

CHRISTMAS CALF SHOW COPY – THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011

Trevor Hodgson's long journey down to Gisburn Auction Marts from Dent, Cumbria was worth while on Thursday 24 November, when he won the champion calf at the auction marts Christmas show for rearing calves.

The prize winning calf out a Holstein Friesian cow, sired by the British Blue bull Moorsley Anderson, stood proud at just six weeks old, and was picked out without hesitation by the pre-sale show judges Mike Teasdale, Malton, North Yorkshire and Tony Binns, Harrogate and created a flurry of bids in the sale ring, eventually being knocked down to fellow Cumbrians D & J Errington, Cockermouth, Cumbria for the days top price at £500.

Next best at £492 was the reserve champion, the first prize winner of the British Blue heifer class, an eight weeks old British Blue heifer, sired by Cowden Artic out a Holstein Friesian cow, from TW Holden & Son, Chaigley, Clitheroe, Lancashire, which later sold to calf rearer Richard Fitton, Kearsley, Bolton, Lancashire. Messrs Holden also picked up the second prize rosette in the British Blue Heifer class which sold for £410.

Regular vendor Colin Whitelock, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire had a successful day when his second prize British Blue Bull Calf sold for £435 to RM Teasdale, Scragglethorpe, Malton, North Yorkshire. Mr Whitelock was again in the money as he sold top price Limousin heifer at £432.

Of the 231 calves forward, 16 British Blue bull sold in excess of £400 and 18 British Blues achieved in excess of £300. Top price Limousin bull calf came from JO Fairbank, Greetlands, Halifax, West Yorkshire whose second prize calf made £398 to JA Swann, Little Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire. At the other end of the scale Black and White dairy bulls continue to sell well, averaging £83 with at top price of £230 E & M Joule, Bolton, Lancashire.

Averages Bulls BB £365; Lim £309; Sim £382; AA £203, B & W £83 heifers BB £323; Lim £300; Sim £290; AA £158

Auctioneers Richard Turner & Son

PHOTOS

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| <p>CHAMPION CALF (Left to right) Tony Binns & Mike Teasdale pre-sale judges with the champion calf and first prize British Blue heifer calf which sold for £500 with vendor Trevor Hodgson</p> |  |
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| <p>RESERVE CHAMPION (Left to right) Tom & James Holden with the reserve champion and first prize British Blue heifer calf which sold for £492 to Richard Fitton.</p> | |
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RESULTS

| Christmas Rearing Calves Show & Sale Results | |
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| Judge | Mike Teasdale & Tony Binns |
| Champion | JC Hodgson, £500 D & J Errington |
| Reserve | TW Holden & Son, £492 R Fitton |
| Class 1 | Best British Blue Bull Calf |
| 1st | JC Hodgson, £500 D & J Errington |
| 2nd | C Whitelock, £435 RM Teasdale |
| 3rd | M & AT Parker, £380 JA Swann |
| Class 2 | Best British Blue Heifer Calf |
| 1st | TW Holden & Son, £492 R Fitton |
| 2nd | TW Holden & Son, £410 J Garbutt |
| 3rd | Colin Whitelock, £432 J Garbutt |
| Class 3 | Best Limousin Bull Calf |
| 1st | H Horsfield & Sons, £395 JA Swann |
| 2nd | Jo Fairbank, £398 JA Swann |
| 3rd | H Horsfield & Sons, £320 H Walton & Sons |
| Class 4 | Best Limousin Heifer Calf |

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| 1st | CR & JA Booth, £350 Bayes |
| 2nd | JE & BM Harrison, £328 E Wearmouth & Son |
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| Class 5 | Best Other Bull Calf |
| 1st | TW Holden & Son, £300 D Ellis |
| 2nd | J Robinson £365 JA Swann |
| 3rd | J Shuttleworth & Son £410 RM Teasdale |
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| Class 6 | Best Other Heifer Calf |
| 1st | J Shuttleworth & Son, £318 NB, RB & JE Fairweather |
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STRONG PRIME SHEEP TRADE – Monday 14th November 2011

Gisburn Auction Marts weekly prime sheep sale on Monday (14 Nov), saw an increased entry of cast sheep with prices peaking at £116 for a Charollais ewe from AEM Pye, Goosnargh, Preston, Lancashire. Other top achievers from M Bowen, Mellor, Blackburn with his Texel cast ewes topping at £110. Ewes are on the up as we approach Christmas and will harden more into the New Year with supplies across the board getting tighter. Feeding ewes in strong demand with horned ewes surprisingly good to sell.

Averages: Overall Cast Ewes £68

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MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE RESULTS – SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2011

Perfect autumn weather helped make Gisburn auction marts Saturday 19 November collective Machinery sale of 'Anything & Everything' a huge success.

As usual tractors always attract a crowd and late on in the sale, two International tractors from a Horton in Ribblesdale farmer, both sold at impressive prices. First lot under the hammer was the 1959 International B250 in very original condition, at £1400 and the next lot an International 475 with Perkins engine sold for £1700, proving again that old tractors are well worth looking after.

Good ex-farm machinery sold well with top price in the machinery section going to John Lund, Gisburn, Clitheroe, Lancashire when he sold a twin axle drop side tipping trailer to Horsfield Brothers, Foulridge, Colne, Lancashire for £3000. GA Hewitt, Giggleswick, Settle, North Yorkshire sold a Primex Trailer with sprung drawbar for a very respectable £2,550. An entry of surplus equipment from local farmers in good condition sold quickly with a galvanised cattle crush at £810 and a block of single calf pens at £340. Despite the hay and silage season a long way off a Welgar RP12 round baler sold for £1500 and a Claas pick up baler for £780.

W Moore, Catforth, Preston purchased the cheapest lot of the day which was a piano stool complete with music for £1.00. Several other lots were in the bargain section but a twin axle caravan at £40 must surely have been a snip for regular pig buyer John Bancroft, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

With 330 lots on offer it was almost dark by the end of a good days trading, the next sale is on Saturday 14 January 2012.

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DAIRY SALE – THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

A flying trade was the only way to describe the November Dairy Show & Sale at Gisburn on Thursday, sponsored by Dugdale Nutrition. The judge was dairy farmer Geoff Blezard, Ribchester, Preston who thoroughly enjoyed judging a strong class of new calved heifers.

Frankland Farms dominated the show, picking up the first & third prize rosettes in newly calved heifer class, selling very quickly to the pre-sale judges for £2250 & £2120.

Simon Thompson, Ribchester, Preston had the top price of the day with a newly calved cow at £2300, taking her home was Colin Middleton, Mitton, Whalley. Dairy auctioneer, Fred Spurgeon, said "Dairy cattle are in short supply and this was clearly reflected in today's prices with several heifers achieving over £2,000

In-Calf Heifers topped at £1680 from H Hesketh (£1610); Bulling Heifers 1100 (£900) B Fawcett & new Vendor Andrew Ayrton sold his heifer calf at £290

Averages: Newly Calved Heifers £1710

Newly Calved Cows £1820

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