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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024 CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS, CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE OF DAIRY CATTLE, FOLLOWED BY STORE LAMBS

CALVES & STIRKS – 77

A super entry for our Christmas Show and Sale of Calves and Stirks and many thanks must go to our Judges David and Ann Bell, Low Blaithwaite and our Sponsors J Pigney & Sons, Appleby.

An increased entry on the week and a packed ringside of buyers, ensured a fast trade with fierce competition for all classes. The Days Champion was an 8-month-old Saler Heifer from Messrs Hughes, Seaville Farm, which went on to sell as a pair for £810.

Reserve Champion was a cracking 5-week-old British Blue Heifer from Messrs Bailey, Moorhouse Hall Farm, reaching £380.

Milk Calves topping at £390 for Messrs Mallinson, Hallfield, whilst weaned calves topped at £620 for Messrs Sewell, Mayfield Farm. Heifers to £525 for Greenrigg Farms.

Reared Stirks as ever proving good to sell with Bulls selling to £720 for RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm.

An excellent trade to finish Calf Sales the 2024 period.

Thank you to all customers on both sides of the fence!! Next Sale of Calves and Stirks Thursday 9th January 2025.

Overall averages: - Bulls Averaged: £489.57 (37)

Heifers Averaged: £429.00 (35) Steers Averaged: £526.00 (5)

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
Messrs Hughes, Seaville Farm	5	£708.00
Messrs RG & W Whitfield Ltd, Balladoyle Farm	8	£625.00
Messrs J Sewell, Mayfield Farm	2	£545.00
Messrs LF Raven, Priestcroft	2	£540.00
Messrs GN Hetherington, Crookdake House	2	£535.00
Messrs Harrison, Hazel Head	15	£502.33

SHOW RESULTS

CLASS	1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE	
Males under 8 weeks	Lot 233 – M/s Mallinson, Hallfield - £390	Lot 215 – Graham Farms Ltd, Greenrigg - £350	
Heifers under 8 weeks	Lot 253 – J Bailey, Moorhouse Hall Farm - £380	Lot 252 – J Bailey, Moorhouse Hall Farm -	
		£380	
Males 8-14 weeks	Lot 264 – Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor - £570	Lot 230 – M/s J Sewell, Mayfield Farm - £620	
Heifers 8-14 weeks	Lot 231 – M/s J Sewell, Mayfield Farm - £470	Lot 268 – Tarnrigg Ltd, Tarnrigg Moor - £440	
Males 14+ weeks	Lot 262 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm -	Lot 263 – RG & W Whitfield, Balladoyle Farm -	
	£650	£720	
Heifers 14+ weeks	Lot 206 – M/s Hughes, Seaville Farm - £810	Lot 207 – M/s Hughes, Seaville Farm - £810	
CHAMPION	Lot 206 – M/s Hughes, Seaville Farm - £810		
RESERVE CHAMPION	Lot 253 - J Bailey, Moorhouse Hall Farm - £380		





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Left – Christmas Champion Stirk from Messrs Hughes, Seaville Farm, which sold to £810.

Right Reserve Champion Calf from Messrs Bailey,
Moorhouse Hall Farm,
selling to £380, with centre
Judge David Bell, Low
Blaithwaite, Kate Bailey,
Moorhouse Hall, left with
the Rosette Andrew Woof
and far Right Willie
Brackwell representing our
Sponsors H Pigney & Son.



Saler Heifer Stirks £810 (2) Seaville Farm (Hughes)

South Devon £730 Seaville Farm (Hughes)

Limousin Bull Stirks £720 £620 (3) Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £620 £600 Hazel Head (Harrison) £530 Priestcroft (Raven)

Limousin Bull Calves £345 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

Limousin Heifer Calves £480 £470 (2) £440 Hazel Head (Harrison) £355 £330 £300 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd)

British Blue Steer Stirks £600 Seaville Farm (Hughes) £570 £560 £490 410 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd)

