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#### Market Reports For Monday 1st April 2019

#### **Market At A Glance**

Prime Steers to 194p/kg & £1349
Prime Heifers to 225p/kg £1364
OTM Cattle to 171p/kg & £1106
Prime Hogg SQQ 221p/kg (2556)
Prime Hoggs to 273p/kg & £124
Spring Lambs to 259p/kg & £113.50
Ewes to £132 (782 Avg £81)
Calves to £370

## Friday 12th April Sale of Store Cattle

#### Friday 26th April

April Fair including Show & Sale of Store Cattle with Morning Sale of Ewes with Lambs at Foot

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#### **CATTLE: Forward**

CATTLE:64 HEAD

An extremely poor entry number-wise in the prime section with several people tied up with 6 day standstill, and several in lambing fields. Trade was dearer by 4-7p on the week, with all the regular butchers at ringside.

PRIME:14 HEAD STEERS:9 HEAD

A short entry met an animated trade from ringside with all classes dearer on the week by 4-7p and more could easily be sold to advantage. Top price was 194p paid for a heavyweight Hereford steer from Messrs D.P. Jones Agricultural Contractors , with Charolais to 192p for a Heavyweight from Messrs Hopcraft. Top price per head was £1348.62 for a Hereford from Mr. Hamer.

#### HEIFERS:5 HEAD

Short entry, 3 butchers there for butchers cattle and everything was on fire. A superb Blue heifer from Frank Page topped the section and sale at 225p, other blue heifers sold to 194p. Top price per head was £1363.50 for the afore-mentioned blue.

OTM's and COWS:7 HEAD

Demand everywhere at ringside, trade simply sparkling throughout and many,many more could be sold to advantage. Angus steers sold to 171p from Mr. Sabin, Heifers topped at 170p from Lodge Farm. Cows topped at 136p from Jim Smith who sold others to 124p, with aged Gelbveih's to 120p, from Robert Goode who sold an aged Charolais Bull to £1021.68 (108p).

#### Auctioneer: Craig Thompson

CALVES:34

A good number of calves forward today, and a nice show of bright eyed sharp calves. Top today in the baby calves to Whetstone Pastures Dairy, selling Hereford x Bulls to £255 at 3 weeks, equal to MJ & R Tittertons Limousin x Heifer calf. Border Holdings sold Hereford x Bulls to £230, with Black and Whites to £55. Top reared today from RJ Cole to £370 for British Blue x Bulls at 3 months.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

STEERS & BULLS:					
Top prices per head					
Hereford	741kg	£1349	M Hamer		
Charolais x	680kg	£1306	S & C Hopcraft		
Limousin x	703kg	£1294	M Hamer		
Hereford	670kg	£1132	A Sabin		
Aberdeen Angus	581kg	£1127	D P Jones		
Top prices per kilo					
Hereford	581kg	194ppk	D P Jones Agricultural Contractors		
Charolais x	680kg	192ppk	S & C Hopcraft		
Limousin x	579kg	192ppk	R W Cross & Partners		
Hereford	580kg	186ppk	D P Jones Agricultural Contractors		
Hereford	703kg	184ppk	M Hamer		

HEIFERS:					
Top prices per head					
British Blue	606kg	£1364	Page Bros		
British Blue	652kg	£1348	S & C Hopcraft		
Aberdeen Angus	650kg	£1288	G Stretton		
Aberdeen Angus	656kg	£1285	A Sabin		
Top prices per kilo					
British Blue	606kg	225ppk	Page Bros		
British Blue	652kg	194ppk	S & C Hopcraft		
Aberdeen Angus	650kg	180ppk	G Stretton		
Limousin x	481kg	180ppk	R W Cross & Partners		

~APRIL DAIRY DAY MONDAY 15th APRIL~
Show & Sale of Prime Dairy Bulls, Barren Cows & Calves

#### 15th April

25 Hereford and Angus x Calves already booked in.

#### **SHEEP:3758**

#### Prime Hoggs: 2556 Forward SQQ 221p/kg

No it was not a April Fools joke!! Trade really was an SQQ of 221p/kg for a bang average yarding of sheep. Buyers out in force and seemingly Export firms trying to make themselves Brexit ready with a run of Hogg meat. New European customers in the aisles just pushing things along. Better end Hoggs very few and far between but Euro Hoggs to 273p/kg for 31kg Beltex from Ben Nichols who was 'very pleased!'. Passmore and Nunneley repeated last weeks trick at 269p/ kg for 26kg Beltex. AEJ & FJ Claridge, Winslow sold Beltex to 265p/kg at 39.5kg and Page Bros sold Beltex to 256p/kg at 35kg. Today export Hoggs on fire and selling mainly over 225p/kg with only the very poor or 44 to 45.5kg falling under 220p/kg. In the heavies best meat rewarded and selling to 242p/kg at 50kg from JML Farming, Thame with a meat man practicing what he preaches and showing quality full finished Hoggs, he followed this up with 49kg to 230p/kg ahed of the Cotswolds very own Roger Coombes 45.5kg to 224p/kg. In the lump Euro Hoggs trading to £104.50 at 43kg from R Richins, Oxford with Page Bros £103 at 44kg and D G Coombes £101.50 for 45kg. Overall today meat wanted and a real farmers day as the better you had farmed them the more they made. Top of the tree £124 for Kirsty Badger at 78.5kg with JML Farming £121 to 50kg and Alan and Anne Tacy £115 for 61kg with H L Goode & Son equal at 73kg. Trade there and all that is needed is quality meat and clean presented Hoggs. Todays SQQ representing a deadweight equivelant of 4.67p/kgdw. Those booking direct perhaps the only Fools on April the 1st.

