

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP – Monthly Dairy Sale Report

Friday 24th July 2026

On Friday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its monthly sale of dairy cattle, with an outstanding entry of 241 head of dairy cattle of all classes.

This was our largest entry to date, with vendors travelling from as far afield as Inverness-shire and Halifax, alongside strong support from vendors across the whole of Cumbria. Holstein cows topped the sale at £3,000 for an excellent second-calved cow from C Scott & E Harryman, Low Farm. Calved just 29 days, she was currently yielding 38 litres and attracted strong bidding.

Second-calved British Friesian cows from our regular supporters, Messrs Livesey, Lowick Bridge Farm, also met with keen demand.

Heifers reached £3,000 on three occasions from Mr C Dent, Bridge End, with a very honest run of ProCross heifers. All were 2-3 weeks calved and yielding well in excess of 30 litres, with the consignment averaging an impressive £2,860.

A quality consignment of Holstein heifers from Mr D Graham, Greenah Cragg, currently milking through the robot at 36 litres, sold to a top of £3,000, with the leading animal purchased by Messrs Connell, Grange Farm.

Over 70 dry cows were forward and attracted tremendous interest throughout. Trade topped at £2,750 for a second-calved cow from first-time vendors Messrs A & G Innes, Inverness-shire. Due in early August to the Aberdeen Angus, she sold to Messrs KA & PJ Woodman & Son, Hill House, while others from the same consignment closely followed at £2,700.

The Innes family also sold 20 in-calf heifers, carrying calves to either sexed semen or the Aberdeen Angus and due to calve at the end of August. They regularly achieved £2,400-plus, with the top price reaching £2,700.

Bulling heifers proved exceptionally popular, topping at £1,650 from Messrs W Williamson, Barrowmoor, with an excellent run of well-bred British Friesians. Others sold to £1,600, with the top purchaser being Mr T Shaw.

Messrs R Forrest & Son, Low Rutter, sold a consignment of 31 British Friesian heifer stirks, averaging a very positive £817. The trade peaked at £1,020 for a pen of four, with plenty of others selling in excess of £900.

Our next sale will be held on Friday 21st August and will feature our Late Summer Show & Sale. Entries for this sale close on Friday 14th August, and we look forward to another strong catalogue.

Leading Prices

In-milk Heifers

Holstein Friesian - £3000, £2800 Bridge End; £3000 Greenah Cragg; £2700, £2600 Crib Farm; £2700, £2500 Broadmeadows Farm

Montbeliarde - £3000, £2500 Bridge End

ProCross (Swedish Red X Montbéliarde X Holstein Friesian) - £3000 Bridge End

British Friesian - £2900, £2600, £2400, £2300 Crib Farm; £2700 Causeway Foot Farm; £2550, £2400, £2350 Lime House

Dairy Shorthorn - £2700 Holme Wrangle; £2500 Crib Farm

In-milk Cows

Holstein - £3000 Low Farm (Scott & Harryman); £2700 Walton High Rigg; £2300 Greenah Cragg

British Friesian - £2850, £2100 Lowick Bridge Farm; £2800, £2700 Barrowmoor Farm; £2600, £2400, £2200, £2150, £2100 (3), £2000 (4) Low Rutter; £2050 (2) Lodge Farm

In-calf Heifers

Holstein - £2700, £2600, £2550, £2500 (2), £2350, £2300 (2), £2200 Meikle Urchany Farm

Ayrshire - £1650, £1500 Thornfield Avenue

Dry Cows

Holstein - £2750, £2700, £2200, £2150, £2000 (3) Meikle Urchany Farm; £2000 Low Rutter

British Friesian - £2200 (5), £2150, £2100, £2050, £2000 (5) Low Rutter

Bulling Heifers

British Friesian - £1650, £1600, £1550 Barrowmoor Farm; £1440 Lamonby Hall

Dairy Shorthorn X Holstein - £1620, £1480, £1370 (2) Lamonby Hall

Montbeliarde - £1500 (3), £1480 (2), £1450 Bridge End

ProCross (Swedish Red X Montbeliarde X Holstein Friesian) - £1500, £1460 Bridge End

Holstein Friesian - £1460 Bridge End

Dairy Stirks

British Friesian - £1020 (4), £960 (4), £920, £840 (4), £770 (4), £750 (4), £740 (4) Low Rutter