

Dairy Cattle

Friday 21st August 2026

On Friday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held our Late Summer Show and Sale of 204 Dairy Cattle.

The pre-sale show was kindly sponsored by Shire Leasing and Lloyd's Animal Feeds.

What a tremendous day it was — a packed sale ring, exceptional quality throughout, and returns to match. We would like to thank both vendors and purchasers for their continued support, which helps make this sale as popular as it is. We now look forward to our next sale on Friday 18th September.

We had cattle forward earlier in the day, providing strong quality in all show classes. Overall, Champion was awarded to Messrs Awde, Broadmeadows with an excellent Holstein Friesian heifer — correct in every way, with an outstanding udder. She went on to realise £3,600, purchased by Messrs R. Brough, Langfauld.

A cow that really stood out in the ring was Lot 16A, a second-calved Holstein Friesian giving 35 litres, calved 41 days, from first-time vendors Messrs W & M Miller, Jenkins Cross, Wigton. She achieved 1st place in her class and was also purchased by Messrs R. Brough for £3,400. This home brought forward four young cows and heifers, averaging £2,962.50.

A tremendous offering of British Friesian cattle attracted strong interest from across the county. Champion honours in this class went to monthly consignors Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm with a superb third-calved cow giving 32 litres, calved 17 days, selling to Mr I Askew, Raw Head Farm.

Another standout entry — not shown in front of the judge — was a very honest, naturally correct heifer from Mr D Potter-Wharton, Lime House, Orton, achieving £3,450 and selling to Messrs T J & J M Powley, Blands Farm. This consignment achieved the highest average of £3,133.33.

There was plenty of demand for all cross-bred animals, attracting customers from across the country, including as far afield as East Sussex. Topping this section was an Ayrshire-cross heifer from Mr C Dent, Kirkby Thore, giving 34 litres and achieving £3,500, selling to Mr H. M. Dent.

Young stock were in shorter supply this month, but nonetheless Messrs Forrest, Low Rutter sold 3–4-month-old British Friesian heifer calves to £720 for a pen of five, followed by two further pens of six at £690.

Show Results

Dairy Shorthorn

The judging of the Dairy Shorthorn classes was in the capable hands of Mr A Bellas, Appleby, who awarded the following: -

Class 1 – In-milk Heifer

- 1st** Lot 1, Tahuna Aster 8 D E Jackson, Firbank
2nd Lot 47, Dairy Shorthorn X from Messrs JM & J Fisher & Daughters, Holmewrangle

Class 2 – In-milk Cow

- 1st** Lot 37, Moorriggs Sparkle 37, a second calver from Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs

Champion – The first prize heifer, Tahuna Aster 8 D E Jackson, Firbank

Reserve Champion – The first prize cow, Moorriggs Sparkle 37 from Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs

Holstein Friesian

The judging of the Holstein Friesian classes was in the capable hands of Mr A Spedding, Kirklington, who awarded the following: -

Class 3 – In-milk Heifer

- 1st** Lot 3, Broadmeadows Adorable Ali 2, from Messrs Awde, Broadmeadows
2nd Lot 4, Newtonmoss Algeria Snowdrift 4, from Messrs Fisher, Moss Thorns Farm

Class 4 – In-milk cow

- 1st** Lot 16, a second calver from W & M Miller, Jenkins Cross
2nd Lot 20, Cliburnhall Doc Nancy 2, a third calver from Messrs JD Bowness, Cliburn Hall

Champion – The First prize heifer Broadmeadows Adorable Ali 2, from Messrs Awde, Broadmeadows

Reserve Champion – The first prize second calved cow from W & M Miller, Jenkins Cross

British Friesian

The judging of the British Friesian classes was in the capable hands of Mr F Beard, Roweltown, who awarded the following: -

Class 5 – In-milk Heifer

- 1st** Lot 42, Nerewater Cath 28, from Messrs RW & J Bell, Nerewater Farm
2nd Lot 67, from Messrs JN & FC Walker, Harrington Parks Farm

Class 6 – In-milk cow

- 1st** Lot 6, a third calved cow from Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm
2nd Lot 5, a second calved cow from Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm

Champion - The First prize second calved cow from Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm

Reserve Champion - The First prize heifer Nerewater Cath 28, from Messrs RW & J Bell, Nerewater Farm

Overall Champion – Lot 3, Broadmeadows Adorable Ali 2, from Messrs Awde, Broadmeadows

Overall Reserve Champion – Lot 6, a second calved cow from Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm

Our next sale will be held on Friday 18th September, entries close noon Friday 11th September.

Leading Prices

In-milk Heifers

Holstein - £3600 Broadmeadows Farm; £3200, £2550, £2500 (2) Bridge End; £3150 Moss Thorn Farm; £3000, £2800 Jenkins Cross; £3000 (2), £2900, £2800 (3), £2600 Lingy Close Road; £2800, £2500 Mount Clifton

Ayrshire- £3500 Bridge End; £3050, £2550, £2400 Mount Clifton

Friesian- £3450, £2850 Lime House; £2950, £2800, £2400 Nerewater Farm; £2800 Crib Farm; £2700 Harrington Parks Farm; £2400 Lodge Farm; £2300 Moorriggs

Dairy Shorthorn - £3100 Lime House; £2300 Holme Wrangler

Continental- £2500 Bridge End

Mont- £2300 Bridge End

Jersey- £1600 Lingy Close Road

In-milk Cows

Holstein - £3400, £2650 Jenkins Cross; £2700, £2300 Mellfell View; £2600 Windyhill Farm; £2500 Cliburn Hall; £2300 New House Farm; £2300 Langdon Holme.

British Friesian - £3300, £3100, £2000 Lowick Bridge Farm; £2700, £2400 (2), £2100, £2000, £1900(2) Low Rutter; £2150 Harrington Parks Farm, £2050 Windyhill Farm, £1900 Lodge Farm

Dairy Shorthorn - £2500 Moorriggs

Heifer Calves

Friesian- £720 (5), £710, £690 (12), £680, £520 (7) Low Rutter

Bulling Heifers

British Friesian- £1400 Penny Hill Park; £1350 Harrington Parks Farm

Continental- £1400, £1280, £1200 Bridge End

Holstein - £1370 Bridge End

Dry Cows

Friesian- £2350, £2050, £1850 Low Rutter

In-calf Heifer

Friesian- £2050 (2), £2000 (2) Harrington Parks Farm

Ayrshire- £2000, £1800 (5) Yew Tree Farm