

Rearing Calves & Stirks

Friday 7th August 2026

On Friday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its fortnightly sale of 267 calves and stirks.

A tremendous entry of 235 calves and stirks met another exceptional trade at Penrith, with strong demand evident throughout the sale. Seeing is believing, and vendors are encouraged to come and witness this buoyant trade for themselves. Eight-week-old Charolais-cross bull calves sold to £1,100 for H. & E. M. Hunter & Son, Cape Farm. The day's top price of £1,580 was achieved by a 14-month-old Limousin bull from R. G. & T. B. Wilson, Scales Farm. Close behind were 11-month-old British Blue bullocks from M. Tyson, Fox Tower View, which realised £1,520. Olivia Robinson sold 11-month-old Charolais heifers to £1,370. Stirks changed hands readily, with bulls of all classes particularly sought after to meet current demand. The calf trade was equally impressive, with numerous lots exceeding the £1,000 mark.

Messrs Stobart of Croglin High Hall sold an excellent run of twelve five-month-old stirks, topping at £1,140 for four bullocks and averaging £1,005.

Much greater numbers are needed to fulfil the strong ringside demand here in Penrith. The next sale will be held on Friday 24th July at 10am. Please contact Paul Gardner on 07552 589141 to advise entries.

Leading Prices

Bull Stirks

Limousin X – £1580, £1460 Scales Farm; £1400 Fox Tower View; £1220 Macey Bank; £1190, £940 Cowlyers Farm

British Blue- £1520, £1500 (2) Fox Tower View; £1470, £1370 (2) Benty Close Farm; £1290 (2), £1180 (4) Asby Mill; £1220 (3) Burblethwaite Farm

Aberdeen Angus- £1310 Macey Bank; £1110 Asby Mill; £1010, £980 Blacksyke Farm

Meuse Rhine Issel- £980 Cowlyers Farm

Holstein- £610 Parkside Road; £500 Skirwith Abbey

Black & White- £590, £540, £515 (7) Low Rutter

Heifer Stirks

Holstein- £1430 Skirwith Abbey

Charolais X- £1370 (2) Burblethwaite

British Blue- £1300 (4) Burblethwaite; £1230 (2) Fox Tower View

Aberdeen Angus – £1240, £1190 (7) Plumpton Foot

Limousin- £1200 Macey Bank

Hereford X- £1190 (2) Plumpton Foot

Bullock Stirks

Holstein- £690 Low Rutter; £600 The Beeches

Black & White- £690 (4) Low Rutter

Bull Calves

Charolais X- £1100 Cape Farm

British Blue - £1020, £990, £970 (2) £670 (2) Petteril Side; £930 (2), £860, £830, £720 (2) Monks House; £1010, £710 (2), £610 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £700 Clarks Farm; £640 Skirwith Abbey; £605 (3) Wickerslack

Aberdeen Angus - £800, £720, £680 (2), £620 (2) Southwaite Farm; £700 Melfell View; £700, £650 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £700 Petteril Side

Beef Shorthorn- £620 Nether Colinhirst

Hereford X - £610 Nether Colinhirst

Limousin X - £565, £510 High Barn

Holstein - £470 (2), £425, £400, £350 The Harras; £350 Bank View

Black & White - £430, £390 Nether Colinhirst; £420 Lodge Farm; £400 (6) Low Ruttter; £365 (2) Clarks Farm

Dairy Shorthorn- £290 Cape Farm; £220 (2) Holme Wrangle

Heifer Calves

British Blue - £955 (5), £910 (3) Croglin High Hall; £770, £580 The Harras; £700 (2) Melfell View; £700 Monks House; £690 (2), £550, £570 (2), £620 Petteril Side; £650 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £630, £560 Clarks Farm

Aberdeen Angus - £590 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £530 (2) Southwaite Farm; £510 Skirwith Abbey; £500 Petteril Side; £500 Clarks Farm

Limousin X - £550, £500 Grange Farm; £520 High Barn

Hereford X - £510 Woodhouse

Bullock Calves

British Blue- £1140 (4) Croglin High Hall