

Thursday 27 January 2011 Prime Sheep To Include X Factor Competition.

This Thursday saw Gisburn Auction Mart host its annual 'X Factor' competition for the Best Pen of 5 Hogs any weight, any breed.

A fantastic entry was seen from many regular and new vendors with an excellent quality of hogs presented for judging.

Judge Paul Watson managed to pick out the best five pens awarding prizes to all of them.

First Prize was awarded to Mr Brian Breaks from Newton in Bowland with his superb pen of 37kg Beltex hogs which achieved an overall price of £112.00 or 303p/kg selling to Mr SA Swales of Knavesmire Butchers.

Second Prize was awarded to Procters Farms Ltd, Slaidburn for their pen of 40kg Beltex lambs achieving an overall price of £96.00 per head or 240p/kg selling to Riley Brothers, Dunnockshaw.

Third Prize on the day was achieved by a Pen of 5 Beltex Lambs from RJ Lambert, Wigglesworth for his 46kg hogs achieving a price of £100.00 per head or 217p/kg selling to SA Swales of Knavesmire Butchers.

Fourth Prize on the day was awarded again to Procters Farms Ltd for their 44kg hogs achieving £95.00 per head or 216p/kg selling to Bowland Foods Ltd.

Fifth Prize was awarded to Fox Farms for their very well turned out 45kg Texel hogs selling to £93.00 per head or 206p/kg to A Sanderson, Baxenden.

Show lambs aside a good entry of 747 prime sheep were forward for sale to a large audience of buyers all showing a keen demand for hogs. Hogs that proved best to sell on the day were 38kg to 42kg regularly achieving between 180 pence per kilo and 200 pence per kilo. With a large amount of heavyweight hogs forward a price bracket between £75.00 and £85.00 per head seemed to be the going price. Good quality Mule lambs topped at £75.00 per head from J Fryer of Kirkham. Horned lambs were also good to sell which topped at £66.00 per head from JW Barker & Son of Skipton.

Overall average on the day of 168p/kg or £71.00 per head.

Cast ewes were very buoyant on the day and very good to sell with an overall entry of 138 head, supply was tight. Lightweight and horned ewes topped at £53.00 per head from G Beresford & Son, Hellifield. Heavy Texel/Lowland ewes topped at £100.00 per head from AA & C Critchley & Son, Preston averaging £72.00 per head. Good quality Mule ewes found a home between the £70.00 and £75.00 per head. Rams were also good to sell averaging £54.00 per head.

Please don't forget our up and coming shows and sales for Hill Hogs on the 17th February and also our Prime Pairs Competition on the 24th February. For any further information please contact the auctioneer.

#### PRIME SHEEP – THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2011

This Thursday 20th January 2011 a total of 869 prime sheep were forward in total. Trade on the day was brisk with an overall average of 177p/kg or £72 per head holding strong from the beginning of the week.

Top price per kilo of 213 p/kg on the day was achieved by Mr K Purtill from Wigan with his 35kg Texel lambs achieving £74.50 per head. Topping the price per head was Mr AP Townson from Burnley with his 45kg Texel lambs achieving a price of £92 per head.

Other breeds on the day such as Mule Hogs were good to sell with top price of £74 per head achieved by A & N Starkie of Padiham for his pen of Mule hogs. Heavyweight hogs also proved good to sell on the day with 50kg+ lambs regularly achieving over the £90 mark with top price heavy hogs from B Lancaster of East Marton, Skipton with his Texel lambs achieving £92 per head.

With supply seeming to remain tight across the board price remains strong for all types and class of hogs.

The cast ewe trade was also buoyant with a good entry of 214 cast sheep which found a good audience of buyers topping at £137 per head for best quality Texel ewes. Light/horned ewes topped at £67 per head from JR Towler of Bolton by Bowland and heavy/lowland ewes averaging £70.50 per head with top price of £137 from Willow Moss Farms, Formby. Rams were also good to sell with top price of £80 from Walker & Alpe, Chipping.

Please don't forget our X factor show this Thursday 27th January for the best pen of 5 hogs, any weight, any breed with 5 prizes available and a prize fund of £200. Other shows and sales to look forward to include the Hill Hogg Show & Sale on 17th February and also the Prime Pairs competition on 24th February. Many thanks for your continued support and facilitating our buyers needs. For any further information please contact the Auctioneer.

#### Stirks and Young Stores – 20 January 2011

The 104 predominately suckler bred stirks and young stores sold readily on Thursday to buyers from as far afield as Norfolk to Driffeld.

