TUESDAY 29th MAY 2018

Hopes Auction Co, Wigton held their weekly sale of Primestock when there was an entry of 33 Cattle, 2 Bulls and 861 Prime Sheep including 554 Spring Lambs, 174 Hoggs and 133 Ewes.

A good show of cattle and trade remaining similar for the better end with one or two showing too much finish. Middle weighted well finished types were good to sell to a top of 245.5p for a super 603 kgs Limousin Heifer from Messrs Fawkes, Welton Farm.

The top price per head for heifers was £1626.28 paid to DA Harrison, Hill House, Aldoth for a Limousin Heifer weighing 668 kgs purchased by RJ Harrison & Sons, Butcher, King Street, Wigton.

Steers were in short supply and sold to a top price of 208.5p and £1459.50 which was shown by Messrs JJ Dixon, The Thwaites, Welton.

Young Bulls were short of requirements this week and topped at 214.5p and £1302.02 paid to JG & M Little, Greenhill Farm for a Limousin. More cattle required next week please.

HEIFERS

Limousin 245.5 222.5 Welton Farm 243.5 228.5 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 243.5 237.5 231.5 230.5 229.5 Hill House 235.5 233.5 232.5 222.5 Crosby House Farm 235.5 213.5 West Farm 223.5 Stainburn House Farm 213.5 Greenhill Farm 211.5 East Mill

British Blue 236.5 209.5 Greenhill Farm

STEERS

Limousin 208.5 204.5 The Thwaites

BULLS

Limousin 214.5 212.5 Greenhill Farm

LAMBS

554 Spring Lambs sold today to average 292.02p per kg and an SQQ of 294.92 Smart lambs carrying a lot of meat met a fantastic trade with many pens making over 300 p per kg. Again many lambs 34-44 kgs were very well sold and that seems to be the weights that the lamb buyers are looking for.

More lambs wanted every week. Please phone Jimmy on 07827 966377.

The top price per head was £178 paid to J Dixon & Son, Lesson Hall, Wigton for 45 kgs Texels and were purchased by RJ Harrison & Sons, Butchers, King Street, Wigton.

Pence per kg honours went to J Crichton, Loughrigg Farm, Egremont selling 36 kgs Beltex for 419.4p per kg.

Per Head

Texel £178 £157 £155 £153 £143 £138 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £170 £145 £144.50 £143 £142 Down Hall (Harrison) £160.50 £135.50 Hill Crest £148 £144 Greenah Hall £148 £144 Seymour House £140 Loughrigg £138 Wellington Farm **Beltex** £174 £148 £145 Greenah Hall £161 West Farm £151 Loughrigg £149 £144 £136 £134 £133 Far Broom £143 £137 Midtown Farm (Bowe) £141 £140 Whitehead Brow £139 High Aketon £139 £137 £134.50 West Farm £132 Wood Farm

Millenium Bleu £165 £151 £143 £141 Loughrigg £142 High Aketon £133 £126 £124 £116 Holme Croft

Charollais £141 Kiln Close £130 Loughrigg

Dutch Texel £134 £130 £128 £123 £120.50 £116.50 The Laurels £128 £127 £120.50 £117.50 £112.50 £109 Beck Farm

Suffolk £121.50 Gate Farm £120 £110 Mechi £113 Allerby Hall £112 Seymour House £110 Cobble Hall Barn £108 Hill Crest £103 Pasture House

Per Kg

Beltex 419.40 Loughrigg 414.30 329.50 328.90 Greenah Hall 368.70 320.20 West Farm 361.50 350.00 Whitehead Brow 358.20 West Farm 357.50 336.90 300.70 Midtown (Bowe) 355.20 Hill Crest 347.50 311.90 310.60 High Aketon 338.60 335.00 327.30 320.00 318.60 Far Broom 330.0 Wood Farm 310.00 Kiln Close 301.20 West Farm

Millenium Bleu 412.50 402.90 368.30 366.70 Loughrigg 317.90 Holme Croft 315.60 High Aketon 308.50 305.70 293.00 269.60 257.70 Holme Croft Texel 395.60 373.80 360.50 353.80 330.60 322.90 311.60 306.70 Lesson Hall (Dixon) 391.50 366.20 Hill Crest 369.60 346.30 334.10 333.50 332.0 Down Hall 353.30 Loughrigg 336.40 320.00 Greenah Hall 317.60 306.40 Seymour Farms 312.90 Harley Croft 312.50 Kiln Close 312.50 312.30 310.50 309.90 Pasture House 309.80 Gate Farm 308.40 Allerby Hall 308.20 307.90 Mechi

Charollais 351.40 Loughrigg 335.70 Kiln Close

Dutch Texel 334.20 333.30 316.00 309.20 304.80 Beck Farm 322.90 307.20 306.20 304.70 The Laurels

Suffolk 282.5 Allerby Hall 280.40 Gate Farm 275.70 Hill Crest 270.70 Mechi 251.70 Seymour Farms 251.20 Pasture House

PRIME EWES

A stronger trade than expected selling to £127 from Adam Bell, Hill Crest with a pen of Beltex ewes. Plenty of medium weight ewes making in excess of £115. More ewes are required each week please.

Beltex £127 Hill Crest

Texel £123 £120 £115 £111 £110 Lesson Hall (Dixon) £121 £118 £111 Lords Close £118 Ellerslea £117 £115 £108 Hill Crest £116 £102 Kirkland Guards £110 Mechi £104 Thistlebottom £104 Kiln Close £100 Clea Hall £100 Pasture House

Suffolk £115 Mechi £114 Hill Crest £107 £100 Pasture House £100 Lords Close

Charollais £106 Spring Hill Leicester £100 Springfields £93 Low Blaithwaite £87 Chapel Farm Texel Ram £108 £107 Clea Hall