

Saturday 26 March

There was a distinct lack of youth in the sheep yard at Gisburn Auction Mart on Saturday, but the ewes (many needing teeth) with lambs at foot sold very well indeed. Top price in Texel's with twins was a 3 crop from S Ratcliffe, Oswaldtwistle at £202 (averaging £174.85). The same vendor had the highest price Texel's with singles again with a 3 crop at £155 (averaged £118).

Brian Fawcett's in lamb mule shearlings sold to £135 and his 3 crop mules to £138. Godfrey Haygarth's Dalesbred gimmer hoggs were keenly bid to £60. Store hoggs sold well, reflecting the current fat trade: Texel's £81 (averaging 69.59) Charollais £75 (average £70.50) Lonk £64 (average £58).

The next sale is on Saturday 9th of April, when we hope to have some younger sheep on offer as well as our old lasses!

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St Patrick's Day Parade – Thursday 17 March 2011

NO RAIN ON THE PARADE!!

There were 203 suckler bred and dairy bred stirks and young store cattle forward, the majority of which ranged in aged between six and ten months old, following the sale of calves on Thursday. Feeders from Norfolk and Wales, together with local farmer buyers ensured a good trade throughout, many exceeding vendor's expectations and a total clearance.

Huge thanks to Peter Fox, Withgill who had the unenviable job of judging in the pens, but chose a shapey red roan British Blue Heifer from S Pearce, Northowram as Champion, which went onto sell for £600 to W M S (Norfolk Ltd).

Edward Hollingworth, Middleton was pleased to receive his guinness on St Patrick's Day for the Reserve Champion, a Limousin x Steer which sold for £710 again going down to Norfolk.

Top price of the day and also going to Norfolk was £810 for a Blue x Steer from DM & RE Capstick, Swinden Moor.

STIRKS	Steers Top price (£)	Ave (£)	Heifers Top price (£)	Ave (£)
British Blue	810 DM & RE Capstick	528	725 DM & RE Capstick	455
Limousin	710 ER Hollingworth & Son	506	620 S Pearce	456
Baz			690 J Bosworth	603
Bax	710 DM & RE Capstick	505	670 DM & RE Capstick	442
Sax			485 P & C Holdings	485
Simmental	385 Little Livestock	385	420 GR Bulmer	392
Charolais			605 RM Wilson	492
Hereford			470 P & C Holdings	447
A Angus	605 JA Crocker	503	435 P & C Holdings	403
B & W	480 R & SA Wilson	245	490 GR Bulmer	408

Thursday 17 March 2011 – Pedigree Dairy Show & Sale

Another big entry of cattle at Gisburn's weekly dairy sale met a strong trade for all types of cattle. Topping the commercial cattle was Bargh Bros of Bracewell with a heifer giving 28ltrs selling to Messrs Redmayne of Samlesbury for £2040. A group of nine Dutch & German heifers from Richard Marsden sold well topping at £1720. These heifers are becoming a regular feature of the sale and customers seem well satisfied with their performance. In the pedigree section the honours went to Tom Crook of Houghton with a superb Weeton Jackson heifer out of an excellent 92pts Fowlerbrook Angela. She sold giving 33ltrs to Doug Wallbank of Samlesbury. Taking 2nd prize was Colin Singleton showing a Regancrest Dolman heifer which sold giving 30kg to C F Morton & Sons, Samlesbury. Top price at £2120 was Gordon Beresford with a Jo Decker heifer which was very fresh and fell to regular customer David Shuttleworth. A consignment of in-calf heifers from H Ward, Yew Tree Farm, Brindle made to £1580 also to D Shuttleworth. Top price in-calf heifer came from Malcolm Bretton at £1650 having been served with sexed semen and run with Limousin x Holstein bulls, David Shuttleworth will have to wait and see what comes! 54 dairy were forward and 8 made £2000 or more.

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Photograph: Ian Plews (Cogent Representative), Aubrey Greenhalgh (Judge), Tom Crook (vendor) with Champion heifer.

Spring Show and Sale – Saturday 12 March

Saturdays Spring Show and Sale of Sheep with Lambs at foot, kindly sponsored by Allflex, saw less outfits forward than the previous fortnight but met with a much firmer trade.

Judge Howard James chose Suffolk x ewes with twin month old Beltex x lambs at foot from Anthony Thompson, Foulridge as champions which went onto sell for £185. Reserve Champion and top price for the day went to Thomas Critchley's Texel x ewes with twins at £200.

Mules with twins sold between £128 and £170.

Texel's with twins sold between £126 and £200.

Broken mouth Lleyne ewes with twins sold to £164.

The In – Lamb section was dominated by Arthur Maude, Bradley with his run of 130 powerful Mule hogs which sold to £182 (av £142). In-Lamb Texel x ewes sold to a top of £138 (av £120) and Texel x hogs to £120 (av £100.40). Swaledale Shearlings from Bird and Gott sold to £92 and broken mouth Dalesbred due April to the Blue Faced Leicester to £70

Store hogs sold well, reflecting the current buoyant fat trade topping at £85 (av £65.50) for Texel x and Mules to £80 (av £68.76)

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Spring Show and Sale Saturday 12 March - Store Cattle

Gisburn Auction Mart held their annual Spring Show and Sale of beef breeding and store cattle on Saturday with a good trade and total clearance of 340 cattle forward. Judge Clifford West from Driffield chose British Blues for champion and reserve from T Robinson & Son's, Catlow Farm, Slaidburn herd. Champion heifer realised £1080 to Clifford West and reserve realised £920 to Ian Townson, Clitheroe.

Overall top price of the day went to T Robinson and Son for their 9 month old red Limousin heifer which sold for £1350 to J Mellin, Long Preston to join his summer show team.

Best Cow and Calf Class was won by B & M Slater, Chipping selling to M G K & Y Thompson, Long Preston for £1250, Second prize also sold to M G K & Y Thompson from D G Johnson, Bolton for £1290. Third prize sold to E R Hyde & Son, West Ardsley for £1170, From W Harrison, Longridge

L-R – Judge and Champion Purchaser Clifford West, Allflex Rep Jane Chapman, and Vendor Thomas Robinson with Champion.

Monday 7 March 2011 – Prime Hogs (780 Total)

An excellent show of 643 prime hogs forward to a audience of buyers with an excellent overall average of 205p/kg or £81.50 per head. Hogs were an extremely good trade on the day with Texel types topping at £106 from Procters Farms and a top kilo price of 230.5p/kg also from Procters Farms. All Texel and Cheviot types sold well with export weight types averaging between 200p/kg and 225p/kg giving an excellent overall average. Hill type lambs also sold well with Mule lambs reaching £85 per head from BR Cornthwaite and topping at 200p/kg. Horned lambs topped at £78 per head from T Robinson & Sons with a top kilo price of 205p/kg from J Taylor.

Cast sheep were also a fantastic trade with the best Texels reaching £132 per head. Horned ewes topping at £94 per head and Rams reaching £96 per head. Trade for sheep meat holds strong and sees no signs of dropping.

Please keep hogs coming forward for our new buyers seeking quality hogs and for any further information please contact the auctioneer. Please do not forget our Spring Lamb Show & Sale on Monday 11 April.