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Market Reports For Monday 9th May 2016

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 184p/kg & 1,314
Prime Heifers to 220p/kg & £1,315
Prime Lambs to 244p/kg & £105
Prime Lamb SQQ 229p/kg
Hoggs to 217p/kg & £106
Hogg SQQ to 190p/kg
Cull Ewes to £138
Calves to £300
Store Cattle to £1,090

**14TH MAY BREEDING CATTLE SALE
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CATTLE: 155 forward

Prime Cattle : 28 forward

A Story of two halves. Butchers sorts wanted anything else simply no interest. The goods though getting the appropriate interest.

Steers mainly big heavy sorts and no real customers for them. Top though with weight to GR Fountaine selling to 184p/kg and £1314.

Good heifers about saw a number of cattle climb well past comparison to sell to 220p/kg from J B Bayliss & Partners at 530kg, 217 and 213p/kg from Parry Walters and 210p/kg both for Messrs Fountaine and Eadon. In the lump a top of £1315 from HW & AJ Eadon & Son.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS: 14			
Top prices per head			
Limousin x	714 kgs	£1,313.76	GR Fountaine
British Blue x	750 kgs	£1,125.00	TR & MP Foss
Friesian x	815 kgs	£1,059.50	Seymour Smith & Sons
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	714 kgs	184 p/kg	GR Fountaine
British Blue x	750 kgs	150 p/kg	TR & MP Foss
Friesian x	688 kgs	140 p/kg	Seymour Smith & Sons

HEIFERS: 14			
Top prices per head			
Hereford x	626 kgs	£1,314.60	HW & AJ Eadon & Son
Limousin x	598 kgs	£1,255.80	GR Fountaine
Limousin x	575 kgs	£1,247.75	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	620 kgs	£1,202.80	HW & AJ Eadon & Son
Limousin x	580 kgs	£1,200.60	HW & AJ Eadon & Son
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	530 kgs	220 p/kg	JB Baylis & Partners
Limousin x	575 kgs	217 p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	546 kgs	213 p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Hereford x	626 kgs	210 p/kg	HW & AJ Eadon & Sons
Limousin x	598 kgs	210 p/kg	GR Fountaine

Cows : 8 forward

No real show stoppers but Grade 3 Cows to 132p/kg looking a real trade for T H Morris with others at 130p/kg returning £984. Stock Bulls to £1078 from J North & Son.

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Store Cattle : 115 forward

A smaller entry than expected due to TB and movement issues. These will come again.

Trade though very firm and Spring air all about leading to renewed buoyancy at ring side. Rumours of trade on the horizon and let us hope that there is no smoke without fire! Mainly grazing sorts today started off very well with D & GM Wright selling Lim x Steers to £820 at 12 months of age whilst 11 month Charolais from E C Parker £780 at 11 months. A pen of 5 Limousinx from JA & S Wrench saw £800 at 11 months with 10 month old Steers £780 and Heifers £700. £805 for Charolais Steers at 11 months to R H Atterbury. Stars though of the section 14 month old Limousin Steers from R W Cross & Partners at £1005 and £960. Aged cattle today perhaps £50 dearer in places and FE & CJ Barnett showed a nice consignment of Herefords at £1050 and £1040 for 8 Steers 24 months of age. Top though Simmental dairy bred Steers at 24 months from T H Lee & Son selling to £1090 for a pair and £1085 for a pen full. Sisters to the same to £1000 with others £820. Please let us have entries for the next sale as soon as possible.

THIS SATURDAY MULTIBREED BREEDING CATTLE SALE 12 NOON.

