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Market Reports For Monday 4th February 2019

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 208p/kg & £1417
Prime Heifers to 221p/kg & £1452
Prime Bulls to 181p/kg & £1071
OTM Cattle to 169p/kg & £1369
Prime Hogg SQQ 198p/kg (2001)
Prime Hogs to 230p/kg & £107
Ewes to £97 (700 Avg £67)
Calves to £290
Store Cattle to £1030

Saturday 16th February
Sale of In-Lamb Ewes & Quarterly Smallholders
Sale

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CATTLE: 195 Forward

PRIME CATTLE:41 HEAD

Excellent numbers in the clean and OTM's, whilst the young bulls had less numbers forward, the quality was varied throughout with weight again to the fore. The improved buyer strength at ringside easily accommodated the extra numbers with trade similar on the week.

BULLS: 3 HEAD

Numbers short of buyers needs with all types wanted. Top price was 181p paid for a black from Steve Abbott which grossed £1071.52. Black-whites sold to 137p from Mr. Ratcliffe for 18 m Holstein, with others to 136p. As ever more are required to supply the growing demand at ringside.

STEERS:13 HEAD

Again an entry dominated by weight, benefitted from the two new faces at ringside, trade would be similar on the week with the very heavy cattle possibly a copper or two less Top price was a Limousin from Richard Fountaine and Family at 208p, others sold to 199p from Bill Jones. Top price per head was £1417.10 for a blonde from Mouldings Green Farm Partnership.

HEIFERS: 25 HEAD

As always , quality shaped handy-weights benefitted from the butcher presence at ringside, and as ever proved short of buyers needs. The section and sale was topped by a Limousin at 221p from Messrs Baylis, who sold sisters to 220p with the load averaging 214.5p. Ces Thomas sold blues to 212p, with native breeds selling to 178p from Chris Barnett. Heavyweights sold to £1452.20 for the blue from Ces Thomas.

OTM's AND CULL COWS: 25 HEAD

An auctioneer's dream, a quality entry, 5 buyers all wanting cattle and demand outstripped supply. Meat everywhere in the entry which was topped at 169p for a young handy-weight beef shorthorn cow. Blue's sold to 142p from Jasper Hart, Gelbveith's from Robert Goode realised 132p. Heavyweight cows sold to £1223.01 for a Limousin x from Messrs Hopkins, and the top ten cows averaged £1025.40 showing the strength of the trade. Cast Bulls sold to £1368.50 for a Charolais from Messrs Hopkins. Clean overage sold to 160p for a Charolais heifer from Messrs Barnes, Tamworth, Hereford steers from Chris Barnett grossed £1200.80.

Farmers, we have more buyers operating in all sections and as space is becoming a premium on farms due to lambing, give us a call regarding selling your cattle to maximise your returns. Remember **MAXIMUM COMMISSION IN THIS RING £25 A HEAD.**

Auctioneer: Craig Thompson

| STEERS & BULLS: | | | |
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| Top prices per head | | | |
| Blonde | 766kg | £1417 | Mouldings Green Farm Partnership |
| Blonde | 656kg | £1305 | Mouldings Green Farm Partnership |
| Limousin x | 703kg | £1301 | R W Cross & Partners |
| Blonde | 667kg | £1294 | C W Thomas |
| Simmental | 660kg | £1294 | R G Abbott & Son |
| Top prices per kilo | | | |
| Limousin | 620kg | 208p/kg | G R Fountaine |
| Blonde | 656kg | 199p/kg | Mouldings Green Farm Partnership |
| Simmental | 660kg | 196p/kg | R G Abbott & Son |
| Simmental | 652kg | 195p/kg | R G Abbott & Son |
| Blonde | 667kg | 194p/kg | C W Thomas |

| HEIFERS: | | | |
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| Top prices per head | | | |
| Limousin x | 685kg | £1452 | C W Thomas |
| Blonde | 624kg | £1373 | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Limousin x | 609kg | £1346 | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Limousin x | 617kg | £1265 | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Blonde | 590kg | £1245 | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Top prices per kilo | | | |
| Limousin x | 609kg | 221p/kg | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Blonde | 624kg | 220p/kg | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Limousin x | 685kg | 212p/kg | C W Thomas |
| Blonde | 590kg | 211p/kg | J B Baylis & Partners |
| Limousin x | 617kg | 205p/kg | J B Baylis & Partners |

CALVES: 21 Forward

A few less forward than entered, but those forward met a sound trade for the goods on offer. Top of the tree this week saw Phil Dyson selling Simmental x Heifers to £290 at 3 weeks, with British Blue x Heifers from the same stable to £285, and Angus x to £280. BL & KM Sercombe sold British Blue x Bulls to £140.

