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Market Reports For Monday 5th December 2016

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 280p/kg & £1944
Prime Heifers to 420p/kg & £2877
Prime Bulls to 198p/kg & £1427
Cows to 156p/kg & £1381
Prime Lambs to 611p/kg & £275
Prime Lamb SQQ 183p/kg
Cull Ewes to £147
Calves to £300

Monday 19th December

December Fair of Store Cattle

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Rugby Primestock Society Market Report 2016

The 43rd Rugby Primestock Society Show & Sale was held on Monday 5th December 2016 with an impressive number of entries totalling 306 show sheep and 39 show cattle.

Mr Richard Taylor, Owen Taylor and Son, Alfreton, Derbys, took charge of the cattle judging, with some excellent quality cattle forward. Judging began in the penned cattle classes, with Mrs A Tarry-Smith and her nephew T Turnham's Blue steer win the Halter tied steer or heifer (class 7) whilst WN & RR Shirley claimed the pairs with 2 Hereford steers (class 8). Mr Fountaine repeated his success from 2015 in the Regular Vendor (class 9) with a Limousin cross steer, whilst J & D Davies won their first 1st prize of the day in the barren cows (class 11).

In the halter led classes, A Fyfe achieved first in both the light weight steer (class1a) and the lightweight heifer (class 3) with his Limousin cross entries. The high entry numbers in the steers meant they were 3 classes, and the mid weight steer class (class1) J & D Davies triumphed for the second time on the day, whilst Frank Page's 720kg Blue steer took first in the heavy weight class (class 2). Mr Page also went on to take first in the heavy weight Heifer class (class 4). SJ Timms' Angus heifer took first in the Natives (class 5), whilst Matt Morris succeeded in the Young farmers with his Limousin heifer (class 6).

When it came to choosing the Supreme Champion, 7 fantastic quality beast were put forward, making decision making tough. In the end after careful consideration, Frank Page with his Heavy weight British Blue Heifer weighing in at 685kg came out on top. The Supreme Champion later sold, first in the ring for £4.20pkg bought by the Judge Richard Taylor. Reserve champion went to GR Fountaines' 673kg Limousin cross heifer that had stood second to the Supreme champion in their class earlier on. The reserve supreme champion sold for £3.59pkg, weighing in at 650kg, and was also purchased by Owen Taylor and Sons, Derbys. A fantastic display of cattle all round.

Meanwhile in the Sheep classes, judged by Steven Elliot, RB Elliott & Son, Chesterfield, there were 102 pens entered. In the Continental Sire classes, F J Clarke achieved first in the lightweight section, with Pete Batchelor, scoring his first prize of the day in the heavyweights. RAE Wilson achieved first place in the Native sire lightweight, whilst TC Williams & son took first in the heavyweight class and followed it up with overall Native Sire champion.

Miss Maisie Robinson with Miss Evie Clarke took the YFC class, whilst P Batchelor triumphed in the regular vendor class for the second year running. AEJ & FJ Claridge were extremely pleased to score first in the Novice class and, last but not least, W & J McCurdie winning the Native ewe class & R Long ewes won 1st in the cull ewe class also taking the overall cull ewe champion. At the end of the judging a delighted Pete Batchelor was crowned Supreme Champion with his Continental Heavyweight lambs weighing 45kg each and were bought for 611 per kilo (£275) by Owen Taylor & Sons. It marked an extremely successful for Pete and I think it is a testament to him that all 5 pens of sheep he put forward into the show achieved at least a 2nd placed rosette – Well done Pete! Reserve champions from F & J Clarke sold to 400p/kg or £160, bought by Carpenters Farm Butchery.

Notable mention also goes to George Page, who, from an excellent number of entries forward in the produce classes, achieved the overall Points trophy for Produce for the second year running. George is quickly establishing himself as the next Page on the show scene to keep an eye on – well done George! The Society would also like to thank Mr Reay, Reay and Son, for judging the produce section.

