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# Markethill Mart Cattle Sales Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012

Cattle trade was generally steady with **cull cow** prices exceptionally strong from all classes. **Dairy stock** sold to £1880 for a calved heifer from a Kilkeel farmer, Markethill farmer calved heifer £1820, £1680. Kilkeel farmer calved heifer £1800. Several more from £1240 to £1650.

The **110 cull cows** sold in an exceptionally good demand. **Heavy cows** to £165.40 for 810k at £1340 followed by £161 for 710k at £1145. Main demand from £135 to £150 per 100 kilos. **Fleshed friesians** to £1100 for 880k (125) and up to £140.40 for 680k at £955. Main demand from £120 to £135 per 100 kilos. **Cows/heifers** from £150 to £175 for 580k at £1015.

**Second quality friesian cows** were mostly purchased for further feeding from £100 to £118 per 100 kilos. The poorest types sold readily from £66 to £88 per 100 kilos.

**Aged bulls** to £119 for 990k

### CULL COWS

Whitecross farmer 810k £1340 £165.40; Markethill farmer 710k £1145 £161.30; Whitecross farmer 710k £1145 £161.30; Loughgilly farmer 600k £900 £150.00; Collone farmer 570k £820 £143.85; Newry farmer 610k £875 £143.40; Newtownhamilton farmer 880k £1240 £140.90; Lisburn farmer 580k £815 £140.50; Mowhan farmer 680k £950 £139.70; Portadown farmer 630k £880 £139.70;

### Friesian cull cows

Banbridge farmer 680k £955 £140.40; Middletown farmer 650k £895 £137.70; Newry farmer 540k £740 £137.05; Middletown farmer 650k £880 £135.40; Armagh farmer 680k £880 £129.40; Banbridge farmer 640k £825 £128.90; Portadown farmer 630k £810 £128.60; Armagh farmer 690k £885 £128.30; Portadown farmer 720k £920 £127.80; Newry farmer 610k £770 £126.20; Armagh farmer 880k £1100 £125.00; Markethill farmer 680k £850 £125.00;

### Cull cows/heifers

Keady farmer 580k £1015 £175.00; Middletown farmer 600k £1035 £172.50; Mowhan farmer 570k £980 £172.00; Keady farmer 490k £830 £169.40;

### BULLOCKS

Middleweight store bullocks sold to £207.50 for 400k at £830. Main demand from £180 to £202 per 100 kilos. Friesians from £135 to £155 per 100 kilos with a top of £171 for 330k at £585. Forward bullocks sold from £170 to £192.70 for 550k at £1060. Friesians to £151 for 530k at £800.

### Forward bullocks

Portadown farmer 550k £1060 £192.70; Portadown farmer 520k £1000 £192.30; Killylea farmer 520k £1000 £192.30; Benburb farmer 520k £975 £187.50; Armagh farmer 550k £1015 £184.50; Killylea farmer 550k £995 £181.00;

### Forward friesian bullocks

Tandragee farmer 530k £800 £151.00; Tandragee farmer 530k £795 £150.00;

### Middleweight bullocks

Mowhan farmer 400k £830 £207.50; Benburb farmer 490k £990 £202.05; Mayobridge farmer 430k £835 £194.20; Benburb farmer 490k £950 £193.90; Mowhan farmer 430k £825 £191.90; Benburb farmer 490k £930 £190.00; Mayobridge farmer 350k £665 £190.00; Armagh farmer 470k £880 £187.20; Killylea farmer 470k £880 £187.20;

### Middleweight friesian bullocks

Newtownhamilton farmer 330k £565 £171.20; Newtownhamilton farmer 380k £590 £155.25; Newtownhamilton farmer 360k £540 £150.00; Tandragee farmer 500k £750 £150.00; Newry farmer 420k £620 £147.60; Tandragee farmer 450k £655 £145.40; Newtownhamilton farmer 400k £590 £147.50; Newry farmer 390k £565 £144.90;

### HEIFERS

Middleweight heifers to £200 for 440k at £800 followed by £197 for 370k at £730. Main demand from £170 to £188 per 100 kilos. Lightweight heifers to £223 for 280k at £625.

### Store heifers

Newry farmer 400k £800 £200.00; Newry farmer 370k £730 £197.30; Mowhan farmer 420k £790 £188.10; Markethill farmer 550k £1035 £188.20; Stewartstown farmer 510k £900 £176.50; Keady farmer 360k £620 £172.20; Stewartstown farmer 550k £960 £174.55;

### CALVES

Over 200 lots in the calf ring saw bull calves selling to £490 for a 3 week old Char. Main demand from £260 to £400 paid twice for Lims. The top 10 bulls averaged £339 each. Young friesian bulls from £80 to £125 with stronger lots from £140 to £220.

Heifer calves sold from £160 to £252 for a Lim from an Annalong farmer.

Reared bulls from £550 to £705. Heifers from £500 to £730.

### Bull calves

Ch £490; Lim £400; Lim £400; Ch £355; Sim £342; BB £300; BB £295; BB £278; Her £270 Her £265;  
**Heifer calves**  
Lim £252; Her£252; AA £250; BB £250; Her £228; Lim £200; Lim £200; AA £198; Lim £170; AA £165;

**Forthcoming Marts:**

Tuesdays: Cattle sales Calves 11am, Dairy Cows 11.30am Sucklers 12 noon , Store cattle 1.15pm (2 rings)

Wednesdays 7pm Prime Lambs, Hoggets, Cull ewes and breeding sheep

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