Top price of the day at £700 was achieved by an 8 month old Blue x Steer from DM & RE Capstick and another steer from the same home at £695. Next highest priced steer at £690 was from Mark Schofield's consignment of smart Blue crosses. Highest priced heifer, again a blue x from DM & RE Capstick, at 6 months old travelled down to Norfolk for £535.

Limousin prices were dominated by Messrs. Wilson, Dent with a smart black bull at £575 going to York and a pair of black heifers at £520 to Norfolk.

Dairy bred stirks were also good to sell with Angus Steers topping at £485 and Holstein Friesians at £330.

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#### Pig Sale 29th Jan 2011

Again another good entry of 138 pigs in total saw a large entry of coloured and rare breed pigs to Gisburn Auctions fortnightly sale. Highlight of the day was found by a pen of Pietrian cross weaners (favoured and standing out from

the crowd with their spots) from M Parrington, Wigglesworth sold for a very respectable £34 per head to S Richards from Burnley.

Also presented for sale on the day was a very smart Pietrian cross maiden gilt in pig for the end of march to a coloured Pietrian boar selling for £200 to Mr H Simpson, Kelbrook.

With a slightly depressed feel to the current pig market weaners averaged £25 per head and topped at £34 per head being the best class to sell, store pigs topped at £50 per head with sows less money on the week averaging £72 per head.

Our next fortnightly pig sale will be 12th February so please pre enter for the catalogue before noon on Tuesday 8th February. Any further information please contact the auctioneer.

#### Monday 24 January 2011

Gisburn Auction saw a total entry of 375 total prime sheep with a good brisk trade to match. Overall average on the day was 178p/kg or £70 per head. Top sale price was achieved by WA Towler of Grindleton with his pen of 39kg Texel lambs achieving £83.50. Top kg price on the day was again from WA Towler of Grindleton with his 39kg lambs achieving 214p/kg.

Mule lambs topped at £77 per head from T Robinson & Son, Slaidburn and horned lambs were also good to sell with a top price of £67.50 from FS & SM Dinsdale of Bolton by Bowland.

A good entry of cast sheep this Monday meant horned ewes averaged £62 per head and lowland ewes £78 per head. Rams were also good to sell with top achieving £71 per head.

Please don't forget our Monday market is now a green market and if you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact the Auctioneer.

#### Monday Prime Lambs 31st Jan 2010

This Monday saw a much improved trade with a very strong overall average of 187p/Kg or £74.00 per head. All types of hogs selling well to a strong audience of buyers. Continental type hogs regularly between 180p/kg to 205p/kg Mule hogs also sold well topping at £75 per head usually around £30 - £35 over their weight. Horned lambs were also good to sell topping at £67 per head.

Ewes were good to sell with a much faster trade and larger numbers forward Horned ewes reached £57 per head from N Pinder and lowland ewes averaging £63 per head and topping at £90. Good quality mule ewes found homes easily at £75 per head. Rams found a top of £100 from T Robinson & Sons, averaging £77 per head.

Don't forget Mondays are now a GREEN market. For further information please contact the auctioneer.

#### GISBURN AUCTION MARTS - DUGDALE NUTRITION - FEBRUARY DAIRY SHOW & SALE

34 Dairy Cattle were forward for the February Dairy Show at Gisburn.

Top price went to regular vendor and heifer rearer Sean Hickey with a heifer calved just 10 days and giving 30 litres, she sold to Messrs. Parker of Elmsley, Huddersfield for £2000.

The 3rd prize heifer was next in line on price selling to Messrs. Yates of Huddersfield at £1980.

Older cows giving plenty of milk all sold quickly with a 5th calver from Jim & Christine Scriven selling at £1060 to Jeremy Maude a 2nd calver from the same vendor hit £1600.

First price heifers was a pedigree heifer from W A Booth Feizor selling at £1980 also to Parkers of Elmsley.

In calf heifer from A Harker due to Limousin at the end of February sold to an incredible £1640 to David Shuttleworth.

Lots of customers went home with empty trailers and vendors were all smiling.

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#### PEDIGREE DAIRY CATTLE - Thursday 20 January 2011

Jennings Farmers of Ripon took the Championship at the January Cogent Pedigree sale at Gisburn. Their BKB Albertson heifer sold for £2,380 to Messrs. Parker of Emley Huddersfield. Regular vendor Simon Thompson took the Reserve Champion with his Penn-Gate Finest heifer out of a EX90 dam, she was giving 34kg and sold to D Walmsley, Downham, Clitheroe for £2,300. Both of these heifers were praised by the Judge Aubrey Greenhalgh for having good body capacity and superb udders. In 3rd place was Colin Singleton of Goosnargh with a Braedale Bam Bam heifer out of a VG dam. This was a very smart black heifer which was giving 36kg and had the potential to make an excellent cow, she also sold to Messrs. Parker for £2,200. Pedigree cows were in short supply and the first prize went to a 3rd calver from E Lund & Son Ingleton, she sold to Mr W J Etherington for £1460.

