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SKIPTON AUCTION MART
REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2011

VOLUMES AND VALUES SET NEW MODERN DAY RECORD

In the modern-day era, Craven Cattle Marts experienced a record year in 2011 in terms of increases in both sales volumes and values – both good barometers of trade in the regional agricultural sector. Livestock throughput in all sectors at Skipton Auction Mart sales throughout the year showed a healthy increase on 2010, with some 270,000 prime, store and breeding sheep, and 20,000 prime, store and breeding cattle and calves sold over the past 12 months. Total numbers of store and breeding cattle sold in 2011

represented a 10.4% increase on the previous year, with an increase in average values of 7% across the 12 months from January to December. Cast cows were notably strong, with a 7.9% rise in numbers sold and average values up by a healthy 23.7%. Sheep, too, performed well, with a 13.9% increase in sales numbers for prime lambs, hogs and cast ewes, and values up by 12.4%. Store sheep sales were also up by 13.9% in numbers and 12.9% in values, with the number of breeding sheep sold up by 5.6%, +18.1% in terms of values.

Ted Ogden, CCM's farmstock sales manager & auctioneer, noted: "Although we may have seen improved trading levels for livestock in 2011, recent figures published by EBLEX illustrate that this was the first time in many years that the 'retail price spread' – the percentage of the final retail price that the farmer receives – was above 50%. "In previous years, the farmer had only received about 46-48% of the total retail price for beef and lamb paid by consumers. "However, any perceived additional benefit that this may give to farmer producers

and finishers is more than outweighed by many input costs – for example, the spiralling cost of feeds and fuel."

• For the 2010 financial year, CCM last year distributed dividend and traders rebate of almost £48,000 to shareholders and trading shareholders from profits. From time to time, CCM has a limited number of shares available in 50s or multiples of 50.

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• The 2011 NEMSA opener was described as the most successful on record. Full story on Page 9.

CHRISTMAS PRIME SHOWS AGAIN PROVE A REAL CRACKER

CCM's fourth annual Lingfield Christmas primestock shows and sales produced an outstanding, high quality entry and exceptional trading levels, with an all-time record price for the supreme

champion prime lambs. It was the climax of a year of solid fatstock trade and the annual highlight for both vendors and buyers, notably the region's leading butchers, who again

attended the fixture in large numbers as they sought to source the best local prime beef, lamb and pork for their customers' Christmas tables.

• For full report, turn to Page 5.



• With the 2011 Christmas primestock supreme champion heifer are, from left, CCM chairman Anthony Hewetson, Clare Cropper and John Mellin, and buyer James Robertshaw, of Keelham Farm Shop, with his nine-year-old son Harley.



• With the 2011 supreme champion lambs are members of the Garth family, joined by judge Paul Bartholomew, Vivers Scotland, Anthony Hewetson, Angela Calvert, of Farmers Guardian, and Dunbia Foods' buyer Paul Watson.

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