On behalf of our chairman, Steve Eales, and the whole society we need to say a big Thank you! Thank you to all those who attended our show and sale and we hope you very much enjoyed the day. The number of entries to the show was brilliant and the exhibitors' hard work in producing and entering quality stock is truly appreciated. Special thanks to all 3 judges, as well as the buyers, sponsors, and all those who worked hard to make the day a success. Thank you to all the members of the Primestock society who helped prepare, run and pack away the day. Finally a huge thank you goes to Tom Wrench and all the staff at RFM for welcoming the society and keeping things running smoothly on what was an extremely busy market day. It's not an easy task to fit a show and sale in addition to the normal busy Monday market. Finally, many thanks to all those who contributed towards our charity fundraising by buying goods, donating for food or purchasing raffle tickets, we will update you with a total for our charity Help for Heroes later on. Tickets are still available for our Presentation Dinner on Saturday, featuring guest speaker Julian White and after that enjoyable evening we draw a close to 2016 and have a short break before planning for 2017 starts at the January AGM! See you next year!

Steph Baker Secretary, Rugby Primestock Society **CATTLE: 78 forward**

Prime Cattle: 43 forward

The annual Christmas show today and a good entry of well finished and presented sorts. A full Secretaries report can be found at the start of this report, including show results. The Champion from the Page Bros stable this year for a fantastic heifer weighing 685kg, also Champion in the heavy heifer class, commanded fierce interest to see it finally fall at 420p/kg to the Judge Mr Taylor of Owen Taylor Butchers, Derby returning £2877. Reserve this year from the Fountaine family selling to 359p/kg again to Owen Taylor & Sons. Trade throughout the heifers today to see 300p/kg both for a heavy heifer from Messrs AA Fyfe at 631kg and the same at 556kg from Matt Morris. Steers today to 280p/kg from Messrs Fyfe at 659kg although top return £1944 from Page Bros for a 720kg Steer selling in both cases to Joseph Morris Butchers Ltd.

A real trade throughout with buyers for all sorts and grades with both show and commercial cattle in demand throughout to new and old buyers

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STEERS & BULLS: 29				
Top prices per head				
720kg	£1944	Page Bros		
659kg	£1845	A A Fyfe & Sons		
766kg	£1815	B M F Smith		
670kg	£1809	JL & DA Davies		
655kg	£1670	C W Thomas		
Top prices per kilo				
659kg	280p/kg	A A Fyfe & Sons		
720kg	270p/kg	Page Bros		
670kg	270p/kg	JL & DA Davies		
655kg	255p/kg	C W Thomas		
620kg	250p/kg	B M F Smith		
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HEIFERS: 14						
Top prices per head	Top prices per head					
British Blue x	685kg	£2877	Page Bros			
Limousin x	673kg	£2416	G R Fountaine			
British Blue x	685kg	£1904	S Daly			
Limousin x	631kg	£1893	AAFyfe & Sons			
Limousin x	556kg	£1668	M Morris			
Top prices per kilo						
British Blue x	685kg	420p/kg	Page Bros			
Limousin x	673kg	359p/kg	G R Fountaine			
Limousin x	631kg	300p/kg	A A Fyfe & Sons			
Limousin x	556kg	300p/kg	M Morris			
British Blue x	685kg	278p/kg	S Daly			

OTM: 18 Forward

Once again miles ahead of any alternative in this section Champion Cow to J & D Davies selling at 156p/kg at 885kg returning £1381 to Pak Mecca Meats who also took the Reserve at 150p/kg and £1327. Other Cows to 149p/kg and 143p/kg with grade 3 Cows from Chris Stubbs at 134p/kg.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Calves: 9 Forward

A few less than last week but still a neat trade. Top today for MJ & R Titterton for a 2 month Limousin x Bull calf reaching £300. Beef bred heifers saw Simmental x from Mike Pearson to £235 at a month old. Black and whites from the Tittertons to £95 at 15 days, with others to £58 from BL & KM Sercombe and £55 from MJ Sharlot.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

