

Pedigree Dairy Show & Sale 17 February 2011

Top price of £2420 went to Colin Singleton of Goosnargh at Gisburn' Cogent Pedigree Sale. By Comestar Lehros and giving 40kgs she sold to David Coulthurst also of Longridge. Regular Judge Aubrey Greenhalgh snapped up the reserve champion for an undisclosed client at £1980, this was one of the last Hellifield heifers from RA Philip she was giving 35kgs and was sired by Geonevric Convincer. Messrs. WA & A Booth took 3rd prize and sold their Comestar Outside heifer to Colin Middleton of Mitton for £1980. Colin also bought a Stormatic heifer from R & L Mares for £2200, this heifer would surely have taken one of the rosettes but arrived just a few minutes late for the show. Messrs. Baldwin of Denham were also in the money with an Eastview Mason heifer making a very respectable £1840 to John Clowes. Newly calved Dutch pedigree heifers for P Marsden, Gargrave made to £1700. In calf heifers also met a strong trade selling to £1460 and averaged £1330.

38 Young stock followed with young HF heifers meeting a strong trade. A total of 90 dairy cattle were on offer.

Auctioneers: Richard Turner & Son



From Left to Right: Judge Aubrey Greenhalsh, Vendor of Champion Colin Singleton, and Cogent Rep Ian Plews



Left to right: Judge Aubrey Greenhalsh, Cogent Rep Ian Plews and Vendor of reserve Champion R A Philip.

Thursday 10 February 2011 – Gisburn Prime Sheep

A very positive entry of 771 prime sheep all of good quality to Gisburn Auction's Thursday market was seen with an average of 179p/kg or £72.00 per head. Best quality lambs from JV Fox, Withgill for his best Beltex lambs at £99.00 per head and best Texel types achieving £90.00 per head from RJ Lambert, Wigglesworth. Export type lambs very good to sell between 38kg to 42kg regularly selling between 190p/kg to 210p/kg. Mule lambs were also good to sell topping at £80.00 per head and averaging 175p/kg. Horned lambs topped at £72.00 per head and averaged 170p/kg.

A good entry of ewes also met a rising trade with lowland ewes at £100.00 per head and some very good quality horned ewes reaching £90.00 per head. Rams topped at £95.00 per head and lean ewes being trade of the day also very good to sell.

Please don't forget the Hill Hogg Show & Sale this Thursday 17th February and also our Prime Pairs Competition the following Thursday 24th February. If you have any questions then please contact the auctioneer.

Monday 14 February 2011 – Prime Hogs

A good entry of prime hogs greeted by a strong audience of buyers for all types was seen this Monday with an excellent trade and positive lift in price and an excellent overall average of 190p/kg or £76.40 per head. Regular Texel hogs between 38kg to 42kg were regularly between 190p/kg to 220p/kg. Mule lambs were also good to sell with a pen of 24 from Messrs EW & JR Parkinson, Dunsop Bridge selling to £78.00 per head and topping at £80.00 per head from J Mellin, Long Preston. Mules regularly £30.00 to £40.00 per head over their weight. Horned hogs also good to sell topping at £79.00 per head averaging 170p/kg.

Ewes were up in numbers and also met a very good trade. Lowland ewes topped at £130.00 per head, whilst horned ewes topped at £70.00 per head, rams reached £89.00 per head and with lean ewes being very good to sell. For any further information on Monday's green market please contact the auctioneer.

Prime Hogs – Saturday 12 February 2011

Gisburn Auction Mart sold the first sheep with lambs at foot of the season, on Saturday 12 February, which met with a solid trade in spite of a weekend of rain! Topping the market of the 50 outfits forward was Diane Waddington of Blacko, with a Suffolk x S hearling with twins at £190 and a 2 crop Vendeen with twins at £178. Texels with twins averaged £170 and with singles averaged £142. Mules with twins were topped by SJ Burton, Pateley Bridge at £170 and averaged £152. Lleyen ewes with twins from the same home sold to £175 and averaged £169.

