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MARKET REPORTS FOR MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020

MARKET AT A GLANCE

Prime Steers to 204p/kg & £1091 Prime Heifers to 218p/kg & £1123 Prime Bulls to 218p/kg & £1123 Prime Lamb SQQ 222p/kg (1024) Prime Lambs to 279p/kg & £114 Ewes to £119 (504 Avg £77)





Tom and the team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you all for your continued support during this difficult year. Monday 28th we will be open as normal with Cattle, Sheep & Calves

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CATTLE: 10 FORWARD

One of those days today following the improved entry and fast trade of last week. The lockdown of the ports made vendors nervous on showing cattle. The small entry was particularly disappointing in that we had canvassed vendors to consign quality butchers type heifers to meet the envisaged demand and that those entries did not materialise. We will run next week as normal as a result.

Barren Cows (3).

A small entry of Red Poll cows from A Tuffen, Little House sold to a better than expected trade. The cows were slightly over finished and weighed well for their size. They sold to 80ppk and £512. Many more cows are needed on a weekly basis.

Overall Average 75ppk.

Prime Cattle (7)

More prime cattle were hoped for following the fast trade last week. The majority were nicely finished heifers and were sold at an even faster trade with the current solid demand for this type of Butcher marketed prime beef mirrored in the tremendous trade.

Heifers:-

Top price per head and per kilo was a quality heifer at 218ppk (£1123) from R Smith + Son, Green Wicket who also sold at 211ppk. RW Cross + Ptnrs sold at 210ppk and 206ppk.

Steers:-

Top price steer came from RW Cross + Ptnrs sold at 204ppk (£1092).

The prime cattle section was building weekly before the Hiatus of this week. In the new year we hope to build on the improvements in numbers and trade. More abattoirs are represented but a shortage in cattle forward will test their resolve to keep supporting us. We need your cattle and we need them now.

Auctioneer: John Eirian Davies

NEXT CALF SALE MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER 11AM

NEXT WEEK

3 Hereford x Steers and 1 Hereford x Blue Steer 19-20 months Homebred, Single Suckled From Haycock & Partners

Craig Thompson

I would like to thank everyone connected to RFM for the lovely cards, letters and flowers I have received since my dearest Craig passed away in August.

Also a big big thank you to everyone who has donated and bought at the ram fair and August Breeding sheep sale, the proceeds of the sales plus other donations and collection at the church means a total of 5 syringe drivers have been bought in Craig's memory for the Eden Valley Hospice who so lovingly cared for him in his final days.

I was hoping to say my thank you's at the Suckled Calf sale in November but Boris and Covid put pay to that, so I have had to put pen to paper.

Hopefully I will see you (along with his friends from up North) at the suckled calf sale next year. On a personal note I would like to thank Tom and Woody for taking time out to travel up to Scaleby for his funeral, it meant a lot to me, his family and friends.

Looking forward to November when hopefully I can catch up with old faces.

Love to you all.

Wishing everyone the best for 2021.

Take care and stay safe.

Carole x

STORE LAMBS: 90 FORWARD



A small entry of well bred lambs sold to a similar buying contingent and a surprisingly fast trade considering the current disturbance to the prime supply chain. There were mainly well bred, longer keep lambs forward and the quality of the lambs helped the trade.

There will be an influx of buyers in the new year to place lambs on fields of root crops currently untouched. We need larger entries of short and long keep lambs going forward.

Charollais lambs sold to £88 from S Mockler, Edstone who also sold Suffolks at £83. Charolais also at £86 from HN+ SE Staines.

Texel lambs sold to £86 and £85 from SA Lomas, Naseby Road. £85 from GK Doyle, Famington. Overall Average £71.42 per head.

