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Market Reports For Monday 18th December 2017

Market At A Glance



Prime Heifers to 225p/kg & £1421
Prime Steers to 216p/kg & £1426
OTM Cattle to 170p/kg & £1653
Prime Lamb SQQ 185p/kg (3396)
Prime Lambs to 233p/kg & £121
Cull Ewes to £105 (896 Avg £75)
Calves to £350

Thursday 21st December

Extra Fat Lamb & Cull Ewe Sale 1:30pm

Evening Poultry Sale 6pm

Monday 8th January

In-Lamb Ewe Flock Dispersal

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CATTLE: 137

Prime Cattle: 24 Forward

The final hoorah to a mammoth day. A nice yarding but lacking any real show stoppers.

Steers to a top of 216p/kg from R W Cross & Partners with Limousin Steers ahead of others R J Heckford at 196p/kg and Cross 195p/kg for R grade. A top though with weight to £1426 from R Cross & Partners.

Heifers a nice show to see 225p/kg from Parry Walters with 222 and 220p/kg for sisters. Weighted heifers from Pete Smith to 219p/kg. Top gross £1422 to Pete Smith for a meated fed Blonde.

Trade pretty buoyant but Butchers reporting unseasonal slow sales.

Bulls to 201p/kg and £1325 from Alan and Ann Tacy. Black and Whites to 168p/kg from Messrs Ratcliffe.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS & BULLS: 10			
Top prices per head			
Limousin x	660kg	£1426	R W Cross & Partners
Limousin x	659kg	£1325	AE & AM Tacy
Limousin x	656kg	£1246	R W Cross & Partners
Aberdeen Angus	634kg	£1236	R W Cross & Partners
Limousin x	621kg	£1217	R J Heckford
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	660kg	226p/kg	R W Cross & Partners
Limousin x	659kg	201p/kg	AE & AM Tacy
Limousin x	621kg	196p/kg	R J Heckford
Aberdeen Angus	634kg	195p/kg	R W Cross & Partners
Limousin x	656kg	190p/kg	R W Cross & Partners

HEIFERS: 14			
Top prices per head			
Blonde	649kg	£1421	R Smith & Son
Limousin x	592kg	£1332	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	575kg	£1277	DTP & PA Walters
Blonde	594kg	£1265	R Smith & Son
Limousin x	557kg	£1225	DTP & PA Walters
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	592kg	225p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	575kg	222p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	557kg	220p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Blonde	649kg	219p/kg	R Smith & Son
Blonde	594kg	213p/kg	R Smith & Son

COWS: 14 Forward

Again a flyer seeing Grade 2 unfed Cows to 160p/kg from R Ellis with heavy Grade 3 Cows to 143p/kg from Will Allan with others 142p/kg from Mr Barden, Fillongley. Top gross £1163 and £1134 for WH Allan.

A smart Blue Stock Bull from R Heckford to £1653.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

CALVES:18 Forward

A large selection of calves and weanlings forward today. Top today from Mike Pearson, with Charolais x weanlings to £350 for heifers at 3 months. D Dashwood topped his consignment with 2 month British Blue x bulls at £298, with top heifers to £255. Black and White bulls from RR Barrett & Son to £85 at 3 weeks.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

Please call Tom, Martin or Steve to book in Lambs & Ewes for a special Sheep Sale at the buyers request on Thursday.