Hoggs with Teeth up will be deducted from vendor cheques under 'Misdescriptions Act'

#### Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Prime Hoggs: SQQ 221p/kg) under 45.5kg					
Per kilo					
Texel x	31.00kg	273ppk	B Nichols		
Charollais x	26.00kg	269ppk	Passmore & Nunneley		
Texel x	39.50kg	265ppk	AEJ & FJ Claridge		
Beltex x	35.00kg	256ppk	Page Bros		
Texel x	40.00kg	253ppk	AEJ & FJ Claridge		
Per HEAD					
Charollais x	43.00kg	£104.50	R Richins		
Beltex	44.00kg	£103.00	Page Bros		
Beltex x	45.50kg	£102.00	D G Coombes		
Cheviot x	45.00kg	£101.50	Stimson Farming & Co Ltd		
Texel x	40.00kg	£101.00	AEJ & FJ Claridge		

Prime Hoggs: OVER 45.5kg					
Per kilo					
Beltex x	50.00kg	242ppk	JML Farming		
Beltex x	49.00kg	230ppk	JML Farming		
Charollais x	45.50kg	224ppk	DG Coombes		
Charollais x	47.00kg	219ppk	AE & AM Tacy		
Texel x	51.00kg	212ppk	Stimson Farming & Co Ltd		
Per HEAD					
Charollais x	78.50kg	£124.00	K Badger		
Beltex x	50.00kg	£121.00	JML Farming		
Beltex x	61.00kg	£115.00	AE & AM Tacy		
Charollais x	73.00kg	£115.00	HL Goode & Son		
Beltex x	49.50kg	£112.50	JML Farming		
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Spring Lambs :					
Per kilo					

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Per kilo				
Suffolk x	40.50kg	259ppk	M Johnson	
Per HEAD				
Suffolk x	45.00kg	£113.50	M Johnson	

#### Store Hoggs: 381 Forward

Again a very changeable show of lambs, with the good, the bad and the indifferent represented. Top today for R Deacon selling Suffolk x to £86, with SA Lomas selling Texel x to £84. Strong stores today £76.50-£80, with very few mid-term lambs, and long term lambs £45-£55. Ewes and lambs selling to £70.50 for Texel x Double Theaves and Single Lambs from GL Woodard.

Ewes and lambs selling to £70.50 for Texel x Double Theaves and Single Lambs from GL Woodard, with others from the same home to £68. Texel x Lleyn Double Theaves from RJ Lee, Blisworth, sold to £67 per life for strong twin lambs.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

#### **NEXT WEEK**

20-30 Continental x 4-6 Tooth Ewes with Lambs at foot Plus 20 mules with Double Texel Lambs To be sold at the start of the Store Lambs

#### **Cull Ewes:782 Forward**

A strong show of ewes forward today, with some real quality amongst them meeting a proper trade. Top today shared between Jim Sessford and Cecil Thomas, for Charollais Rams and Ewes respectively, both at £132. MS Keeves sold Berrichon Rams to £128, before Cecil struck again to see £127 for pure Charollais Ewes. Jim Sessford sold Charollais Rams to £120. Top Suffolks today from JB & RL Cook selling to £119, with top Mules to £90 from FM Adams & Son, Stow on the Wold.

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Charollais x	£132	J W Sessford	Suffolk x	£119	JB & RL Cook
Charollais x	£132	C W Thomas		£116	M S Keeves
Berrichon	£128	M S Keeves	Charollais x	£116	AL & AR Wolfe
Charollais x	£127	C W Thomas	Charollais x	£115	K Badger
Charollais x	£120	J W Sessford	Suffolk x	£113	R G Elliott & Son

#### Store Cattle: 191 Forward

A few less through the ring with just the 250 today and all being told a yarding of cattle still to recover from last summers drought. The sun though on farmers backs and seemingly its warmth lasting longer in feeders minds than the depressing national quote for fat cattle. In summary a storming trade for the quality on show. We started with Cow and calf units seeing 2012 Fleckveih Cows with 6 month calf at foor to £1150 from Messrs Palmer, Shipston on Stour. Young cattle a straight price with AA Day, Lutterworth seeing £705 for Limousin heifers 9 months of age with equal age from Pritchard Farms seeing Steers to £750. Harry and Mrtin Barnes showed Lim x Blue Steers at £995 for 11 months, £990 at 10 months and £905 at 9 months. Tom Lowick started his annual sales with smart yearlings selling in pens at £980, £940 and £840 with heifers £740, Stuart Brodie, Flore sold Simmental Steeers 11-12 months to £910 and £900 with heifers £730. Stars of the day the Semple family selling poll Limousin heifers at 9 – 12 months at £945, £935,£920 and £900. Top for the day Angus Steers from R Root, Enderby seeing 17 -18 month Angus Steers £1210 with others £1120 and 15 months to £1090. A V Taylor, Banbury sold a good run of honest Simmentals to £1140 at 18 months with others £1060 £1040 and £1025 with sisters £875. Tom Greenfiels bucket Angus to £1000 at 16 months with other £935 and Blues £905. Tom Lowicks older Steers £1050 at 23 months with sisters £1055. A J Forrester rounded the day off nicely selling to £1100 for 23 month Blonde Steers with others £1090 and bucket blues to £1070 at 19 months. We now look for turn out cattle as feeder aim to make use of a so-far easy Spring.

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