

Dairy Cattle

Friday 5th December 2025

On Friday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their monthly sale of 93 Dairy Cattle.

The morning of the sale, a busy entry into the show ring with some outstanding animals forward, a real credit to all vendors. The quality at each sale plus the genuine consistency of honest sound cattle keeps ensuring a packed ringside of buyers.

Topping the sale at £3900 went to a superb Holstein Friesian Heifer calved 1 month, giving 36 litres from Messrs Turnbull, Monks House with the proceeds of this sale going to MND Association with further donations being made since giving a grand total of £5000 overall.

Champion honours went to first time vendors, Skirwith Hall Farms with a very classy strong Black Heifer, 32 days calved and giving 32 litres selling to the judge, Messrs T & M D Beaty, Langhorn Farm, Egremont.

The Reserve Championship was awarded to a beautiful well-presented Dairy Shorthorn Heifer, sweet and correct in the udder giving 36 litres and calved 4 weeks from again first-time customer Messrs P & C A Harrison, Breckney Hill, Northumberland selling to local stockmen Messrs H & E M Hunter & Son, Berrier.

Once again British Friesian cattle attracted customers from all over the country, with Penrith and surrounding areas being noted for producing the very best. Topping the section went to RW & J Bell, Nerewater Farm, Wigton with a second calved cow giving 34 litres and calved four weeks. This animal also received 1st prize in this section, a long wearing cow correct in every way, selling to Mr W H Brass, Low Row for £3,300.

Leading in the averages went to M/s W Williamson, Barrow Moor Farm, Appleby with a run of second calved British Friesian cows, giving 35L only 2 weeks calved achieving £2950, topping at £3000.

In calf Heifers and dry cows comfortably £1800-£2000 but looking the best value on the day topping at £2050 went to M/s DW Cannon & Son, Low Abbey with Holstiens Friesian's due January to the Limousin.

Our next sale will be held on Friday 23rd January 2025, with entries closing prompt 12 noon on Friday 16th January.

Christmas Dairy Show Results

Sponsors: Marsh Commercial & CK Energy

Dairy Shorthorn – Judge: Mr J Hitchen, Halifax

Class 1 – In-milk Heifer

1 st	Lot 46	Messrs P & CA Harrison, Breckney Hill
2 nd	Lot 16	Messrs IRG Collins & Partners, Church Farm
3 rd	Lot 12	Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs

Class 2 – In-milk Cow

1st Lot 11 Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs

2nd Lot 10 Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs

Champion: Lot 46 Messrs P & CA Harrison, Breckney Hill

Reserve: Lot 16 Messrs IRG Collins & Partners, Church Farm

Holstein Friesian – Judge: Mr S Beaty, Egremont**Class 3 – In-milk Heifer**

1st Lot 94 Skirwith Hall Farm

2nd Lot 40 Turnbull Farming, Monks House

Class 4 – In-milk Cow

1st Lot 41 Turnbull Farming, Monks House

Champion: Lot 94 Skirwith Hall Farm

Reserve: Lot 40 Turnbull Farming, Monks House

British Friesian – Judge: Mr C Ellis, Warcop**Class 5 – In-milk Heifer**

1st Lot 53 Mr T Shaw, Lingy Close Road

2nd Lot 55 Mr T Shaw, Lingy Close Road

Class 6 – In-milk Cow

1st Lot 34 Messrs R & J Bell, Nerewater Farm

2nd Lot 36 Messrs R & J Bell, Nerewater Farm

Champion: Lot 34 Messrs R & J Bell, Nerewater Farm

Reserve: Lot 53 Mr T Shaw, Lingy Close Road

Overall Champion: Lot 94 Skirwith Hall Farm

Overall Reserve: Lot 46 Messrs P & CA Harrison, Breckney Hill

Entries are now invited for our next sale on Friday 23rd January 2026, entries close Noon Friday 16th January.

Leading Prices**In-milk Heifers**

Holstein - £3900 Monks House (on behalf of MND Association); £3400, £2800 Skirwith Hall; £2750, £2700 Lingy Close Road; £2650 Mount Clifton; £2600 Langdon Holme; £2300 Church Farm; £2200 Mount Clifton

Dairy Shorthorn - £3400 Breckney Hill; £2700 Church Farm; £2500 Moorriggs

British Friesian - £2600 (2), £2400 Lingy Close Road; £2300, £2200 Causeway Foot Farm

In-milk Cows

British Friesian - £3300, £2800 (2), £2700, £2100, £2050 Nerewater Farm; £3000, £2900 Barrow Moor Farm; £2750 Lamonby Hall; £2600, £2100, £2000 Lingstubs

Holstein - £2900 Monks House; £2050 Walton High Rigg

Dairy Shorthorn - £2300 Lamonby Hall; £2200 Moorriggs

Ayrshire - £2300 Church Farm

Continental - £2200 Lamonby Hall

In-calf Heifers

Holstein - £2050, £1780 Low Abbey; £1820, £1800, £1780, £1700 Kaber Fold

Ayrshire - £2000, £1850, £1780 (2) Low Abbey

British Friesian - £1600, £1500 Lamonby Hall; £1520, £1500 (2) Thornington Farm

Dry Cows

Dairy Shorthorn - £1800 Lamonby Hall

Continental - £1700 Lamonby Hall

Bulling Heifers

Holstein - £1340, £1150 Kaber Fold