

OTM Cattle

Monday 3rd August

On Monday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its fortnightly sale of 54 cast cows.

While cattle prices have fallen across the country, with deadweight firms in particular making significant reductions, the live ring continues to demonstrate its value. All classes met a trade mirroring our previous sale, with not one cow selling for a penny less—once again proving that competition is key to successful sales and marketing. Messrs H W & J Birbeck, Castle Hill, sold three perfectly fed cows to average £2,368.47, or 321p/kg. The consignment peaked at £2,754.32 for a seven-year-old Limousin-cross Blue cow weighing 873kg, purchased by Mr D Barker.

Cast bulls followed closely, peaking at £2,727.91 for a seven-year-old Holstein stock bull from Messrs H & EM Hunter & Son, Berrier, weighing 1,139kg, it sold for 239.5p/kg.

Black and White cows reached an impressive £2,276.26 for a ten-year-old British Friesian from Messrs R Forrest & Son, Low Rutter. Weighing 916kg, it sold to Mr G Chapman. The same home sold lighter-weight cows to 250.5p/kg, while Messrs E & AE Harrison, Woodhouse, also achieved 250.5p/kg with a Holstein Friesian sold straight from the parlour.

Feeding cows sold exceptionally well, with Mr P Wilson, The Wath, selling a first-cross British Blue cow weighing 689kg for £1,911.98, or 277.5p/kg.

All classes are strongly required to meet demand here at Penrith. Please do not hesitate to sell through the live ring: open competition delivers premium prices without dictation.

Leading Prices

Cast Cows p/kg

Limousin – 333.5, 316.5, 315.5 Castle Hill; 311.5 North Dyke Farm; 304.5 Old Parks; 285.5 Crosby Lodge.

Blonde- 301.5 Old Parks.

Charolais- 278.5 Broomhill; 251.5 Scales Farm.

Black & White- 253.5, 248.5, 221.5 Low Rutter; 250.5 Woodhouse; 243.5 Street Head; 242.5 South View; 239.5, 227.5, 227.5 Bongate Moor; 227.5 Wickerslack; 227.5 Winter Cragg.

Aberdeen Angus – 252.5 North Dyke Farm; 247.5 Broomhill.

Montbeliarde – 250.5 Bongate Moor.

British Shorthorn- 247.5 Crosby Lodge

Luining- 237.5 Winter Cragg.

British Blue- 227.5 The Wath; 260.5 Scales Farm.

Cast Cows £/head

Limousin – £2754.52, £2193.35, £2157.75 Castle Hill; £2376.75 North Dyke; £2209.77, £1770.06 Crosby Lodge; £2128.46 Old Parks.

Friesian- £2276.26, £1904.90, £1548.89, £1519.81 Low Rutter; £1961.83, £1534.99 South View; £1891.28, £1694.55 Woodhouse; £1865.71 Low Moor; £1865.21 Street Head; £1797.25, £1482.21 Wickerslack; £1615.25, £1499.23 Bongate Moor; £1435.50 Clarks Farm.

Blonde- £2333.61 Old Parks; £1786.95 Scales Farm.

Aberdeen Angus - £2110.90 North Dyke Farm; £1663.20 Broomhill.

Charolais X- £2046.98 Broomhill; £166.42 Scales Farm.

Montbeliarde - £2054.10 Bongate Moor.

British Blue –£1911.98 The Wath; £1729.72 Scales Farm; £1633.89 Broomhill.

Luining-£1831.13 Winter Cragg.

Shorthorn – £1608.75 Crosby Lodge.

Brown Swiss - £1376.94 Catterlen Hall;

Cast Bulls p/kg

Ayrshire –237.5 Bowness Farm; 239.5 Cape Farm.

Limousin –231.5 Bowness Farm.

Cast Bulls £/head

Holstein- £2727.91 Cape Farm.

Limousin X- £1639.02 Bowness Farm.

Prime Cattle

Monday 3rd August 2026

On Monday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its fortnightly sale of prime cattle.

Prime bulls were in short supply. The leading bull, a 1,022kg Charolais from Messrs R W & A J Jackson, Clarks Farm, sold to Mr A Jarvis for £3,142.65.

Well-fed Limousin heifers peaked at £2,477.68, or 347.5p/kg. The leading 713kg heifer, consigned by Mr D Raine, Old Parks, sold to R Pearson Wholesale Butchers, Bradford.

Dairy-bred heifers peaked at 343.5p/kg, with a Limousin-cross heifer from Messrs J Stalker, Ratten Castle, realising £2,012.91.

Leading Prices

Prime Bulls p/kg

Charolais—307.5 Clarks Farm.

Simmental - £347.5, 337.5 Manor Farm.

Prime Bulls £/head

Charolais x- £3142.65 Clarks Farm.

Simmental— £2390.80, £2153.25 Manor Farm.

Prime Heifers p/kg

Limousin – 347.5, 338.5 Old Parks; 343.5 Ratten Castle.

Prime Heifers £/head

Limousin – £2477.68, £2393.20 Old Parks; £2012.91 Ratten Castle.

British Blue- £1773.10 Ratten Castle.