SHEEP: 4,509 forward

Spring Lambs: 1,310 forward SQQ 229p/kg

By far the largest show so far this year and one of the biggest yarding in the country saw 1310 Springers sold this week returning an increased SQQ of 228.25p/kg. Customers today starting to find a demand for the product although finish essential and very noticeable increased customers for better finished sorts showing grading. Lambs over 42kg also attracting a limited following with fewer outlets. In the Euro section a top p/kg of 243p/kg to L G Russell & Son, Stratford Upon Avon with 40kg Beltex whilst Richard Lowe showed marvellous finished Charollais at 242p/kg and R Tofield, Buckingham sold 32.5kg at 242p/kg. Overall a top today of £105 for 49kg from Mr Mounsey, Market Bosworth. J Hill, Leicester took £103 for 44kg equal with W Gaydon, Banbury and Dennis and John Clarke with 46kg. MG & M Barnes 44kg to £101 and Peter Amor, Henley in Arden £100 for 45kg.

Please do book sheep in so we can accommodate as appropriate.

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Prime Lambs: 1,310 SQQ (229p/kg)			
Per kilo			
Texel x	36.00 kgs	244 p/kg	D & GM Wright
Charollais x	40.00 kgs	243 p/kg	LG Russell & Son
Charollais x	39.00 kgs	242 p/kg	J & R Lowe
Charollais x	32.50 kgs	242 p/kg	R Tofield
Charollais x	39.00 kgs	240 p/kg	MM Clarke & Sons
Per head			
Charollais x	49.00 kgs	£105.00	Mr Mounsey
Charollais x	44.00 kgs	£103.00	J Hill
Charollais x	46.00 kgs	£103.00	W Gaydon
Charollais x	47.00 kgs	£103.00	MM Clarke & Sons
Charollais x	44.00 kgs	£101.00	MG & M Barnes

Prime Hogs: 2,466 forward SQQ 190p/kg

Numbers keep on rolling and trade staying up to the last pen with an sqq of 190p/kg. We did though end up waiting to sell some pens with the auction moving faster than numbers arrived. Please do try to have Hogs in early. 2466 Hogs today included some very good sorts all the way through to some Hogs little better than stores. Smart export spec very much wanted and T Sammons, Shipston on Stour sold Beltex at 35kg to 217p/kg whilst Frank Osbourne topped his load of 500 Hogs at 205p/kg for 37.5kg Texels and Aylesbury vendor M Powell had 201p/kg. 200p/kg for E D Wells at 30kg and 40kg from Hatton Farms Ltd. In the heavies a top of 199p/kg for 49 kg from Seabrook Partners whilst Richard Lowe 198p/kg for 48kg and 195p/kg for 47kg from G Curtis. In the lump, Euro sections topped at £89 for 44kg from R Randall and 45kg from R Deeley. G Curtis had £97 for 45kg equal with RW Harrison & Sons and T Eadon & Sons. Overall a top today of £106 to R Woodward with 66kg Texels with Bob Rutter, Market Bosworth £105 for 57kg and J Busby, Aylesbury £105 for 82kg. Days now running out for the Hogs and teeth erupting all around.

Please let us have entries in advance.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Prime Hogs: 2,466 SQQ (190p/kg)			
Per kilo - EURO under 45.5kg			
Charollais x	35.00 kgs	217 p/kg	TW Sammons
Charollais x	37.50 kgs	205 p/kg	FA Osborne
Texel x	39.00 kgs	201 p/kg	M Powell
Charollais x	30.00 kgs	200 p/kg	ED Wells
Charollais x	40.00 kgs	200 p/kg	Hatton Farms Ltd
Per head			
Texel x	44.50 kgs	£89.00	R Randall & Son
Charollais x	45.00 kgs	£87.00	G Curtis & Son
Charollais x	45.00 kgs	£87.00	RW Harrison & Son
Charollais x	45.00 kgs	£86.50	JAH Busby
Dorset x	45.00 kgs	£86.00	DJ & M Hull

Per kilo - HEAVIES 45.5kgs plus			
Charollais x	49.00 kgs	199 p/kg	Seabrook Partners
Charollais x	48.00 kgs	198 p/kg	J & R Lowe
Charollais x	45.50 kgs	196 p/kg	RA Deeley
Charollais x	47.00 kgs	195 p/kg	G Curtis & Son
Charollais x	49.00 kgs	195 p/kg	Townshend Partners
Per head			
Charollais x	66.00 kgs	£106.00	R Woodward
Charollais x	57.50 kgs	£105.00	RG Rutter & Son
Charollais x	82.00 kgs	£105.00	JAH Busby
Charollais x	73.00 kgs	£100.50	GR Fountaine
Texel x	57.50 kgs	£98.00	R Randall & Son

