Hird) £185 Brambling Howe Farm (Lewis)

Charolais £205 £170 £155 £145 £130 Brambling Howe Farm (Lewis)

GIMMERS

Texel £400 £385 £340 £310 Ardshiel (Aitken) £280 £270 Lockhills Farm (Green) £215 £205 Whins Farm (Hunter) £200 Hensingham Road (Preston)

Suffolk £320 Lockhills Farm (Green) £215 £175 Whins Farm (Hunter) £200 £170 x 2 Hensingham Road (Preston)

Charollais £175 £172 £165 x 2 £148 £145 x 2 Brambling Howe Farm (Lewis)

EWE LAMBS

Suffolk £180 x 2 £176 Town Head (Hird)

RAMS

Suffolk £850 £600 Studholme Bungalow (Armstrong) £350 £300 Manor Farm (Marrs)

Texel £750 Somerfield House (Wharton) £450 Macey Bank (Falder)



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