British Blue Bull Stirks £680 £605 £560 £530 x 2 Hazel Head (Harrison) £650 £645 £615 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £630 £550 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £620 Mayfield Farm (Sewell) £550 Priestcroft (Raven)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £590 Seaville Farm (Hughes) £550 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £525 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £520 Crookdake House (Hetherington) £510 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £500 Marsh House (Marsh House Farming Co) £470 Mayfield Farm (Sewell)

British Blue Bull Calves £490 Hazel Head (Harrison) £420 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £400 £350 £340 £265 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £390 Hallfield (Mallinson) £380 £360 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)

British Blue Heifer Calves £440 Tarnrigg Moor (Tarnrigg Ltd) £380 x 3 £360 £300 Moorhouse Hall Farm (Bailey) £380 £360 £260 Moorhouse Farm (Watson) £380 Hazel Head (Harrison) £345 £310 x 2 £290 Greenrigg (Graham Farms Ltd) £340 (3) Plasketlands (Armstrong)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £395 £295 £290 Hallfield (Mallinson) £305 Moorhouse Farm (Watson)





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Holstein Bull Calves £400 £280 Hazel Head (Harrison)

Charolais Heifer Calves £260 Bolton Cottage Farm (Brough)

DAIRY CATTLE - 30

Overall averages: - Cows Averaged: £2483.33 (3)

Heifers Averaged: £2362.50 (20)

A wonderful show of Dairy Stock for the Aspatria Farmers Sponsored Christmas Show and Sale and a real credit to our vendors. Judge Rob Reay, Grinsdale placed a cracking 35kg Holstein Heifers from How End Farms as his Champion, and at sale time backed his judgement to secure his pick at £3000. Reserve Champion was a very smart Friesian Heifer from Messrs Walker, Harrington Parks Farm and this cracker set the tone for the day, being first in the ring and selling for £2600.

As with the Calves, a very successful sale to complete the Dairy Sales at Wigton for 2024. Many thanks to all who have contributed in making these sales a success.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Heads	£ Average
JN & FC Walker, Harrington Parks Farm	arm 1	
Messrs Swainson, How End Farms	17	£2458.82
Messrs C & J Carruthers, Oulton Grange	1	£2350.00
Messrs G &EA Harrison, Mount Clifton	1	£2350.00
Messrs LF Raven, Priestcroft	1	£2000.00
JR & H Little & Sons, Marylands	1	£1800.00

SHOW RESULTS

CLASS	1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE
Holstein Heifer	Lot 377 - £3000 - How End Farms	Lot 382 - £2800 - How End Farms
Friesian Heifer	Lot 387 - £2600 JN & FC Walker, Harrington	
	Parks Farm	
Holstein Cow	Lot 384 - £2300 - How End Farms	Lot 390 £2350 – M/s C & J Carruthers,
		Oulton Grange
Any Other Breed Cow	Lot 385 - £2650 - How End Farms	
CHAMPION	Lot 377 - £3000 - How End Farms	
RESERVE CHAMPION	Lot 387 - £2600 JN & FC Walker, Harrington Parks Farm	

Holstein Heifers £3000 £2800 £2700 £2650 £2550 £2500 £2450 x 2 £2350 x 3 £2300 £2250 £2200 £1800 How End (How End Farms) £2350 Mount Clifton (Harrison) £1850 £1750 Marylands (Little)

Friesian Heifers £2600 Harrington Parks Farm (Walker) £2000 Priestcroft (Raven)

Any Other Breed Cow £2650 How End (How End Farms)

Holstein Cows £2450 How End (How End Farms) £2350 Oulton Grange (Carruthers)





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STORE LAMBS – 2003

What a way to leave 2024 in the Store Sheep Ring at Hopes Auction with a quality run of 2003 sheep forward, averaging up at a whopping £120.11.

The run of sheep forward saw all sheep sold with ease with vendors leaving highly delighted.

The top end of sheep were off the clock, with the top price of the day being achieved by Dale Thomson, Henry Street with his consignment of 12 sheep averaging a staggering £180.33.

A whopping 72 animals sold over £170 barrier.

