

Monthly Dairy Cattle Report

Friday 29th May 2026

On Friday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held our monthly sale of 179 dairy cattle of all classes.

Dairy cattle reached an all-time high at Penrith, with all classes up £300–£400 on the month. A remarkable 15 animals sold in excess of £3,000, topping at £3,900 for Lot 19, a tremendous Montbéliard X Ayrshire X Holstein Friesian heifer from Mr C Dent, Bridge End, Kirkby Thore. A heifer correct in every way and giving 37 litres, she was purchased by Mr H M Dent, Darlington. This consignment of 11 freshly calved ProCross heifers averaged an outstanding £3,200 per head—around £1,000 more than the vendor had anticipated, proving once again the value of selling through the market.

Buyers travelled from across the country, including from as far afield as Hereford, to take advantage of the genuine quality stock on offer at Penrith. All in-milk heifers sold to average a staggering £2,723.58, topping at £3,100 for a long-bodied, hard-working Friesian heifer, only two weeks calved and giving 35 litres, from Messrs R Forrest & Son, Low Rutter. She sold to first-time customers, Messrs Pugh, Hereford.

Leading the averages was Mr D Potter-Wharton, Lime House, Orton, whose four excellent heifers, all correct, square and showing tremendous potential, averaged £2,925, topping at £3,000, with the remaining three making £2,900 per head.

Messrs Williamson, The Howes, brought forward a very consistent consignment of five second-calved cows. All were just 10 days calved and giving around 35 litres, averaging £2,850 and topping at £3,200.

Pure-bred Jerseys sold to phenomenal prices, with a third-calved cow from Messrs J & A G Nicholson, Causeway Foot, Keswick, achieving £1,900. Jersey heifers from Mr Hitchen, Halifax, also reached £1,900.

There was strong demand for in-calf cattle, with British Friesian heifers topping at £2,640 from Messrs H Noble & Son, Sootyhill, selling to Messrs D & S Spence, Leyburn.

Buyers are actively seeking dry cows and cattle six to seven months in-calf for our next sale.

Bulling heifers proved excellent to sell, with a full ringside of buyers ensuring a strong trade throughout. This section topped at £1,760 for a 14-month-old Montbéliard X Swedish Red X Holstein Friesian heifer from Mr C Dent, Kirkby Thore, selling to Mr T Shaw, Dalston. This consignment of 24 averaged a very healthy £1,594.

Overall, it was a highly successful day for all vendors, with several leaving the market having exceeded their expectations by several thousand pounds.

Our next sale will be held on **Thursday 25th June**, a one-off date change due to a wedding. Please ensure all sale entries are submitted in good time!

Leading Prices

In-milk Heifers

Montbéliard - £3900, £3800, £3700, £3000, £2700, £2600 Bridge End

ProCross (Swedish Red X Montbéliard X Holstein Friesian) - £3800, £2900, £2800, £2600 Bridge End

Holstein Friesian - £3400 Bridge End; £3050 New House Farm; £3000 Langdon Holme; £3000, £2650, £2600 Moss Thorn Farm; £2850 Cliburn Hall; £2700, £2550 Cumcatch; £2700 (2), £2550 Broadmeadow Farms; £2600 (2) Melfell View

British Friesian - £3100, £2650, £2600 Low Rutter; £3000, £2900 Nerewater Farm; £3000, £2900 (2) Lime House; £2850 (2) Bog House Farm; £2800 Crib Farm; £2700 Pelutho Park; £2650 Crossrigg Farm; £2500 Moorriggs

Dairy Shorthorn - £2850, £2350 Crib Farm; £2600, £2550 Church Farm

Swedish Red - £2350 Crib Farm

Jersey - £1900 Crib Farm; £1500 Cumcatch

In-milk Cows

British Friesian - £3200, £2950, £2800, £2700, £2600 The Howes; £3150 Lowick Bridge; £2850 Crib Farm; £2750, £2500 Hole House; £2650 (3), £2600, £2500, £2400 (3), £2300, £2250 Low Rutter; £2600, £2500, £2400 Causeway Foot Farm; £2300 Cowlyers Farm; £2250 High House

Holstein Friesian - £3000 Church Farm; £2950, £2700, £2500 Walton High Rigg; £2650 Broadmeadows Farm; £2550 Cowlyers Farm; £2500 Holme Wrangle; £2500 Melfell View

Jersey - £1900 Causeway Foot Farm

In Calf Heifers

British Friesian - £2640 Sootyhill

New Zealand Holstein - £2350, £1800 Cairnhead Farm

In Milk Cow

Dairy Shorthorn - £2100 Holly Hall Farm

Bulling Heifers

Montbéliard - £1760, £1740 (3), £1710, £1680 (2), £1660, £1620, £1580, £1520, £1500 Bridge End

Holstein - £1740, £1520 Bridge End

Ayrshire - £1740 Bridge End

British Friesian - £1700 (5), £1680 (2), £1650 (2), £1600 (2), £1550 (2), £1450 (2), £1420 (2), £1400 (6) Low Rutter; £1550 (2), £1500, £1460 (2), £1450 Lamonby Hall; £1520 Bog House Farm

Fleckvieh - £1700 (2), £1600, £1580 Lamonby Hall

Danish Red - £1700, £1680, £1580 Bridge End

Norwegian Red - £1620 Bridge End; £1550 Lamonby Hall

Dairy Shorthorn - £1520 Bog House Farm