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Market Reports For Monday 20th March 2017

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 224p/kg & £1611
Prime Heifers to 216p/kg & £1292
Cows to 160p/kg & £1125
Prime Hogs to 217p/kg & £92
Prime Hogg SQQ 183p/kg
Cull Ewes to £127
Store Cattle to £1245

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CATTLE: 68

Prime Cattle: 48 forward

A larger yarding but general apathy for middle of the road cattle whilst the butchers came out strong.

In the Steers weight all over and meat in places. Meat, weight and shape for Messrs Baylis & Partners, Buckingham saw 224p/kg and a massive £1611!!! Others saw 206p/kg and 194p/kg from A H Oliver & Sons returning £1504. R Grades generally towards 190p/kg but many showing weight above alternative uses.

Heifers wanted but short on quality today selling to 216p/kg twice for Parry Walters with others 214p/kg topping at £1292.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS & BULLS: 31			
Top prices per head			
Blonde	719kg	£1611	J B Baylis & Partners
Beef Shorthorn	840kg	£1504	A H Oliver & Sons
Limousin x	709kg	£1461	J B Baylis & Partners
Blonde	774kg	£1393	J B Baylis & Partners
British Blue	744kg	£1369	A H Oliver & Sons
Top prices per kilo			
Blonde	719kg	224p/kg	J B Baulis & Partners
Limousin x	709kg	206p/kg	J B Baylis & Partners
Limousin x	700kg	194p/kg	A H Oliver & Sons
Hereford	628kg	189p/kg	FE & CJ Barnett
British Blue	744kg	184p/kg	AH Oliver & Sons

HEIFERS: 17			
Top prices per head			
Limousin	598kg	£1292	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	603kg	£1278	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	595kg	£1214	J B Baylis & Partners
Charolais x	636kg	£1208	J B Baylis & Partners
Limousin	546kg	£1179	DTP & PA Walters
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin	598kg	216p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
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Limousin x	603kg	212p/kg	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	595kg	204p/kg	J B Baylis & Partners
Limousin x	544kg	203p/kg	J B Baylis & Partners

COWS: 20 Forward

A harder trade with one buyer full of Cow meat this week saw young Cows to 160p/kg from Pete Darby with others grade 3 around the 130p/kg mark returning £1125 for R W Cross & Partners.

The power out of the job at the moment but hopefully Mothers day will clear some fridges.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Next Week

2 Simmental x Bull Calves
1 Simmental x Heifer Calf

Store Cattle

** Load of 42 Avg over £1100 for one consignor**

The first fair of the year and an addition of a further specialist sale to help accommodate the growing Monday sales. Also this day the first sale of RFM Shares which met a wide buying audience with new and old Customers buying shares both Livestock vendors and Wholesale meat merchants with Shares selling to £600.

In the Store Cattle we started with an aged Polled Charolais Bull from Messrs Bostock selling to £1225 at rising 7 years. Into the young cattle and the small weanlings a swift trade for bucket sorts albeit those bucket reared calves falling in odd ages between 6 and 14 months harder to sell. Single Suckled calves quite the opposite and selling to £900 at 11 months for Charolais Steers from WJP Atkins with others £820. J W Lowick sold 11 month Limousin Steers in pens of 5 to £885. Strong Limousin from the Semple family saw £910 at 11 months of age and others £875 at 12 months with a 13 month £890. Messrs Merris Bros, Northampton £850 at 11 months for Limousin Steers. DJ & EM Fountain saw 13 month strength to £920 and £905 for pairs of Steers with others £875. Then with things really warm they got hotter as Messrs Tustian, Epwell showed a run of 35 quality yearlings to top at a massive £1190 for an Angus Steer at 13 months with a matching pair following in behind at £1135. To show they can do it in all breeds the family then showed Blues to £1100 at 14 months for two pens in a row. Charolais from the same home saw £1000 on five different occasions with the consignment averaging £1015.

Older cattle definitely the trade of the day with cattle someway ahead of expectations. We started with some nice Angus heifers at 17 months of age from I & T Greenfield, Market Bosworth taking £1135 for a pair. M Lee then showed his usual quality to see 18 month old Charolais Heifers to £1050. A run of aged cattle from EJ Taylor & Son topped at £1145 for 21 month old Charolais Steers with others £1130 and £1100. Strong Charolais Heifers saw £1135 and £1130 at 23 months of age. Armstrong Partners out again with quality saw £1190 at 19 months for Simmental Steers with Sisters £1095. R H Burman, Redditch returned bucket calves bought from these shores 20 months ago to see Limousin Steers £1110 with others £1075. Then into the run of 42 from H L Goode & Son, Balsall Common. The first 5 into the ring 23 month old Charolais walked out at £1245 followed by the next pen £1190 for 8 of them. Then to the heifers which made up 2/3 of the consignment and a flyer of £1115 for the first 10 20 – 23 months of age. Followed with 5 at £1075 and 5 at £1065. R L Root showed the usual quality with a pen of Angus at £1240 none Assured at 19 months of age. Stuart Cartwright showed how bucket calves should be done to see 20 month old Angus Steers to £1125 and £1090, £1085 and £1080. M R Grindal returned last years purchases from the same ring to take £1115 at 22 months of age for Simmental before the last beast in the ring, an Angus Steer from Messrs Merris Bros Farmers to £1230 at 22 months of age.