Store Hogs : 82 forward

Very much an end of season show of Store Hogs today, but still topping at a very respectable £70 for Dorsets from PJ Hicks. A few mid-keep Hogs £64-£67, with the remainder being small long keep Hogs, to sit between £52-£60

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Breeding Sheep : 5 forward

Just the one pen of Ewes and lambs today, enjoying a trade. Double Theaves with 1.5 lambs at foot to reach £54 per life.

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Cull Ewes : 646 forward

Just under 650 Ewes forward today and a swift trade albeit a decreased avg reflecting a lot more light Ewes today on show with the avg just shy of £80. Top today three Texel Tups from V Manning selling to £138 whilst Richard and Judy Fountaine saw £125 for a pair of Beltex Ewes and Stuart Dunkley £116 for a Charollais Ewe. Holly Weaver took £110 for Texels. Mules perhaps a shade less but good ones still all over £80 and topping at £94 for C D Harrison & Sons and £91 for G Mann. More needed next week

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Cull Ewes & Rams: 646 forward					
Texel	£138.00	V Manning	Beltex	£108.00	BC Cooper
Beltex	£125.00	GR Fountaine	Texel	£106.00	PA & M Barnes
Charollais	£116.00	SGW Dunkley	Texel	£106.00	Meadow Farm
Texel	£110.00	H Weaver	Texel	£105.00	WG Moore
Texel	£109.00	RG Rutter & Son	Texel	£105.00	AG Murdoch & Sons

Calves : 5 forward

A quality show of Calves today, meeting a sharper trade. Top today of £300 for a month old Limousin x Bull Calf, from D & E Trice, with brothers also at £300 and £250. A smart 2 week old Limousin x Heifer to £190 from AJ Breakspear. Black and Whites to £90. More Calves needed every week.

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RAY NICHOLS

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ray Nichols on Thursday 5th May. Ray was a great supporter of RFM and well respected within the agricultural industry. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very sad time.

We will announce funeral arrangements as soon as they are confirmed.



**South Northamptonshire Council Local Plan Part 2A Options Consultation
and Further Call for Housing Sites – Now is the time to act**

South Northamptonshire Council is consulting on its Local Plan Part 2A Options including carrying out a further 'call for sites' for potential housing sites in its urban and rural areas.

If you have a potential housing site on the edge of a village or town within South Northants that you would like to be considered by the Council as part of the preparation of its Part 2A Local Plan, then Howkins & Harrisons' Planning Team would be pleased to assist.

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Dear member,

Sheep theft and in-field butchery in Northamptonshire meeting with Police 31 May

The incidence of sheep theft has slowly risen across the county in recent years. Circa 50 incidents have been reported to the Police involving either sheep theft or the in-field butchery of sheep.

This letter is to invite you, as a sheep producer, to a meeting with the Northamptonshire Police being held at the Compton Estate Club in Castle Ashby village on Tuesday 31 May at 7.30pm.

The aim of this meeting will be to raise awareness of the issue and scale of the problem and discuss how we can help the Police going forward. What steps can farmers take to reduce this type of crime? What level of publicity is appropriate? How do we improve reporting of incidents to the Police? What more is there we can do to help the Police? What more can they do to help us?

I recently saw a report from Warwickshire that 5 individuals have been caught stealing sheep so it is possible to apprehend and prosecute the culprits. In Northamptonshire we will consider organising publicity around this meeting to put a marker down with those responsible for our incidents that the farming community is making a more concerted effort to thwart their plans. We can also seek the help of the public to report anything suspicious around your fields or if offered cheap lamb.

I look forward to seeing sheep producers on the 31 May to initiate improved Police liaison on this issue and come up with a plan to tackle the issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S Fisher'.

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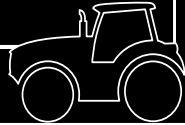
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