Store Cattle: 8 Forward

A handful of weaned calves forward as well this morning, all being genuine outliers from Richard Lamb. Top of £510 for a 6 month Blonde x heifer, with similarly bred smaller but shapey heifers to the same figure.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

SHEEP: 3463

Prime Lambs: 2227 forward SQQ 183p/kg

A day where every man and his dog found lambs, another large yarding with over 2200 penned in the aisles. Judging today ably carried out by Mr S Elliot who awarded the Supreme Championship to Mr Pete Batchelor, with the Reserve Champions being awarded to F & J Clarke. Pete went on to sell his champion pen of 45kg Beltex lambs to a staggering 611ppk, or £275 per head sold to the cattle Judge Mr Richard Taylor, with the 40kg Beltex x Reserve champions reching 400ppk and £160 per head to Mr Robert Leach. Smart lambs from Dave Mitchell saw 42kgs to 279ppk for Texels with J&N Fyfe close behind with 40kg Texels to 275ppk. The Heavies saw Angela Tarry-Smith reach 252ppk for 56kg Charollais, with AEJ & FJ Claridge seeing 50kgs at 246ppk for Texels. The Native classes saw Wiltshire Horn sired lambs from TC Williams to 238ppk for 38.5kgs with other lambs from the same stable to 234ppk at 46.5kgs. In the euro, and excluding the championship lambs saw Matt Morris sell 45kg Texels to £118 with Dave "The Boy" Mitchell selling Beltex x at 42kgs to £117 with PA& M Barnes matching that figure for 44kg Texels. In the Heavies Pete Batchelor sold buddies to the champions to £142 at 56kg for Beltex x, with Angela Tarry-Smith 56kg for £141 for Charollais and AEJ&FJ Claridge selling 50kg Texels to £123. Trade today a similar tale to previous weeks with leaner lambs much harder work than lambs that are fit.

Excluding show lambs the SQQ 174.6p/kg which represented a trade better than alternative but the nation seemingly awash with lamb and Continental wholesalers faultering daily.

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Prime Lambs: S0	QQ (183p/kg)			
Per kilo EURO (u	ınder 45.5kg)			
Beltex x	45.00 kgs	611p/kg	P Batchelor	
Texel x	40.00 kgs	400p/kg	F & J Clarke	
Texel x	42.00 kgs	279p/kg	D Mitchell	
Texel x	40.00 kgs	275p/kg	J & N Fyfe	
Texel x	41.50 kgs	272p/kg	C Harrison	
Per head				
Beltex x	45.00 kgs	£275.00	P Batchelor	
Beltex x	40.00 kgs	£160.00	F & J Clarke	
Texel x	45.00 kgs	£118.00	M Morris	
Beltex x	42.00 kgs	£117.00	D Mitchell	
Texel x	44.00kgs	£117.00	PA & M Barnes & Son	

Per kilo HEAVIES (45.5kg & over)				
Beltex x	45.50kgs	312p/kg	P Batchelor	
Beltex x	45.50kgs	264p/kg	P Batchelor	
Charollais x	46.50kgs	256p/kg	A J Geary	
Charollais x	56.00kgs	252p/kg	A Tarry-Smith	
Texel x	50.00kgs	246p/kg	AEJ & FJ Claridge	

Per head				
Beltex x	P Batchelor			
Charollais x	56.00 kgs	£141.00	A Tarry-Smith	
Texel x	50.00 kgs	£123.00	AEJ & FJ Claridge	
Charollais x	56.00 kgs	£121.00	A Tarry-Smith	
Beltex x	45.50 kgs	£120.00	P Batchelor	