David Batty, Cobble Croft consigned a lovely run of 31 long keep lambs which were exceptional quality, selling to a top of £190 and averaging up at £177.35.

Commercial bred lambs were also very well sold with Mules selling to a top of £129 for 6 from Messrs Rudd, Jenkin Cross, with a pen of 26 from the same farming family selling for £119.

Swaledale weather lambs from Robert and Bobby Marrs, Manor Farm sold to £86 for a pen of 22 and Blackie lambs selling to £72 from Joh & Christine Palmer, Greensyke Farm.

David along with the whole team at Hopes Auction would like to thank all buyers and sellers over the year for their continued support and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

More Sheep required for our next sale on Thursday 9th January 2024, which will also include the dispersal sale of 90 In Lamb Continental Ewes on behalf of Messrs Hetherington, Blue Dial Farm. For further information please contact David Fearon on 07500 173273.

LEADING AVERAGES

Name	Total Head	£ Average
DT Thomson, Henry Street	12	£180.33
D Batty, Cobble Croft	31	£177.35
Messrs Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey	95	£151.43
JW & VI & E Naylor, Hill Green Farm	52	£148.47
S Lightfoot Ltd, Bewley House	12	£147.67

Dutch Texel £202 £190 £186 £184 £182 £158 Henry Street (Thomson) £192 £166 £150 £147 £130 Low Houses (Bell) £190 £185 £181 £179 £170 Cobble Croft (Batty) £170 £142 Easegill Head (Marston) £161 £142 £140 £132 Beck Farm (Harrison) £160 £148 The Croft (Brough) £130 Sycamore House (Skelton)

Blue Texel £180 Orchardton Mains (Aiken)

Beltex £179 £170 £163 £161 £160 x 2 £158 £155 £153 x 3 £151 x 3 £147 Shap Abbey (Bindloss) £172 £170 £168 £151 £150 £149 x 2 £146 £142 x 2 £140 x 2 £136 Hill Green Farm (Naylor) £158 Ainstable Hall (Hall) £153 £145 £138 High Old Shield (Metcalfe) £150 £148 Gallowberry (Mitchinson) £149 £142 £141 £140 X 2 £139 £137 x 2 £135 Bothel Craggs (Thirlwall) £149 School Farm (Wannop) £148 £141 £140 High Park Foot (Telford) £142 Orton Rigg Farm (Hennessy) £140 Low House (Dickinson) £135 Sycamore House (Skelton)

Texel £172 £148 Jenkin Cross (Miller) £165 £160 £143 Bewley House (Lightfoot) £160 £150 £144 Swallow Croft (Wood) £158 £148 £134 Orchardton Mains (Aiken) £157 £154 £151 £146 £130 Woodside Cottage (Hodgson) £146 x 2 £130 Kirkland Garth (Graham & Fearon) £142 Cherry Tree Farm (Brough) £140 £135 £134 £133 £130 x 2 Walton Wood Head (Oliver) £140 £131 Howgill Farm (Brough) £139 £138 £132 x 2 Birchcraig Farm (Rayson) £136 Hilltop (Story) £136 Fangs Farm (Clark) £134 £130 Broomhill Farm (Baty) £133 Sycamore House (Skelton) £132 Triermain (Armstrong)





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Millenium £159 £148 £132 £131 £128 Rosemount (Jackson)

Suffolk £137 x 2 £120 £114 Jenkin Cross (Miller) £135 £127 Hilltop (Story) £128 £107 Manor Farm (Marrs) £128 Cherry Tree Farm (Brough) £116 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell)

Mule £129 £119 Jenkin Cross (Rudd) £108 Manor Farm (Marrs) £98 Greensyke Farm (Palmer)

Cheviot £120 Well Head Farm (Wood)

Charollais £113 Low Buildings Farm (Wetherell)

Half Bred £110 Orchardton Mains (Aiken)

Herdwick £102 Park House Farm (Brown) £97 Greensyke Farm (Palmer)

Cross £100 Greenhill Farm (Little)

Swaledale £86 Manor Farm (Marrs)

Black Face £72 Greensyke Farm (Palmer)