A good trade but vendors must ensure they know there target audience in terms of season and cattle quality. Some today better marketed in April.

SHEEP: 2727

Prime Hoggs: 1879 forward SQQ 183p/kg

Numbers not plentiful but still over 1800 Hoggs as travellers made their way from Surrey, Hampshire and Staffordshire alongside the Midlands men. Trade for the handy weights and meated very strong, with the SQQ of 183p/kg again seeing a positive move forward. Hoggs clearly in demand with the mid-range Hoggs dearer today all trading over 170p/kg upto 50kg albeit heavies well over supplied and little if any benefit coming from having extra weight, save as for the best end heavies. Today's quality the poorest yarding for months and therefore the trade a real one.

In the Euro section a top of 217p/kg for 38.5kg from D & M Herrick, whilst R Heckford 203p/kg for 38kg and P Gibbs, Exors 35.5kg to 197p/kg and Keith Crabtree 40kg to 196p/kg. In the heavies a top p/kg of 191p/kg for 46kg from Charlie Randell ahead of Dave Kings overnight Hoggs at 183p/kg for 46kg. Paul Edwards, Stratford upon Avon 182p/kg for 46.5kg, 181p/kg then for 47.5kg for both Dave King and Messrs Mays, Kent with 181p/kg also for 48kg from HW & AJ Eadon.

In the lump Euro Hoggs topping at £85 for 43.5kg from J & H Tustian ahead of R Randell & Son at £85 for 45kg and Frank Badger (last lot sold) seeing £84 for 44.5kg. and £83.50 for 38.5kg for Messrs Herrick. Overall £92 the top for 6 different pens split between ORP Morgan, Hereford and H L Goode & Son, Balsall Common. Hoggs wanted and next week we will be looking for more in spec weighted Hoggs as the commodity dries up. Springers motoring forward and vendors must now look to clear fields before Spring lamb provides another meat supply.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Prime Hogs: SQQ (183p/kg)			
Per kilo EURO (under 45.5kg)			
Texel x	38.50kgs	217p/kg	D & M Herrick
Charollais x	38.00kgs	203p/kg	R J Heckford
Texel x	35.50kgs	197p/kg	P Gibbs
Charollais x	40.00kgs	196p/kg	K Crabtree
Texel x	43.50kgs	195p/kg	J & H Tustian

Per HEAD			
Texel x	43.50kgs	£85.00	J & H Tustian
Texel x	45.50kgs	£85.00	R Randal & Son
Charollais x	44.50kgs	£84.00	F Badger
Texel x	38.50kgs	£83.50	D & M Herrick
Texel x	44.00kgs	£82.50	D J Curtis

Per kilo HEAVIES (45.5kg & over)			
Texel x	46.00kgs	191p/kg	R Randall & Son
Texel x	46.00kgs	183p/kg	W G King & Sons
Charollais x	46.50kgs	182p/kg	P F Edwards
Texel x	47.50kgs	181p/kg	W G King & Sons
Texel x	47.50kgs	181p/kg	P M Mays

Per head			
Charollais x	73.00kgs	£92.00	H L Goode & Son
Charollais x	68.50kgs	£92.00	ORP Morgan
Charollais x	62.00kgs	£92.00	ORP Morgan
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Charollais x	68.50kgs	£92.00	ORP Morgan

Next Week

4 Suffolk x Double Theaves with Twin Charollais x lambs

Cull Ewes : 675 forward

Another handy sized yarding of ewes and meeting a very strong trade. Top today from “Bad Boy” Dave Mitchell seeing Beltex to £127, with Boulton Bros, Naseby Close behind at £125 for Texel x. Top Suffolks from DF & AG Jeffries to £117, with CL&SJ Whitehead selling X-Bred ewes to £111 and MJM Hewitt with Texels to £109 Top Mules from G C Smith to £96. Ewes today as dear as they have been for some time, with even grazing types sought after.

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Texel x	£127	D Mitchell	Suffolk x	£108	M J Harris Farming
Texel x	£125	Boulton Bros	Suffolk x	£107	M J M Hewitt
Suffolk x	£117	DF & AG Jeffries	Charollais x	£107	Poulson & Co
X Bred	£111	CL & SJ Whitehead	Texel x	£106	MG & M Barnes
Texel x	£109	M J M Hewitt	Suffolk x	£106	Boulton Bros

Store Lambs : 173 Forward

A smaller entry of store lambs selling to a keen ring of feeders, all feeling slightly more positive about the hogg trade. Top today from D&M Herrick, with Texel x trading at £71, and another pen at £70. More frame about today with short keep lambs trading between £65-£71, with mid term lambs £57-£63 and longer term lambs £50-£56, very little under £50.

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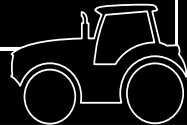


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