More expected in a fortnights time.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

SHEEP:3274

Prime Hoggs: 2001 Forward SQQ 198p/kg

Just over 2000 Hoggs today although we expected another 300 that got stuck in the snow. An SQQ of 198p/kg ahead of that expected with deadweights dropping all around and some real end of run quality Hoggs penned today. Certainly lethargy in the buyers also as the owner buyers we deal with, report sluggish sales at home and on the Continent. Supply Nationally also seemingly rising with Root Hoggs coming fit. Euro weighted Hoggs today trading to 230p/kg for 37kg from Pete Batchelor whilst his 39.5kg to 228p/kg equal with Page Bros showing properly fed Hoggs at 228p/kg for 39.5kg for Texel. 225p/kg for Pete Batchelors Beltex at 41.5kg and P R Elkington 222p/kg for 38kg. In the Heavies a top of 215p/kg for 46kg from S Taylor, Coventry with Beltex and 207p/kg for 47kg. Humphrey Livestock 203p/kg for 46kg. In the lump Export weighted Hoggs topping at £93.50 for 41.5kg from Team Batchelor with others £90 at 39kg and Page Bros £90 at 39.5kg. Heavies hard to sell again on the Home trade and this reflected today. London Bid prices of £3.50 per dead Kilo delivered into Smithfield does focus the mind to the value of heavy Hoggs. Top today £107 for 73kg from Messrs Emery whilst R & B Smith £106.50 for 59.5kg and WG & SW Jones 71kg to £106. Trade harder but still 11 pens over £100. Trade for Hoggs suggesting that a lethargy within the Supermarkets to sell Lamb is now coming back down the line.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Next Monday The Rugby Primestock Society will be Presenting a cheque to the Stroke Association at 10am in the sheep alley. For all that was collected at the Christmas Primestock Show & Dinner.

BELLY DIRT AND CRUTCHES

We are under almost unsustainable pressure to stop selling dirty bellied Hoggs from the FSA. Yesterday a wealth of dirty bellied sheep. It is not acceptable to expect a slaughter mans knife to pass through the dirt before being used upon animals entering into the food chain. This must be rectified before it becomes compulsory to clip every Hogg.

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| Prime Hogs: SQQ 198p/kg) under 45.5kg | | | |
| Per kilo | | | |
| Beltex x | 37.00kgs | 230p/kg | P Batchelor |
| Beltex x | 39.50kgs | 228p/kg | P Batchelor |
| Charolais x | 39.50kgs | 228p/kg | Page Bros |
| Beltex x | 41.50kgs | 225p/kg | P Batchelor |
| Beltex x | 38.00kgs | 222p/kg | P R Elkington |

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| Per HEAD | | | |
| Beltex x | 41.50kgs | £93.50 | P Batchelor |
| Beltex x | 39.50kgs | £90.00 | P Batchelor |
| Texel x | 39.50kgs | £90.00 | Page Bros |
| Texel x | 45.00kgs | £90.00 | M R Cross |
| Charolais x | 45.00kgs | £89.50 | M J Cheney |

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| Prime Hogs: OVER 45.5kg | | | |
| Per kilo | | | |
| Beltex x | 46.00kgs | 215p/kg | S F Taylor |
| Beltex x | 47.00kgs | 209p/kg | S F Taylor |
| Texel x | 46.00kgs | 203p/kg | Humphrey Livestock |
| Beltex x | 47.00kgs | 200p/kg | R Woodward |
| Charollais x | 49.50kgs | 199p/kg | Amorise Farms Ltd |

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| Per HEAD | | | |
| Suffolk x | 75.00kgs | £107.00 | W & M Emery & Son |
| Texel x | 59.50kgs | £106.50 | R & B Smith |
| Charollais x | 71.00kgs | £106.00 | WG & SW Jones |
| Suffolk x | 61.50kgs | £105.00 | D Taylor |
| Charollais x | 58.50kgs | £103.00 | H L Goode & Son |

Store Hoggs: 573 Forward

A very mixed show of store lambs forward today as we start to reach the end of some producers. Top today from RF Davy selling Charollais x stores to £79.50, with Anne Wilson selling Cheviot x to £77.50. Shorter term store easier this week, between £70 and £79.50, with mid-term types £63-£68, longer term sorts £55-£60 with only the very hard bred under £50. Overall average £61.23 with every lamb in.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

Cull Ewes: 700 Forward

Ewe trade showing slightly more spark, that said big ewes remain difficult. Top today from Richard Wright selling Charollais rams to £97. ST Phillips sold Rouge ewes to £90, equal with Texel Rams from M & AW Wright. PK Cobley sold Texel Rams to £88, with AL & AR Wolfe to £87 for Beltex. Top Suffolks today from Ian Wain to £84, with top mules from the Stafford Wanderer to £74. Ewe trade must continue to be monitored prior to marketing.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

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| Charollais x | £97 | R J Wright | Texel | £86.50 | AL & AR Wolfe |
| Rouge x | £90 | S T Phillips | Blue Faced Leicester | £86 | RJ & KM Kingston |
| Texel x | £90 | M & AW Wright | X Bred | £85 | Critchlow Farming |
| Texel x | £88 | P K Cobley | X Bred | £84 | M & AW Wright |

Store Cattle: 108 Forward

A seasonal entry of just over 100 met a rip roaring trade for all types other than the very small for age. Highlight of the day perhaps the annual consignment of Salers 8 to 10 months from DT & D Mann and Son, Stratford upon Avon which saw the first pen of Saler Steers 9 months to £925 with the next pen £915 x5 and others £830, £750 and heifers £600. Woods Farm Meridan sold Simmental Heifers at 10 months old to £770. Strong out winterd sorts saw E C Parker, Tysoe £910 for 11 month Angus Steers with others £890 and Shorthorns equal money. Messrs Whitlock, Coventry sold real growey sorts to 11 months making a smart £1,000 brothers to the same saw pens full at £930 and £900. W Paterson, Uttoxeter showed bucket Blue Heifers to £900 at 20 months. Ollie Pritchett sold Herefords at £1020 for 19 months and £945 for a 15 month Simmental Steer. Last in the ring some smart sorts from DJ & EM Fountain saw £1030 for Limousin Heifers at 18 months with Steers to £1000.

Numbers now building as we look to the Spring Sales.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

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