

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 176p/kg & £1,355 Prime Heifers to 216p/kg & £1,277 Hoggs to 212p/kg & £95 Hogg SQQ to 183p/kg Cull Ewes to £115

Monday 25th January Sale of Store Cattle

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CATTLE: 46 forward

Prime Cattle : 33 forward

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS, BUYERS AND SHAREHOLDERS

The first Cattle yarding for a few weeks with our seasonal stoppages. A modest number forward judged by the biggest number of buyers for some time with new accounts at ringside and returning buyers. Seemingly dead weight falls not a true representation of the Nations red meat consumption in the past few weeks!! Trade of course dictated by opportunity costs of buying cheaper boxed meats but genuine competition for cattle placing those with the goods at a very respectable advantage.

Steers generally out of Spec or Rigs met a smart trade for what was on offer with Steers to 176p/kg from P R Mann & Son with lots of weight whilst similar goods and overage Rigs 174 and 172p/kg with a top gross of £1356 to Messrs Mann.

Heifers again wanted and no show stoppers to report today with some either oddities or lacking finish. A lot of belly on show also with seemingly not just vendors holding extra Christmas gut. Those hitting spec though 216p/kg three times between Richard Grindal and J & R Lowe with Messrs Lowe also 214p/kg. Top gross £1277 to Messrs Grindal and R Grades generally trading 200p/kg or better. To appreciate the trade you must see the cattle and the weight!!

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS: 11 forward			
Top prices per head			
Charolais x	770 kgs	£1,355.20	PR Mann
Limousin x	710 kgs	£1,221.20	MG & M Barnes
Simmental x	696 kgs	£1,211.04	RT Coley & Partners
Holstein x	664 kgs	£956.16	AC & P Boulton
Holstein x	669 kgs	£929.91	NE Ross & Sons
Top prices per kilo			
Charolais x	770 kgs	176 p/kg	PR Mann & Son
Simmental x	696 kgs	174 p/kg	RT Coley & Partners
Limousin x	710 kgs	172 p/kg	MG & M Barnes
Holstein x	664 kgs	144 p/kg	AC & P Boulton
Holstein x	669 kgs	139 p/kg	NE Ross & Sons

HEIFERS: 22 forward			
Top prices per head			
Limousin x	591 kgs	£1,276.56	RJ Grindal & Co
Limousin x	576 kgs	£1,232.64	J & R Lowe
Limousin x	626 kgs	£1,214.44	GR Fountaine
British Blue x	597 kgs	£1,205.94	GR Fountaine
Limousin x	552 kgs	£1,192.32	J & R Lowe
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	510 kgs	216 p/kg	RJ Grindal & Co
Limousin x	591 kgs	216 p/kg	RJ Grindal & Co
Limousin x	552 kgs	216 p/kg	J & R Lowe
Limousin x	576 kgs	214 p/kg	J & R Lowe
Limousin x	530 kgs	204 p/kg	J & R Lowe

Cows: 4 forward

Dismal deadweight returns completely out of line today with a Limousin barely a Grade 2 from J Windridge & Son to 136p/kg with heavyweight Grade 3's at 890kg from the same home 118p/kg with similar goods from Messrs Bickford 116p/kg. Even dollies to 85p/kg. Sustainability questionable with deadweight's so low

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Calves : 9 forward

All Black and Whites and all a very good trade. Calves are wanted and we must find. Top a 15 day old from Border Holdings at £78 with most around the £50 mark and only the very extreme Holsteins under £40.

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NEXT MONDAY

Pure Simmental Bull Calf 3 weeks old 3/4 Simmental Heifer Calf 3 weeks old from MC & MI Herbert

SHEEP: 3,085 forward

Prime Hoggs: 2,239 forward SQQ 183p/kg

2,239 Prime Hogss penned today and many more easily fitted as the trade turned out. Scandinavian orders and improved currency returns dictating trade rising despite forecasts of a drop. Trade throughout the weight ranges today with only the Super heavy lambs catchy. Vendors, please do bring sheep earlier. We are open from 5.30am and weigh from 6am. Please also note that dry clean lambs hold an advantage. We do lairage sheep from Sunday and this can be done for any amount, just call to arrange a dry easy option to assist in marketing. Today lambs in the sorting races from 5.30am with 300 from Brighton here by 6am. Please help us help you by bringing lambs in well before 9am.

Lamb SQQ today 183p/kg and all in 179p/kg including a lot of weighted lambs. Today no real high grading lambs and general quality down as the rain takes hold of lambs. In the PPK today a top for long distance traveller C Sargent with 212p/kg for super light Charollais at 26kg. Chris Osborn & Son showed Texels to take 208p/kg for 39kg whilst T C Williams & Sons took 201p/kg for 38kg ahead of BC Burton for 41kg. In the heavies a top ppk of 191p/kg for 45.5kg Texels from GR Fountaine, whilst R Woodward had 189p/kg at 46kg. In the Euro Spec a top gross of £89 for 45kg from Mr Edwards with £83.50 for 43kg from White Bros. Overall top £95 from Spearpeak Ltd for 58kg with £94 to H L Goode & Son, Hockley Heath for 62kg. Messrs Collinswood, Thame took £93.50 for 56.5kg and Ted Mawby £93 for 59kg. A very smart trade and buyers for all sorts here. Trade will need monitoring so keep in touch. Please also consider lairage and delivery possibilities. We aim to make our service the best fit to your business so please do call to discuss.

