

Rearing Calves & Stirks

Friday 21st August 2026

On Friday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its fortnightly sale of 263 calves and stirks.

From 9am in the morning until 4pm in the afternoon, the buzz around Penrith Auction Mart was electric. Numerous new vendors continue to flock to the Penrith Calf Sale to take advantage of the booming trade, with a ringside packed to the rafters and eager to purchase stock.

There was an exceptional show of quality stirks on offer, with the top price of £2010 achieved for a superb 10-month-old Blue bull from Mr R. Maughan, Asby Mill. This home sold six bulls to average £1765.

Another strong run of bulls from C. T. Parsons, Longtown saw six month - old bulls average £1456.67.

Black & White bullocks soared to £1560, a price achieved by Harrison Livestock, Penny Hill Park.

Once again, the Stobbart Family, Croglin High Hall brought a brilliant run of well-reared 5–6-month-old stirks, selling:

6 bullocks at £1160

6 heifers at £1050

Their full run of 14 averaged £1112.86.

There was also an outstanding show of young calves, with the Sowerby Family, Drybeck stealing the show. They topped at £1170 for a 10-week-old Charolais bull, with their run of seven calves averaging £1045.71.

Aberdeen Angus calves sold to £850 for heifers from Dent's, Bridge End.

Milk calves were a storming trade, with very few selling below £500.

The ring needs more stock — please don't hesitate to get in touch.

The next sale will be held on Friday 4th September at 10am. Please contact Paul Gardner on 07552 589141 to advise entries.

Leading Prices

Bull Stirks

British Blue - £2010, £1780, £1720, £1720 Asby Mill; £1610 Ravenwood; £1410 (2)

Slealands; £1110 (2) Threapthwaite

Aberdeen Angus - £1680 (2) Asby Mill

Continental - £1610 Slealands

Simmental - £1580 Slealands

Limousin - £1530 Ravenwood; £1410 Slealands £1070 Lime House

Charolais - £1320 Slealands; £1110 (2) May Cottage

Galloway - £1310 May Cottage

Heifer Stirks

Charolais - £1380 (2), £1290 Burblethwaite

British Blue - £1250 Threapthwaite Farm; £1160 (2), £1050 (6) Croglin High Hall; £1150

Burblethwaite

Simmental - £1210 (3) Crib Farm

Hereford - £1060, £920 Nook Close

Bullock Stirks

Black & White - £1560, £1350 Penny Hill Park; £1040 (4) Longlands

Simmental - £1440, £1350 Moorside Farm; £1340 (3), £1200 (2) Crib Farm

British Blue - £1400 Moorside Farm; £1160 (6) Croglin High Hall; £1090, £1030 Bridge End Farm

Normande - £1320, £990, £990 Moorside Farm

Aberdeen Angus - £1060 Bridge End Farm

Dairy Shorthorn - £860 (2) Moorside Farm

Bull Calves

Charolais - £1170, £1110 (2), £1000 Townhead Farm

British Blue - £960, £820, £805, £800 Bridge End; £940, £840, £810, £800, £780, £720 (2) Monks House; £930, £780 Annfield Farm; £820, £800, £700 Threapthwaite Farm; £820 (2), £800, £790, £780 Skirwith Hall; £800, £705, £690, £670, £650 Rosewain; £720 Beeches Farm; £650 Wickerslack

Aberdeen Angus - £840, £820, £780, £750 (2), £700, £670 Bridge End; £790 Gaitsgill Hall; £700 Beeches Farm; £650, £590 Moss Thorn Farm; £640, £595, £590, £550 Spittals Farm; £620, £610, £595 Paddock view

Hereford - £780 Annfield Farm

Limousin - £570 High Barn

Holstein - £500 Threapthwaite Farm; £440, £420, £405 (2), £400, £370 (2), £350, £320 (4), £310 Bridge End; £370 Threapthwaite Farm; £305 Gaitsgill Hall; £265 (2) High Oaks Farm

Mont- £495 Knock Cross

Black & White - £360, £350 Low Rutter

Heifer Calves

Charolais - £1130, £1000, £900 Townhead Farm; £700 Moss Thorn farm

British Blue - £850, £750, £720 (2), £640 Bridge End; £840, £710, £700, £690 Skirwith Hall; £835, £810, £800, £630 Threapthwaite Farm; £710, £680 Monks House; £710 Beeches Farm; £600 (4) Rosewain; £600 (2) Wickerslack

Aberdeen Angus - £730 (3), £680 (2), £620, £550 (3) Bridge End; £720, £630 Knock Cross; £650, £580, £540, £530, £500 Spittals Farm; £580 (2), £560, £540, £500 Gaitsgill Hall; £540 Paddock View