SHEEP:4761

PRIME LAMBS: 3396 Forward SQQ 185p/kg

A record yarding for this centre of lambs at 3400. 1000 lambs more than booked in yet a trade in the top few for the country. My thanks to all vendors patience, the staffs work and most of all the buyers loyalty. An Sqg of 185p/kg especially pleasing with variable quality in the yarding and some lambs rushed to sell that would be better served to be taken on further. In the Euro lambs a top today of 233p/kg for Beltex from Peter Amor at 30kg. Beltex also from Pete 'the Champ' Batchelor to see 45kg at 222p/kg and Shannon Mitchell 211p/kg for 38kg. Overnight lambs from Bob Tofield to 206p/kg. In the heavies a top ppk for Pete Batchelor 209p/kg for 47.5kg with mates to 51kg at 206p/kg. N Gardner 194p/kg for 46.5kg and Sarah Denne, Buckingham 46kg to 192p/kg. Harrison Bros, Aylesbury, today selling 245 lambs with 49kg to 191p/kg. The Brothers run of 245 avg 49.3kg at 183p/kg or £90. In the lump Euro lambs topped at £100 at 45kg from Pete Batchelor. S Mitchell £90.50 for 44kg and B Burton 45kg to £86.50. Overall heavies a great trade today selling to a top of £121 for 74kg from R & B Smith ahead of JK Smith & Son with 65kg to £115 and nearly last sold from FJ Tombs & Son a pen of 15 Charolais at 59kg to £107. 152 lambs today selling over £100. Trade merely a pre-Christmas uplift and should now be monitored. **We go again on Thursday at 1.30pm.**

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Extra Fat Lamb & Cull Ewe Sale on Thursday 21st December 1:30pm

Prime Lamb: SQQ 185/kg) UNDER 45.5kg			
Per KILO			
Beltex x	30.00kgs	233p/kg	P Amor
Texel x	45.00kgs	222p/kg	P Batchelor
Cheviot	38.00kgs	211p/kg	S Mitchell
Charollais x	31.00kgs	206p/kg	R Tofield
Texel x	44.00kgs	206p/kg	S Mitchell
Per HEAD			
Beltex x	45.00kgs	£100	P Batchelor
Beltex x	44.00kgs	£90.50	S Mitchell
Texel x	45.00kgs	£86.50	B C Burton
Beltex x	45.00kgs	£86.00	Humphrey Livestock
Beltex x	42.00kgs	£86.00	S Mitchell

Prime Lamb: OVER 45.5kg			
Per KILO			
Beltex x	47.50kgs	209p/kg	P Batchelor
Beltex x	51.00kgs	206p/kg	P Batchelor
Texel x	46.50kgs	194p/kg	N P Gardner
Texel x	46.00kgs	192p/kg	S J Denne
Texel x	49.00kgs	191p/kg	Harrison Bros
Per HEAD			
Texel x	74.00kgs	£121.00	R & B Smith
Suffolk x	65.00kgs	£115.00	J K Smith & Sons
Charollais x	59.00kgs	£107.00	F J Tombs & Son
Charollais x	61.50kgs	£105.50	R F Wilson
Beltex	59.50kgs	£105.00	P Batchelor

Cull Ewes: 898 Forward

A reasonable yarding but under 1000 this week. Heavy Ewes at a stand on trade whilst Mules the trade of the day selling to a top of £84 for G Satchwell, Stratford upon Avon with G Bell £83. Top three spots today taken by P Amor at £105 whilst £103.50 and £102 all for Charollais. Shannon Mitchell showed £102 for Beltex Ewes with C Colegrave £100 for Texels. Top Suffolks to £96.50 for Mr John Minshull who we were surprised to see once again. £94 for M J Harris Farming with Suffolks. S J Hammond £99 for Charollais and IPG farms a pen of 31 to £99. Lean Ewes remain only sticking points.

Minimum Commission on Cull Ewes to go up to £2.50.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

X Bred	£105	P Amor	Charollais	£99	S J Hammond
X Bred	£103.50	P Amor	Texel	£99	IPG Farms
X Bred	£102	P Amor	Suffolk	£96.50	J Minshull Ltd
Beltex	£102	Mitchell	Charollais	£96	R F Wilson
Beltex	£100	C Colegrave	Beltex x	£95	R Tofield

Store Lambs: 467 Forward

A decent show of store lambs forward, with plenty of frame and quality. Top from Oaklands College, with Texel x to £75.50, with WW&JA Mccurdie selling Zwartbles in big pens to £75. Framey short keep lambs more numerous, trading between £68 and £75.50. Mid-term lambs a good shot between £60 and £66, with longer term lambs £54-£59.50. Hard done sorts £46-£50, with very small £44 and under.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