In the regular milkers heifers topped at £1900 to Brian Roberts and £1860 to T Shuttleworth. Three very smart red heifers ready to serve from Midgeley of Halifax sold for £840 each to David Walker of Read. A total of 64 head were on offer.

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#### Monday 17 January 2011

A good entry of 457 prime sheep was presented to a good audience of buyers with a strong trade averaging 185p/kg or £73 per head.

Export lambs were in high demand, following on from the end of last week and regularly achieving 190p/kg to 200p/kg. Best lambs achieved top price of 226p/kg from J Mellin of Long Preston and top price of £91 per head was achieved by H Taylor from Blackburn.

Cast ewes were very good to sell with top price Texels achieving £132 and an overall average of £86.50 per head for lowland ewes, £41 per head for horned ewes and rams, topping at £89 per head and averaging £74.

Please note our Monday market is now a green market and if you require any further information then please contact the Auctioneer.

### Saturday 15 January Machinery Sale

Torrential rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of customers at the first Machinery Sale of the year at Gisburn Auction Mart on Saturday. The term "anything and everything" has never been more appropriate to describe the lots on offer. Failing to sell at the start of the sale was a secondhand bathroom suite of mixed colours –the bath sold later for £1.00. At the top end of the range was a Class 456 4WD tractor with power loader showing just 1800 hours this sold to a local farmer for £20,000. An 'X' reg Mazda pickup in very good condition and recently tested drew bids from all directions before finally stopping at a respectable £1300 which was just over the vendor expectations. The buoyant scrap metal trade helped to keep the older items selling with old tipping trailers making about £200. As usual there was a good entry of older cattle trailers which seem to sell very well to our Saturday customers especially if they are VAT free. Other items of interest were packs of railway sleepers at £13 each, ratchet straps in boxes of ten for £20 and a box of 100 correction fluid pens which sold to D Graveston for £2 – can anyone make that many mistakes?

### Pig Sale – Sat 15 January 2011

Saturday 15th January saw Gisburn Auction's opening New Year sale of 158 store, breeding and fat pigs. With the ever increasing price of feed store pigs were still a good trade on the day compared with other markets. Suckling pigs/weaners for the Chinese trade etc. topped at £24 a piece. A good show of store pigs with several Pietrain cross breeds saw a good trade with the best achieving £61 per head. Killing pigs were the best to sell on the day and also in good demand, topping at £108 per head for 80-90 kg animals. Cull sows were less money on the day as a result of the drop in the export market price by around 15 p/kg. This did not stop numbers forward though and prices topped £90 per head.

A number of in pig gilts and sows were also presented for sale and a good trade to match. The best were a lovely pair of white Pietrain gilts in pig to a coloured Pietrain boar, achieving on the day an overall average price of £165 per head.

Please keep pre-entering all your pigs by 12 noon the Tuesday before the sale date to facilitate our buyers' needs. I would also like to make note that there is a good demand for fat pigs currently, so please contact the Auctioneer to advise. Many thanks. Our next sale will be 29th January 2011.



### In – Lamb Ewes In Demand - Sat 15 January 2011

The opening Saturday sale of the New Year at Gisburn Auction included a show of in-lamb Texel females kindly sponsored by the Farmer's Guardian. Judge Richard Caton, Stainforth picked out a Meinspride shearling ewe as champion, scanned carrying twins and due to lamb early March, she sold for £250 to N Garth, Addingham.

Messrs Barrow, Wigton battled their way down the M6 in horrendous driving conditions to claim reserve and 1st prize Ewe. This '07 born Greenwood ewe scanned with a single sold for £190 to A Hodgson, Tosside. Top priced '08 born Greenwood ewe, scanned with twins, due march sold for £245 to Richard Caton.

Best of the commercial ewes from R T Seed, Chipping a Beltex x shearling carrying twins and due early March sold to J & C Atkinson, Briercliffe.

Significant interest was shown in the first part of the flock dispersal sale from EJ & JS Wood, Wiswell. Mule ewes due march to the Suffolk sold to £170 and Mule shearlings to £160.

