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# THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
# SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS
# FOLLOWED BY THE SALE OF STORE LAMBS

**CALVES & STIRKS – 89**

Overall Sale Average - £811.40
48 Bulls Average - £707.40
35 Heifers Average - £916.57
6 Steers Average - £1030.00

Another super show of Calves and Stirks, with all sizes, ages, and condition to meet all buyers' expectations, a credit to all vendors, who all got rewarded for their efforts.

Topping today at £1200 a pair of 8 month old Charolais Heifer Stirks from Midtown Farming, Pasture House, who also secured the top average spot for the day.

Bull Stirks topped at £1130 for a 6 month old British Blue from NJ Todhunter, Greyrigg House, who also sold a further 3 Blue Bulls, to take his average to a respectable £1035 for 4 animals sold.

British Blue Steer Calves, aged 6 months old sold to £1120 for RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm.

Three month old Weaned Calves, in the form of British Blue Heifers sold to £870 for C & J Carruthers, Oulton Grange.

Milk Calves, 8 weeks old, sold to £870 for a Charolais Bull Calf from Bowness Farms Ltd, Threapland Lees, whilst Heifer Calves the same age sold to £630 for Messrs Eilbeck & Son, Plumbland Farm.

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 12th November 2026, for further information please contact David Bowman on 07721616786.

**LEADING AVERAGES**

| Name | Total Heads | £ Average |
|---|---|---|
| Midtown Farming, Pasture House | 2 | £1200.00 |
| RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm | 9 | £1055.56 |
| WE Callion & Son, Lodge Farm | 16 | £1043.75 |
| NJ & JM Todhunter, Greyrigg House | 4 | £1035.00 |
| Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House | 3 | £903.33 |
| Messrs DG & AV Crozier, Cowlyers | 3 | £896.67 |
| JD Hetherington & Sons, Blue Dial | 6 | £893.33 |
| T & D Langcake, Isel Old Park | 2 | £880.00 |
| Chalkside Farming Co Ltd, Chalkside Farm | 10 | £858.00 |

**Charolais Steer Stirks** £1070 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Charolais Heifer Stirks** £1200 (2) Pasture House (Midtown Farming) £1060 £970 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Charolais Bull Calves** £870 £780 £700 Threapland Lees (Bowness Farms Ltd)

**British Blue Steer Stirks** £1120 (2) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)



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**British Blue Bull Stirks** £1130 £1050 £1030 £930 Greyrigg House (Todhunter) £990 (2) £990 £870 £790 (2) Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd) £940 Lodge Farm (Callion)

**British Blue Heifer Stirks** £990 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £930 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £930 Lodge Farm (Callion) £890 (2) Crookdake House (Hetherington) £880 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd)

**British Blue Bull Calves** £740 £670 (2) £670 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £720 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £700 £610 (2) £560 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

**British Blue Heifer Calves** £870 £500 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £810 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd) £630 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck)

**Limousin Bull Stirks** £1020 (2) £880 Lodge Farm (Callion)

**Limousin Heifer Stirks** £1160 (2) x 2 £1160 £1090 (2) £1040 £1000 (2) £890 Lodge Farm (Callion) £1090 £970 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Limousin Bull Calves** £850 £670 Threapland Lees (Bowness Farms Ltd)

**Inra-95 Steer Stirk** £1110 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)

**Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks** £930 Cowlyers (Crozier) £890 (2) £800 (2) Blue Dial (Hetherington)

**Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks** £990 (2) Blue Dial (Hetherington) £880 (2) Cowlyers (Crozier)

**Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves** £670 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £510 £350 Oulton Grange (Carruthers) £480 Thackthwaite Hall (Sanderson)

**Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves** £530 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £310 Hen Moss Farm (Nicholson)

**Shorthorn Steer Stirk** £960 £800 Isel Old Park (Langcake)

**Friesian Bull Stirks** £780 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd)

**Friesian Bull Calves** £375 (3) £310 (3) £310 (2) Griggsfield (Bowe)

**Longhorn Bull Stirks** £690 Chalkside Farm (Chalkside Farming Co Ltd)

**Hereford Heifer Calves** £390 (2) Hen Moss Farm (Nicholson)

**Holstein Bull Calves** £250 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)

**STORE LAMBS - 2190**

Thursday 29th October can only be described as the best Store Lamb Sale to be seen in the United Kingdom at Hopes Auction of Wigton, with both new and old vendors making the most of the Tiffenthwaite Ring, to market their Store Sheep.



