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CATTLE: 50 forward

Prime Cattle : 31 forward

Complete lethargy in the industry. Spec Cattle would meet a trade well in advance of comparison whilst the majority of the yarding Cattle that under the current grid system are heavily penalised and consequently very few buyers for those goods.

In the Steers a top of 190p/kg for JB Baylis & Partners returning £1320. R Grades all over 180p/kg. Over fat or lesser grading sorts heavily penalised.

Heifers a real trade when you look at the Gross column with returns simply mathematically unobtainable on the grid. Thick Heifers from Parry Walters to 210p/kg equal with heavy weight Heifers from J Bayliss with 210p/kg at 642kg. R Grades 194p/kg plus and U Grades 20p/kg plus. Top gross £1367 and £1349 for Messrs Baylis & Partners with lightweight Heifers just shy of £1200 from Parry Walters.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS: 14				
Top prices per head				
British Blue x	737 kgs	£1,319.23	JB Baylis & Partners	
Blonde x	703 kgs	£1,307.58	JB Baylis & Partners	
Charolais x	733 kgs	£1,304.74	S Webster	
Limousin x	680 kgs	£1,292.00	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	693 kgs	£1,288.98	JB Baylis & Partners	
Top prices per kilo				
Limousin x	680 kgs	190 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	
Blonde x	703 kgs	186 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	693 kgs	186 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	617 kgs	185 p/kg	Heart of England Farms	
British Blue x	737 kgs	179 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	

HEIFERS: 15				
Top prices per head				
Limousin x	680 kgs	£1,366.80	JB Baylis & Partners	
British Blue x	642 kgs	£1,348.20	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	561 kgs	£1,178.10	DTP & PA Walters	
Limousin x	605 kgs	£1,173.70	DTP & PA Walters	
Limousin x	617 kgs	£1,135.28	JB Baylis & Partners	
Top prices per kilo				
Limousin x	561 kgs	210 p/kg	DTP & PA Walters	
British Blue x	642 kgs	210 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	680 kgs	201 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners	
Limousin x	552 kgs	200 p/kg	DTP & PA Walters	
Limousin x	605 kgs	194 p/kg	DTP & PA Walters	

Cows: 5 forward

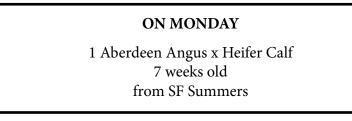
Just a few and trade slipping saw a slip form Messrs Barnes at 152p/kg and \pounds 1063.

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Calves: 13 forward

A trade of two halves, better Calves quite simply storming ahead, with very few mid-range Calves, down to a small consignment of Jersey x Calves. Top today from AD & RM Thomas, a British Blue x Bull at £275.Following closely a smart Blonde x Heifer at £250 from GE Pountney. Aberdeen Angus x Bulls to £205 with sisters to £168. Only Jerseys under.

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SHEEP: 2,625 forward

Prime Hoggs: 1,855 forward SQQ 194.3p/kg

Just over 1800 Hoggs penned today, with quality mixed from the best to some real lean sorts not fit to kill. Trade expected to be lower following the slow at the end of last weeks trading. Real competition though keeping RFM in the top 3 Centres of the day and returning an SQQ of 194.37p/kg well ahead of any deadweight competition. That said the SQQ perhaps a little inflated by a number of good runs of Hoggs in spec. Standard SQQ Hoggs generally 188p/ kg plus. Meat and finish hotly contested with another customer at pen side but lean sheep sticky to shift. In the Euro spec ppk top spot to Henry Tustian at 220p/kg and 218p/kg for 41kg and 42.5kg. S Clark, Aylesbury sold 42kg to 217p/kg all for Beltex. Lightweight from DJ Tomlin, Stratford Upon Avon 216p/ kg at 36.5kg with his heavier Texels 212p/kg at 41kg. G Curtis & Son showed feeding pays to see a large pen at 39kg to 215p/kg for Texel. In the heavies top ppk to J & H Tustian with 46kg at 209p/kg and 47.5kg at 204p/kg. Pete Batchelor sold strong Ram Hoggs at 48kg to 204p/kg. Finished lightweight Hoggs still coming to the money today with J & H Tustian having £92.50 for 42.5kg whilst S Clark had £91 for 42kg and 43.5kg Beltex. Overall a top of £107.50 for 62kg Rams from P Batchelor with others £103. Boulton Bros sold 65kg at £101 and M A Warren £100 for 63kg. Trading much harder with three regulars not striking to buy one single Hogg. Trade though must now find its course ahead in regards to kills of Springers or Hoggs.