Auctioneer: John Eirian Davies

SHEEP:1617 FORWARD SPRING LAMBS: 1024 FORWARD SQQ 222P/KG

What a 24 hours for the sheep industry!!! At 6pm on Sunday night an expected 3100 lambs and 1100 ewes forecast for the following Mornings trading together with a very swift and favourable trade! Roll on to 9pm and the Countries Borders had been shut, Exporters reported hundreds of thousands of pounds of lamb bodies stuck on lorries with nowhere to go and the Industry was placed on an unforeseen standstill. As the Deadweight systems rushed to make sure the chains on the gates had been properly clasped, the live auction system responded as only it can!! A diminished and tailored entry of 1020 lambs placed in the aisles to service buyers whom could kill was compiled, and vendors reassured with the certainty they could recover lambs if not satisfied in such uncertain circumstances. Two customers buoyed by news from the Continent that there lorries had successfully made it to Europe and back, resulted in a trade that outstripped all expectations and returned an SQQ of 222p/kg and a 100% clearance. In truth we felt very lucky for the support from our buyers who did all they could to help vendors on such an unpredictable day. Another 10% more lambs on the day I suggest may have tipped the balance the wrong way.. Export lambs obviously hit by the transport ban but best shaped medium weights for home trade and lightweight lambs for City trade shops bought with confidence throughout. Heavy lambs also an improved trade perhaps a result of the Turkey shortage!! Top of the tree today 279p/ kg at 34kg from R Richins who also had 39kg to 272p/kg. C R Hill, Market Harborough showed shape with 40kg Beltex to 270p/kg whilst Hillside Farm showed Texels to 260p/kg at 35kg and Roberto Leach equal. Bradley Wrench, Rosie Leach and Messrs Richins x 3 all over 250p/kg. Heavies rewarded for lean meat and shape seeing 228p/kg at 50kg from Rocky Poulson with 224p/kg for 46.5kg from Humphrey Livestock with 220p/kg for 46kg from the same. In the lump Exports/lightweights going out the door at £111 for 44.5kg from R Richins with £108 for 40kg from C R Hill and £106 for 39kg from Messrs Richins. Top overall to £114 at 50kg from Poulson & Co, Nuneaton with D Dashwood, Buckingham's shapey 66kg to £112 and 55kg to £110. Our thanks to all. A very difficult day for all buyer and vendors. We managed to put just enough lambs together to maintain one of the top trades again but capacity for buyers numbers was stretched with almost all Abattoirs closed for Business. An all in Avg of £93.20p a welcome Christmas present. Merry Christmas to one and All!! Enjoy time with your loved ones. The future of British Agriculture can only be bright, with the Skill set of yourselves and the climate making Britain's produce the best in the World and the best will always be in demand!!!

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

SPRING LAMBS : UNDER 45.5kg SQQ 222p/kg

Per Kilo

Beltex x	34.00kg	279ppk	R Richins
Beltex x	39.00kg	272ppk	R Richins
Beltex x	40.00kg	270ppk	CR Hill
Texel x	35.00kg	260ppk	Hillside
Texel x	35.50kg	259ppk	R F Leach
Per HEAD			

Beltex x	44.50kg	£111.00	R Richins	
Beltex x	40.00kg	£108.00	CR Hill	
Beltex x	39.00kg	£106.00	R Richins	
Beltex x	40.00kg	£101.00	R Richins	
Charollais x	44.00kg	£99.00	Poulson & Co	

SPRING LAMBS : OVER 45.5kg

Per Kilo					
Charollais x	50.00kg	288ppk	Poulson & Co		
Beltex x	46.50kg	224ppk	Humphrey Livestock		
Beltex x	46.00kg	220ppk	Humphrey Livestock		
Charollais x	46.50kg	219ppk	Poulson & Co		
Charollais x	46.00kg	217ppk	MJ Woodward		
Per HEAD					
Charollais x	50.00kg	£114.00	Poulson & Co		
Charollais x	66.00kg	£112.00	D Dashwood		
Charollais x	55.00kg	£110.00	D Dashwood		
Charollais x	57.50kg	£104.50	D Dashwood		
Beltex	46.50kg	£104.00	Humphrey Livestock		

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CULL EWES: 503 FORWARD



Again a tailored entry. Trade for Ewes not impacted by the Borders just Abbatoirs uncertainty of Cash flow, fridge space and resources. A swift trade albeit a poor show of Ewes with all trading only a little lower than last week. No real quality Ewes to speak of and an abundance of medium Ewes on show. Top £119 for a Texel x from C R Hill with Rams to £117 for RFS Ltd. Charollais Ewes to £107 from Poulson & Co with Texel x to £104 from Humphrey Livestock. Any strong Ewes north of £100 topping for Suffolks at £103 for Suffolks for W E Green & Son (Studley) others £100 from RAE Wilson & Son. Mules to £93 for C R Hill, E Taylor and RFS Ltd. Most Mules trading either side of £80 and medium weight Ewes a fast trade.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

EWES								
Texel x	£119	CR Hill	Suffolk x	£103	WE Green & Son			
Lleyn	£117	RFS Ltd	Lleyn	£102	RFS Ltd			
Charollais x	£107	Poulson & Co	Charollais x	£100	CR Hill			
Texel x	£104	Humphrey Livestock	X Bred	£100	E Taylor			
Charollais x	£103	Poulson & Co	Texel x	£100	K Ronch			

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We are very sorry that due to the current CVID restrictions we are unable to hold our usual carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies event before the poultry sale on 22nd. December.

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of all the Warwickshire volunteers with The Farming Community to wish you all a blessed, happy and safe Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous 2021.

It's been a particularly difficult time for many in the farming community, please do phone FCN 03000 111 999 for confidential help if needed.

As market chaplain I am also available if anyone would like a confidential chat any time.

Hoping for a much better 2021!

Revd. Barbara Clutton – Market chaplain. 01788 810372 07808 137550



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