In lamb ewes were far better to sell than the previous fortnight with all classes finding pastures new, some as far away as Scarborough. Shaun Roberts, Clitheroe achieved top price in the Texel shearlings at £178 scanned for twins. Highlight of the day was a tremendous run of 100 tight skinned Texel x ewes from K Alderson, Ainsworth, which topped at £164 for April 2-4 shear lambers scanned with twins, down to £122 for broken mouthed. John Wood, Wiswell held the final part of his flock dispersal sale with Horsfield bred hogs, scanned to the Suffolk,

averaging £143. Store hogs sold to £69.50 for Texel crosses from Rob Earnshaw, and to £65.50 for Suffolk crosses.

Auctioneers: Richard Turner and Sons

Ladies Day at Gisburn Auction Mart on Saturday 12 February included cash prizes for the top priced females in three sections.

K & C Hird Ltd, Colne won the In-Calf Heifer prize with his Limousin x heifer at £1,060. DM & RE Capstick, Swinden Moor claimed the prize in the Heifer under 24 months with a 21 month old Blonde D'Aquitaine x at £980. T Robinson & Sons, Slaidburn achieved highest priced heifer under 12 months with a 7½ month old Blue at £755. The fortnightly Guy Machinery vouchers were awarded to Messrs Robinson, Cockerham with their Limousin x Bulls at £698. The heifer prize was claimed by Geoff Blezard with 3 Limousin x at £930 and the steer prize by A & T Smith, Dutton with 3 Simmental x at £682.

Other highlights included a 5 year old Limousin Bull from Bernard and Margaret Slater at £1,400. Andrew Bethell, Brindle dominated the top prices in the cows and calves firstly with a 2004 born Blue Cow by Netherwood Umpire out of Ridgedean Rona. She sold with her Limousin x heifer calf at foot for £1,740. Next at £1,540, her daughter by Bringlee Volkawagon with her Limousin x heifer calf at foot. Other commercial outfits from the same home sold in excess of £1,300.

James Law, Stacksteads made the difficult decision to disperse his herd of aged Limousin x Angus cows which sold five to seven months in-calf to the Limousin bull topping at £820.

Messrs. Capstick, Swinden Moor, Hellfield commanded a wide audience with their 14 Blonde x Blue heifers fit for service, topping at £980 (av £864) going to a number of well reputed commercial herds in the north west. Messrs. Robinson, Catlow Farm, Slaidburn also found a wide audience for their 18 Blue x 7mo bulls, steers & heifers topping at £800. Gisburn Market Saturday Cattle sales are starting earlier at 10.30am from 12 March to cater for increased entries, Vendors are requested to phone entries through so the auctioneers can advise regular and non local buyers.

Gisburn Prime Sheep Sale Thursday 3 February 2011

This Thursday saw a good entry of prime sheep forward for sale totalling 726 head. A good firm trade for hogs of all types held throughout the sale finishing up at 173p/kg or 5p/kg up on last weeks trade. Export type Texel hogs between 38kgs and 42kgs selling very easily with strong competition regularly finding 190p/kg to 205p/kg. A good entry of butchers lambs were forward with the best coming from M Barnes, Fence with some outstanding shaped Beltex lambs selling for £105.00 per head or 210p/kg. His 44kg Beltex hogs selling to A Birtwistle & Son of Worsley. Achieving the best pence per kilo on the day was also Mr Barnes hitting 244p/kg for his 38kg Beltex hogs again selling to A Birtwistle & Son. Also standing out from the crowd was Mr BT Breaks from Newton in Bowland with his 46kg Beltex hogs achieving top price of the day at £106.00 per head or 230p/kg.

Mule lambs sold well generally £30 to £35 above their weight with top price from F Carr of Malham and 183p/kg from H Horsfield & Sons. Horned hogs also found homes at a good price generally £27 to £30 over their weight. Horned hogs topped at £64.50 per head or 174p/kg. With a lot of heavy hogs coming forward and a standard price being given means the overall average is skewed downward because of this. Also worth mentioning was a good entry of lightweight inside fed hogs from J Shorrocks of Cliviger weighing 33kgs at £62.00 per head or 187.00p/kg.

Cast ewes again were a very buoyant trade and good to sell on the day with Mule ewes regularly at £72.00 to £75.00 per head. Best Texels at £100.00 per head and Best Horned ewes at £65.00 per head. Rams topped at £99.00 per head and averaged £75.00 per head. With ewe trade expected to pick up over the next fortnight any scanned geld ewes will be worth marketing.

Please don't forget next weeks Hill Hogg Show & Sale and the following week Prime Pairs Competition. If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact the auctioneer.