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Cull Ewes: 730 forward

Another large yarding of ewes coming out today with the top price going to Rory Long for the Champion pen of ewes at £147 for Texels, with Alison Pittom's Texel x next up at £136 and Frank Pages cross bred continentals to £132. First prize native ewes from Wally McCurdie to £97 for Lleyns equalling the top Suffolks from GJ&SL Gowling. Top Mules today from John Minshull to £85. Heavy ewes a good trade while leaner, light ewes continue to be harder work. Vendors in this section today from Leek to the North, Essex to the East. Denbigh to the West and Hastings in the South.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Texel x	£147.00	R Long	Charollais x	£107.00	WW & JA McCurdie
Texel x	£136.00	A Pittom	Charollais x	£107.00	A Pittom
Continental x	£132.00	Page Bros	Charollais x	£105.00	I W Parrott
Texel x	£130.00	R Long	Charollais x	£102.00	WW & JA McCurdie
Continental x	£118.00	J Fowkes	Texel x	£98.00	Barton Farms

Store Lambs: 506 Forward

A neat yarding of store lambs still meeting a fast trade. Top today for Stimson Farming & Co Ltd to £78 for Charollais x, followed swiftly by J C Hart, with Charollais x to £71. Short keep lambs £65-£78, mid term farming lambs £55-£65, longer term lambs £50-54, with the very long term or rare breed £50 and under.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

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SALE REPORT

60th Midshires Produce Auction - Tuesday 29th November 2016 THE EXCELLENT ATMOSPHERE OF THE NEW SALES VENUE HAD A SPARKLING EFFECT ON THE DEMAND FOR FODDER, ESPECIALLY STRAW

An entry of approximately 4,000 tonnes was offered for sale at Lutterworth Rugby Football Club, Bitteswell for the first Midshires Produce Auction of the winter. With samples presented from the vast majority of vendors, prospective purchasers were able to bid with confidence as to the quality of the fodder on offer.

The sale commenced as usual with produce for delivery from Messrs J Corney & Sons, who sold Massey Ferguson 2170 bales of meadow hay for £72.50 per tonne.

The sale then moved to produce on farms, where demand for straw was outstanding and everything sold. RAB Agri–Contracting sold some Massey Ferguson 2170 Bales of wheat straw obtaining £22.50 per bale and barley straw realising £25.50 per bale, followed by Claas quadrant bales of wheat straw from Messrs J A & S M Evans realising £17.20 per bale. Mr E Hewes also sold some conventional bales of wheat straw for £1.45 per bale.

The demand for the hay was less consistent but, like a bolt from the blue in the middle of the sale Messrs L J Arnold sold Massey Ferguson 2270 bales of timothy hay realising £46 per bale. Messrs A & R Fyfe sold some Claas quadrant bales of meadow hay realising between £21 and £22.80 per bale. Only one lot of conventional bales of hay were on offer from Messrs J L Frost & Son and they achieved £2.95 per bale for good quality hay.

Demand for round bale silage and haylage was good, with round bales of haylage achieving £17 per bale from Mr C Meddows-Smith and round bales of silage on offer from Mr R H Quinney achieving £12 per bale.

We now look forward to the January Fodder Sale and with Christmas rapidly approaching vendors are encouraged to enter lots for the next sale which is to be held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Entries close for cataloguing on Friday 11th December to allow time for the catalogue to be printed and circulated prior to Christmas. Please contact Stuart Long or Jenny Hannah on 01788 564749.

Summary of Prices

Meadow Hay	£	Wheat Straw	£	
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Massey Ferguson 2270 Bales	46.00	Conventional Bales 1.40 –		
Silage	£	Barley Straw	£	
Round Bales	10.20 - 12.00	Massey Ferguson 2170 Bales	25.50	
		Massey Ferguson 2270 Bales	24.00	
Haylage	£			
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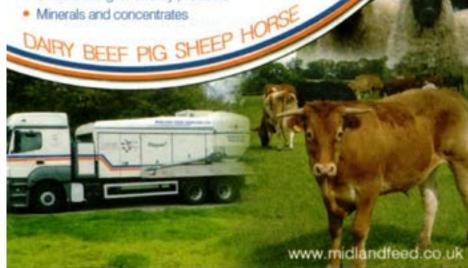
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