

FORTHCOMING SALES



Wednesday 17 January

"DALESBRED DAY"

Show & Sale of

DALESBRED PRIME HOGGS

Prizes: 1st - £30 2nd - £20 3rd - £10
& Rosettes

Kindly sponsored by

The Dalesbred Sheep Breeders Assoc.

Pens of 10 - To be Penned by 3pm.

Wednesday 21st February

DALESBRED SINGLE SHEEP SALE

Annual Sale of Single Breeding Sheep

On Behalf of

The Dalesbred Sheep Breeders Assoc

FORTHCOMING SALES

Tuesday 9th January

New Year Sale of Store Cattle, Feeding Bulls & Breeding Cattle

Entries for Catalogue Close 2nd January

Tuesday 30th January

1st Winter Sale of IN LAMB BREEDING SHEEP

Early Entries Invited

Wednesday 31st January

"SWALEDALE SHOW" Prize Show & Sale of SWALEDALE PRIME HOGGS

Rosettes and Prizes donated by
The Swaledale Sheep Breeders Assoc
Pens of 10 - To be Penned by 3pm

Bentham Auction Mart



**Last Sale of 2006
Finishes on a high
Record Amount of Sheep**

8,327

WEEKLY NEWS

w/e 30th December 2006

EVERY WEDNESDAY

20-35 Dairy Cattle 11.00 am

100-200 Rearing Calves 12.00 noon

3,500-6,500 Prime/Store & Lightweight

Lambs, Feeding & Cast Ewes **4.30 pm**

Auctioneer: Stephen J Dennis

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Auctioneers & Secretaries:

RICHARD TURNER & SON

Royal Oak Chambers

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GORDON CAPSTICK'S TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

Stephen bullied me into putting a few words together, having just been on a month's tour of South America. It was a sight-seeing and agricultural tour of Brazil, Argentina, & Chile. My one aim was to see beef production. While in Argentina we visited a cattle market right in the middle of Buenos Aires, a 32ha site with a capacity of 37,000 cattle. The day we were there 12,500 were sold. They had to be there by 6.30 the night before, had water but no food. The sale started at 10 and lasted 2 hours, conducted by 53 auctioneers. All animals were slaughter stock for the local domestic market. This happens 5 days a week! I was looking for tags, assurance & passports. Some were tagged, some not. The farm they were born on is the one they leave for slaughter. We would not call them fat, just decent stores. They do have documentation from the farm they come from but not as individuals. Argentina has a massive area of land called Pampas, once all grassland used for cattle breeding & rearing. Now most of it is ploughed and used for growing Soya, Wheat & Maize. One farm we visited, 3000 ha, used to have 5000 cows, but is now down to 500. Beef is no longer profitable. The government, intent on keeping the domestic prices low, has slapped on export tariffs. In the South of Argentina, in an area called Patagonia, there is very little rainfall. Sheep is the only option here and stocking is about 5ha per sheep! One farm we visited of 5000 ha was fully stocked with 1400 sheep, only 700 of which were lambed. The wethers were kept for 6 years to produce wool (they were mostly merinos) then sold for meat. We traveled on through the Andes to Chile, a nice country. There was a lot of fruit & vegetables grown in the river valleys. There were also some quite big beef & dairy farms all working with tackle we were using 30 years ago. Both Argentina & Chile have suffered serious political problems & rampant inflation. They dare not but anything on credit. If they don't have the cash, they don't buy. They all know Tesco and say they try to screw them down and other countries are better to deal with. The Beef farmers do not have a NBA or NFU to fight their corner. I was assured that double tagging & passports were in the pipeline. We do have a lever with the Supermarkets with our tracability. If we didn't have it Mr Tesco would be paying us the same price as them 50p/kg.

Sale Report

Wednesday 27th December, 2006

EVENING SALE OF PRIME, LIGHT WEIGHT & STORE HOGGS, LAMBS & FEEDING & CAST SHEEP

8327 Forward

FEEDING & CAST SHEEP

2665 Forward

Cont Ewes	59.50	C S Hewitt, Tatham
Suf Ewes	55.00	A Warin, Harden
Mule Ewes	55.00	A Warin, Harden
Hrd Ewes	30.00	R Lawson, Newbiggin
Polled Rams	57.00	L Oliver, County Durham
Homed Rams	25.00	W I & A M Atkinson, Bleasdale
Goats	17.50	JW Dixon, Dent

LAMBS

5662 Forward

Over 36kg – Top Price

Ctl	£55.20	Messrs Coates, Stainforth
Suffolk	£48.50	T & JM Sedgwick
Mule	£46.50	R M Wilson, Horton in Ribblesdale
Hrd	£45.00	G H Rawcliffe, Houghton

Over 36kg – Top Price Per Kilo

Ctl	£1.19	Messrs Coates, Stainforth
Suffolk	£1.10	A & C M Taylor, Tatham
Mule	£1.02	H Raw, Eastburn
Hrd	£1.07	L M Braithwaite, Chipping

Under 36kg – Top Price

Ctl	£43.00	P G McEvoy, Austwick
Suffolk	£38.00	JM & D E Wood
Mule	£35.20	A A & I M Smith, Coldcotes
Hrd	£34.80	JR Handley, Hevlesham

Under 36kg – Top Price Per Kilo

Ctl	£1.19	S Park, Halton
Suffolk	£1.06	JM & D E Wood
Mule	£1.00	S Park, Halton
Hrd	£1.00	JH Sharp & Son, Chapel le Dale

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DAIRY CATTLE - 11 Forward

	Top Price	Av	Top Price From:
N/C Cows	£880	£783	C E & M Middleton
N/C Hfs	£1100	£920	J & M Whitfield & Sons

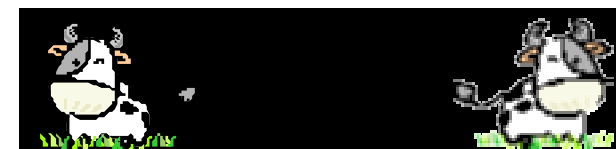
REARING CALVES - 10 Forward

	Top Price	Av	Top Price From:
3 BBx Bulls	£180.00	£161.67	G Metcalfe & Son
6 BBx Hfs	£165.00	£136.67	G Metcalfe & Son
1 BA Hfs	£160.00	-	JE & A C Clarke

Highest Value Calf Competition sponsored by



Date	Name	Br	£	Purchaser
Nov 06	JE & A C Clarke	LB	280	C Baxter
Dec 06	T W Nelson	BBB	300	J A Broadley



CALF EXPORT COLLECTION

Entries are presently being taken
for Monday 15th January
Closing Date for this day will be at
noon on Thursday 4th January