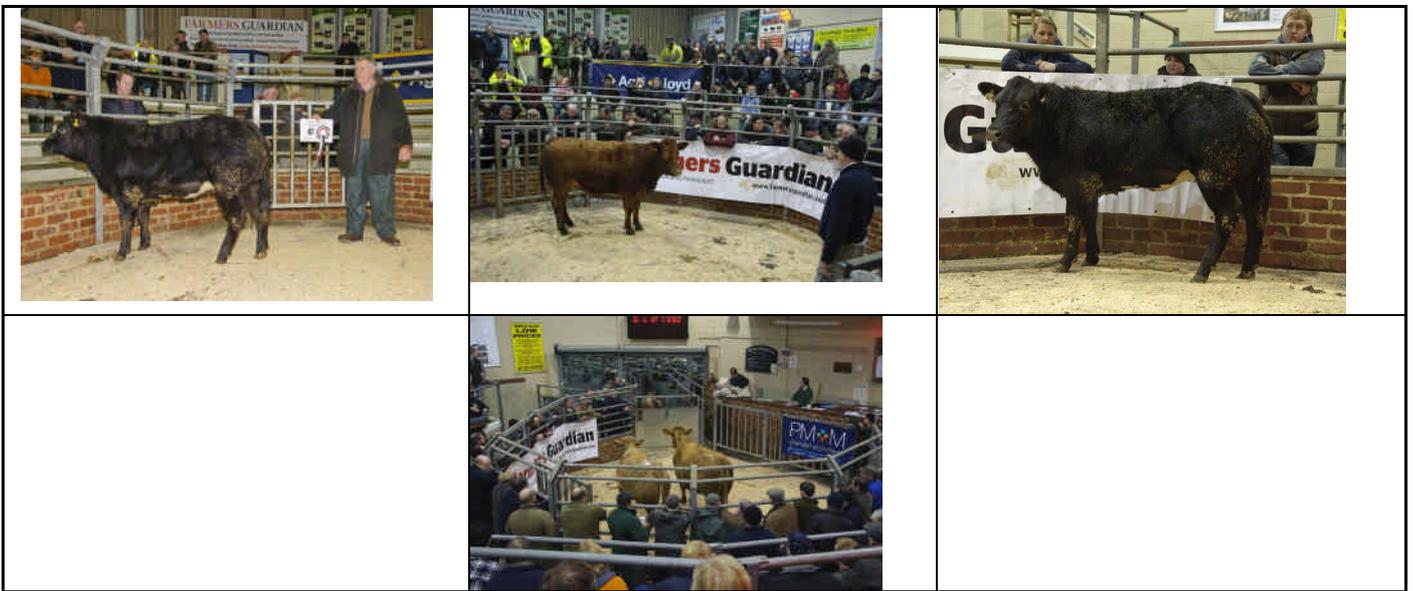
Diane Seeds 3 crop Scotch Half Bred February lambers sold to £160.

Store hogg trade was buoyant, reflecting the current confidence in the finished trade. Texel crosses topped a £76 (ave £63) Suffolk x £64.50 (ave £59) Cheviot x £58 (ave £54).

### Sat 15 January 2011 – Store Cattle New Year Show and Sale

Out of the 300 cattle forward, Judge John Mellin, Long Preston, Chose an 11 month old British Blue x heifer from T Robinson & Son, Slaidburn as Champion in the Farmers Guardian sponsored Opening New Year show and sale. She later sold for the day's top price of £940 to AA & E Critchley & Son, Hutton.

Catlow farms consignment of ten dominated the prize classes and also presented the reserve champion, an 11 month old British Blue Bull which sold for £800 to Roger Webster, Ormskirk.



### Prime Sheep – Thursday 13 January 2011

Thursday 13th January 2011 at Gisburn Auction showed an extremely good trade for all classes of prime lambs with export type lambs in very strong demand and a shortage of supply across the board earlier in the week. This meant a total of 814 prime sheep presented for sale, achieving an overall average of 187p/kg or £78 per head. Top price per kilo of 248 p/kg for RH & MR Ireland of Whalley for their 31kg prime Texel lambs was achieved selling to SA Swales of Knavesmere Butchers.

Top price per head was achieved by RS & J Bradley of Salterforth with their 50kg Texel lambs achieving £105 per head.

Export lambs being very good to sell, ranging from 38kg to 42kg facing a strong audience of buyers competing for these types of lambs regularly achieving 190p/kg to 205p/kg.

Swale and Mule lambs also saw a good increase and demand by all buyers.

A good entry of 177 cast sheep was forward today with best Texels from RH & MR Ireland achieving £120 per head and best horned ewes achieving £63 per head. Rams were also a good trade – top price achieving £77 per head from H Horsefield & Sons. Good well fleshed mule ewes were good to sell with the best achieving £77 per head. Overall average of light/horned ewes was £44 per head, lowland ewes £70 per head and rams also £70 per head.

Please don't forget our X factor competition on Thursday 27th January 2011 with a good prize fund available for the best pen of 5 prime lambs, any weight or breed. Many thanks and for any further information please contact the Auctioneer.