Store Cattle: 81 Forward

A seasonal show of store cattle, with few about. Bucket reared British Blue x heifers to start from RR Barrett & Son, to £610 at 9 ½ months. Reared bulls from the same home to £400 at 5 months. 9 month Limousin x steers from Olly Pritchett to £590, with 10 month South Devon x heifers to £630 from UK Plant. Wolverton Farm Estates sold 9 month Aberdeen Angus x steers to £770, with Hereford x steers at the same age to £700. Angus x heifers at the same age to £600. T Eadon & Sons sold Blonde x steers to £855 at 13 months, with Steve Eales topping the day at £1070 for a Simmental x heifer at 22 months. D McMahon sold Angus x steers to £850 at 19 months, with Angus x steers to £940 at 19 months from JR Gaydon, with British Blue x heifers to £800 at 16 months from the same home.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

On behalf of RFM I would like to thank all the vendors and buyers of 2017 for their custom.

A big thank you to David, Cindy and Bradley in the RFM cafe for their lovely dinners! Also thanks go to Robert Leach for donating items for the buffet on Monday.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!

Tom Wrench

Chairmans Report Year Ending April 2017

This Year has been another very successful one which has seen growth in almost all area of sales with more new clients coming on to our books every week.

The sheep numbers have continued to rise making us the leading sheep market in the Midlands averaging 3400 sheep on Mondays. This is an increase of 10% and represents a continuing year on year growth. Our client base is still increasing with new ones coming most weeks. This has brought even more buyers. We can now confidently say we have buyers for all types and quantities of lambs. Our success is due to a number of factors but one key one is the time the staff take to sort the sheep correctly into matching batches. Farmers who do not allow lambs to be batched and matched are discounted.

The store lamb section has continued to grow. More sellers of fat sheep has brought more buyers for store lambs.

The cull ewe section has grown by 25% averaging 600 ewes a week.

The breeding sheep is also up by another 30% with us having 3 full yards for our breeding sheep sales.

To sum each Section benefits from the success of the others.

The reconstruction made to bay 5 in the early part of 2016 has proved a great success helping our staff on a Monday and easing the washdown. Most weeks these pens are full and I do not know how we would have coped had we not completed this project.

The store cattle section has seen a small increase. The autumn sales continue to be a tremendous show piece for our market with 3 capacity sales showing off what our farmers can produce. Buyers come from all around the country to these sales.

Fat cattle section has continued to struggle. We have changed to sale times at 4:30pm in order to encourage new buyers. The early signs are good but we have to work hard on this.

Financially we have had a very successful year with no bad debts but getting money in on time is an ongoing problem. Credit control is the most important side of our business.

We have been informed by our landlords that they wish to move us out of our present market site to alongside the A46 the opposite side of Stoneleigh. Although we thought it impossible to happen we had to put further market improvements and repairs on hold and so we have not put water saving works into place.

Looking forward we need to improve in all sections and not rest on our laurels. In order to speed things up farmers need to arrive much earlier. Coming to the market with stock when we wish to start selling does not help. This is particularly important on special store sales.

Once again on behalf of the board I would like to thank everyone for coming to support our decisions to try and improve the running of your market. Your opinions are vital to us so please tell us of anything you think should be done to improve your market.

The hard work of all the staff both in the office and outside in the yard is so much appreciated. Everyone is part of the team and the staff are new clients first impression of the market. I would particularly like to thank all the volunteers who help when they are in the market. At peak times your help is invaluable.

Finally I am sure along with the board you will agree what a great asset to the market Tom Wrench is. His work ethic, efforts and energy seem to be tireless and we are very fortunate to have him at the helm.

Thank you for your support.



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Monday 8th January

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Monday 22nd January

Sale of Store Cattle

Monday 5th February

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