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Prime Hoggs: 2,239 SQQ (183p/kg)				
Per kilo - EURO under 45.5kg				
Charollais x	26.00 kgs	212 p/kg	C Sargent	
Beltex x	39.00 kgs	208 p/kg	RJ Osborn & Son	
Charollais x	38.00 kgs	201 p/kg	TC Williams & Sons	
Texel x	41.00 kgs	199 p/kg	BC Burton	
Charollais x	41.00 kgs	198 p/kg	PF Edwards	
Per head				
Charollais x	45.00 kgs	£89.00	PF Edwards	
Texel x	43.00 kgs	£83.50	White Bros	
Charollais x	44.00 kgs	£83.50	C Sargent	
Charollais x	44.50 kgs	£83.00	C Sargent	
Texel x	45.00 kgs	£83.00	WW & JA McCurdie	
Per kilo - HEAVIES	45.5kgs plus			
Texel x	45.50 kgs	191 p/kg	GR Fountaine	
Texel x	46.00 kgs	189 p/kg	R Woodward	
Charollais x	48.00 kgs	188 p/kg	PF Edwards	
Charollais x	47.00 kgs	186 p/kg	SM & CR Colinswood	
Texel x	46.00 kgs	185 p/kg	C Sargent	
Per head				
Charollais x	58.00 kgs	£95.00	Spearpeak Ltd	
Charollais x	62.50 kgs	£94.00	HL Goode & Son	
Charollais x	56.50 kgs	£93.50	SM & CR Colinswood	
Charollais x	59.00 kgs	£93.00	ET Mawby	
Texel x	55.50 kgs	£91.00	GR Fountaine	

Store Lambs: 315 forward

A few less about but still over 300 sold with all genuine Stores not fit enough to put in the killers. Top today for a massive frame from Trish Honours at £74 with Kerry Hill Ram lambs to £72 from D Knowles and Texels from Mark Warner £70.50. Short keep lambs £64 plus. Mid Keep £64 to £57 and long term lambs under.

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Cull Ewes: 531 forward

500 plus today and quite frankly Ewes on fire with the biggest improvement in the Mules. No real heavies about or Pure bred sorts leaving an average of just under £76 very warm indeed with Welshies and Rare breeds all counted. Top today a Zwartble Tup from Vince Davies at £115 ahead of a pen full of Scotch Half bred Ewes from J Kissock at £104. Beltex from C Sargent at £103 and the same home top Suffolks at £99.50 ahead of R F Wilson at £97. Trish Honours showed a pen full of Texels at £96. Derbyshire Gritstone Tups to £91 and top Cheviots £89 from Mark Warner. Top Mules today Welshies at £78.50 from J Kissock with G Hawkins £77.50 for NCM ahead of JBT Gurney at £77. T rade perhaps a one off but so dear it would be fool hardy to suggest it to be sustainable.

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Cull Ewes & Rams: 531 forward					
Zwartble	£115.00	DV Davies	Suffolk	£97.00	C Sargent
Cheviot	£104.00	J Kissock	Suffolk	£96.00	C Sargent
Beltex	£103.00	C Sargent	Texel	£96.00	HJS Honour & Son
Suffolk	£99.50	C Sargent	Texel	£95.00	C Sargent
Suffolk	£98.00	RF Wilson	Texel	£94.00	WR Eales & Son

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Chairman's Report Year Ending April 2015

This year has been a very successful one which has seen growth in almost all areas of sales with more new clients coming on to our books.

The fat sheep numbers were up a further 33% which is very credible being on the back of a 40 % increase the previous year . This has brought in more buyers . We can now confidently say we have buyers for all types and qualities of lambs. The cull ewe section also increased by 30%. Plans are in place to improve the sorting alleys and penning.

The store cattle section has seen an increase by 12%. The autumn store sales are 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. The fat cattle section continues to struggle with the need for a wholesaler to come. Our numbers have not improved and although this is a national trend we recognise the need to do more.

The cleaning of the market is still the most challenging . This is the largest single cost to the market. When funds allow we intend to put in a recycling system.

Looking forward we recognise there is a need to move on and improve.We must put more pressure on our landlords to provide more maintenance to our site.

We have taken on a part time fieldsman in the south which has helped but we need others in different areas.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank everyone for continuing 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 the new clients first impression of the market. I would particularly like to thank 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 all 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.

Although we hold an Annual General Meeting, the Directors would like to invite all Market users to give their opinions of any constructive improvements or recommendations that they would like to see implemented

Following on from the Annual General Meeting, when the members present discussed various improvements that would like to see at the Market, the Directors would like to extend this to all Market users, to give them the opportunity to suggest any constructive improvements or recommendations that they would like to see implemented.

If you would like to be involved in this, please complete the form below, with your suggestion. Anonymous suggestions will not be considered.

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