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An eye watering 175 Sheep sold for £200 or over, with the dizzy heights of £248 being achieved by Messrs Storey, Woodhead Farm, Haltwhistle, closely followed by Hewson and Tracey Wood, Well Head Farm, Dean, selling an individual lamb for £242.
Topping the averages was the first time consignors, Messrs J & A Moralee, Hardriding, Bardon Mill, who consigned 96 serious quality Beltex and Dutch Texels selling to a top of £222, for a pen of 13 and averaged a staggering £204.17. Following closely, Messrs Hall, Inglewood Edge, selling 125 Beltex Lambs to a height of £232 for 5 and £230 for a pen of 15 and 16, averaging a very creditable £201.04.
Overall Average £149.52

**LEADING AVERAGES**

| Name | Total Heads | £ Average |
|---|---|---|
| J & A Moralee, Hardriding | 96 | £204.17 |
| Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge | 125 | £201.04 |
| JW Storey & Son, Woodhead Farm | 77 | £193.14 |
| K Hodgson, Prospect House | 8 | £176.00 |
| R & M Scott, Thirlwall Castle | 41 | £175.07 |
| MA & J Thompson, High Hall | 12 | £171.83 |
| J Oliver & Sons, Walton Wood Head | 52 | £169.83 |
| Messrs Richardson, Low Garth | 48 | £167.08 |
| Round Hill Farm Ltd, Round Hill Farm | 23 | £165.91 |
| WH & F Wood, Well Head Farm | 45 | £163.38 |
| P & B Hennessy, Orton Rigg Farm | 9 | £161.22 |
| W & A Laird, Unity Farm | 30 | £159.53 |
| DH & JM Murray, The Throp | 51 | £159.22 |

Another mention must go to the Richardsons, Low Garth, who brought a very split run of Sheep with 16 Beltex' s selling to £238 for 2 and £234 for 4, with the run of 16 Beltex' s averaging £213.25.
Moving onto the Commercial Lambs, saw a very strong demand with long keep and short keep lambs well sought after, with Texel Mules making £141 and regularly away with Dale Armstrong, Triermain, selling a pen of 21 for £153. Herdwick cross Texels from Geoff Thompson selling for £136 and Mule Weathers from Messrs Hickson, Homilton Farm selling up to £142 for 23 forward.
More and more sheep are required each sale going forward, with a strengthening ringside of buyers ensuring all Sheep well bid for. If you have any queries, contact David Fearon on 07500173273.
Our next sale of Store Lambs will be held on Thursday 12th November, please advise entries to the office by Friday 6th November at 12 noon for cataloguing purposes.

**Dutch Texel** £248 £218 x 2 £198 £182 £178 £170 Woodhead Farm (Storey) £174 £168 £156 £154 x 2 £150 Unity Farm (Laird) £164 £162 Barkbeth (Ewart) £152 £146 x 2 Scyamore House (Skelton) £146 £140 Moss Hill (Bell)

**Beltex** £242 £183 £175 £170 Well Head Farm (Wood) £238 £234 £230 £170 Low Garth (Richardson) £232 £230 x 2 £222 £220 £180 Inglewood Edge (Hall) £230 Jenkin Cross (Miller) £222 £218 £202 £198 £196 £190 Hard riding (Moralee) £210 £196 £180 £170 Round Hill Farm (Round Hill Farm Ltd) £204 High Hall (Thompson) £200 £198 £177 £172 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £200 £196 £190 £175 £174 Thirlwall Castle (Scott) £200 £179 High Old Shield (Metcalfe) £196 Orton Rigg Farm (Hennessy) £194 £174 £170 Greensyke Farm (Palmer) £190 £186 High Park Foot (Telford) £190 £170 Holly Barn (Peile) £180 £178 x 2 Prospect House (Hodgson) £180 Jenkin Cross (Rudd) £176 The Throp (Murray) £170 Brackenslack (Seymour)


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**Texel** £168 £150 x 2 £146 £145 £141 £140 Beck Farm (Harrison) £162 Cherry Tree Farm (Brough) £154 £151 £142 £140 Townhead Farm (Marley) £153 £151 £146 x 2 £144 x 2 £141 £139 x 2 £130 Triermain (Armstrong) £151 Howgill Farm (Brough) £150 £144 £143 Home Farm (Parkin) £150 £144 New House Farm (Bell) £149 High Hall (Thompson) £148 £138 £131 Mill Street (Hague) £146 £142 £136 £134 Ellerslea (David Allen Farming) £144 £141 £132 Watson Terrace (Watson) £144 Low Garth (Richardson) £144 Birkmire Farm (Irving) £142 £141 £134 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £142 Yew Tree Farm (Peile) £140 £139 Jenkin Cross (Rudd) £140 £135 £130 Park House Farm (Brennand) £140 Jenkin Cross (Miller) £138 School Farm (Wannop) £136 £133 Norman Farm (Watson) £136 Newtown Farm (Thompson) £132 Mid Farm (Bewley) £130 x 2 Fell View Farm (Fearon)

**Blue Texel** £160 £142 £139 £133 £132 Stanger Hill (Fell) £151 Stanger Hill (JJ Fell)

**Charollais** £158 £144 Well Head Farm (Wood)

**Suffolk** £154 £136 £112 Thurstaston Road (Lambe) £154 £100 Yew Tree Farm (Peile) £148 Beck Farm (Harrison) £146 Jenkin Cross (Rudd) £144 x 2 Jenkin Cross (Miller) £144 £134 Wallend Farm (Milburn) £132 Sycamore House (Skelton) £129 Low Greenside (Airey) £128 Ellerslea (David Allen Farming)

**Mule** £142 x 2 Homilton Farm (Hickson) £131 £114 Park House Farm (Brennand) £122 Brackenslack (Seymour)

**Cheviot** £140 New House Farm (Bell) £121 Low Greenside (Airey)

**Black Face** £106 Castlefield (Castlefield Farm)

**Herdwick** £104 x 2 £92 Amazon House (Faulder)


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