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Prime Hoggs: 1,855 SQQ (194.3p/kg)				
Per kilo - EURO under 45.5kg				
Beltex x	41.00 kgs	220 p/kg	J & H Tustian	
Beltex x	42.50 kgs	218 p/kg	J & H Tustian	
Beltex x	42.00 kgs	217 p/kg	S Clark	
Beltex x	36.50 kgs	216 p/kg	DJ Tomlin	
Texel x	39.00 kgs	215 p/kg	G Curtis & Son	
Per head				
Beltex x	42.50 kgs	£92.50	J & H Tustian	
Beltex x	42.00 kgs	£91.00	S Clark	
Beltex x	43.50 kgs	£91.00	S Clark	
Beltex x	41.00 kgs	£90.00	J & H Tustian	
Beltex x	43.00 kgs	£89.00	S Clark	

Per kilo - HEAVIES 45.5kgs plus				
Beltex x	46.00 kgs	209 p/kg	J & H Tustian	
Beltex x	45.50 kgs	208 p/kg	J & H Tustian	
Charollais x	45.50 kgs	204 p/kg	FC Knight & Son	
Beltex x	47.50 kgs	204 p/kg	J & H Tustian	
Texel x	48.00 kgs	203 p/kg	P Batchelor	
Per head				
Texel x	62.00 kgs	£107.50	P Batchelor	
Beltex x	54.00 kgs	£103.00	P Batchelor	
Charollais x	65.50 kgs	£101.00	Boulton Bros	
Charollais x	63.00 kgs	£100.00	MA Warren	
Texel x	48.00 kgs	£97.50	P Batchelor	

Spring Lambs: 275 forward SQQ 230.7p/kg

Today saw an excellent entry of 274 Spring Lambs for the Annual Spring lambs Show judged this year by Mr B Wilson, Essex and sponsored both by the NSA and Charollais Sheep Society. Overall Champion this year awarded to Pete Jarrom for his pen of three Texels at 36kg selling to £100. In second this year and also Charollais lamb Champion was AJ & M Gregory seeing 36.5kg to £103. SQQ for the total entry down on the week at 233p/kg with buyers reporting a slow uptake on wholesale Spring lamb sales. Top today 282p/kg for Messrs Gregory with anyting showing shape over 250p/kg. Some heavier lambs about today with plenty over 46kg selling around £100. Lambs though killing a little fat in places and this should be monitored. Top gross £118 from W Webster donating the lambs to Macmillan Cancer, this was bought by lan Griffiths and match funded by Messrs British Premium Meats Ltd, London. We are very grateful to both the buyers and Bill and Beryl Webster for the kind gesture. Lamb trade going forward will need to be monitored on a daily basis.

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Store Hoggs: 83 forward

End of season numbers and quality today, looking very dear for the goods. Top today from J & H Tustian at £74, with short keep lambs all over £70. The few mid-keep lambs about the £65 mark, with long keep lambs looking dearest all around £50. If you have lambs left to sell, take advantage of the trade.

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Breeding Sheep: 6 forward

Just the one pen of Ewes and lambs today. Older Ewes with smart Texel x twins at foot to realise £52 per life, or £156 per family.

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Cull Ewes: 406 forward

Just over 400 Ewes penned today to meet another swift trade with yet another buyer on form. Mules though perhaps £5 back on the week with buyers remaining fit for heavy meated Ewes. Today an average which includes each and every Ewe at £87.30. Top today for a pen of 3 Beltex from Pete Batchelor at £130 with Holly Amor £117 for Texels. Bob Tofield sold Charollais to £117 for a pen of 3 and D Dashwood a single Durno Tup at £116. Top Suffolk Ewes between CBE Price and D Dashwood at £110. Even strong Kerry Hills to £99 for Pete Darby. Top Mules to Holly Amor again at £86. Ewes looking likely to slow in trade going forward as numbers come out across the nation.

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Cull Ewes & Rams: 406 forward					
Beltex	£130.00	P Batchelor	Texel	£114.00	D & GM Wright
Texel	£117.00	H Amor	Texel	£111.00	AD & RM Thomas
Charollais	£117.00	R Tofield	Cross bred	£111.00	R Tofield
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