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Market Reports For Monday 15th July 2019

Market At A Glance

Prime Steers to 202p/kg & £1319
Prime Heifers to 220p/kg & £1298
Prime Bulls to 158p/kg & £1086
OTM Cattle 130p/kg £1052
Prime Lamb SQQ 190p/kg (2609)
Prime Lambs to 244p/kg & £100
Ewes to £116 (898 Avg £78)

Friday 26th July
First Annual Breeding Sheep Fair

Monday 19th August
Sale of Store Cattle

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CATTLE:101 Forward

PRIME CATTLE : 49 HEAD

An excellent entry number-wise, was offered to 9 butchers and wholesalers at ringside with several making a welcome return. Trade can only be described as difficult, with buyers looking to buy but at a price, with continued talk of slow demand in shops and continued large supplies of box meat in the country.

BULLS: 4 HEAD

A mixed entry for age and conformation met good demand, and sold to a top of 158p for a continental cross from Mr. J.D. Stephens. 27month Devon's sold to £1086 from Mr. Finch.

STEERS: HEAD

An entry that included all breeds from Holsteins to pure Limousins met spirited demand from ringside, but trade would be quieter on the week. Topping the section at 202p was Richard Fontaine with a superb Limousin. Angus's sold to 187p from Manor Farm, top price per head was £1319.

HEIFERS: HEAD

Good numbers were forward and with extra butchers in attendance all types were well bid for, but lacked the sparkle of last week. The Trivett Family topped the section and sale with a home bred Limousin at 220p, Parry's usual quality topped at 210p. Simon Darker had lightweights at 208p, with others 205p Manor Farm. Top price per head was £1298 from Drayton Barn Farm.

OTM's 8 HEAD.

A variety of breeds and quality, saw demand outstrip supply and more could be easily sold. Top price of 130p was paid for an overage Devon Steer from Mr. K. Finch, cows sold to 116p from John Stephens. Top price per head was £1052 for a Simmental Bull from Messrs Herbert.

Farmers,

In this difficult period of marketing finished cattle, we continue to look for new customers as seen this week and increase the buyer presence at ringside. Trade is the trade and if anyone needs advice on marketing, please ring me on 07901-787636.

Auctioneer: Craig Thompson

STEERS & BULLS:			
Top prices per head			
Limousin x	653kg	£1319	GR Fountaine
Limousin x	654kg	£1131	J D Stephens
South Devon	807kg	£1114	S J Lacey
Limousin x	679kg	£1107	J D Stephens
Simmental	710kg	£1093	J D Stephens
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	653kg	202ppk	GR Fountaine
Aberdeen Angus	515kg	187ppk	D Gardiner
Simmental	501kg	176ppk	G A Stanton
Limousin x	654kg	173ppk	J D Stephens
Limousin x	679kg	163ppk	J D Stephens

HEIFERS:			
Top prices per head			
Limousin x	590kg	£1298	RW & HER Trivett
Limousin x	633kg	£1253	GR Fountaine
Limousin x	613kg	£1220	GR Fountaine
Limousin x	593kg	£1216	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	565kg	£1186	DTP & PA Walters
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	590kg	220ppk	RW & HER Trivett
Limousin x	565kg	210ppk	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	545kg	208ppk	S J Darker
Limousin	593kg	205ppk	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin	613kg	199ppk	GR Fountaine

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Further entries expected

SHEEP:3527

Prime Lambs: 2609 Forward SQQ 190p/kg

A swift increase in numbers over 2600 today. Vendors asked to book sheep in as only 2000 had been expected. Trade simply well beyond any expectations that could have been made prior to the sale. Plummeting deadweights and Supply excess Nationally gave limited mathematical justification for a trade over 185p/kg but strength in buyer and an extra few new faces in the aisles left an SQQ of 190p/kg which would include a fair number of lean Lambs destined for our neighbours but turned away with an inability to sell. Export Companies rewarding best grading lambs today seeing the Export weight lambs see a top of 244p/kg for 38.5kg from M J Woodward with cracking Beltex lambs whilst F Hodgkin, Swinford saw 236p/kg at 40kg and R Heckford MBE 40kg to 235p/kg. P T Harris & Son, Cottesbrook saw 41kg at 224p/kg and BJ & IS Wain 37.5kg at 224p/kg. Heavies a steady trade but shape rewarded selling to 200p/kg at 47.5kg from Culworth Grounds Farm with the same farm showing 51.5kg at 194p/kg and H Collins & Son 50kg at equal money. In the lump Euro lambs totting up to £94.50 at 40kg from F Hodgkin with £94 for 38.5kg from Woody Pecker and 40kg from the best of Sawbridge Mr Heckford to £94. £94 also for Messrs Fountaine, Milton Keynes. Overall £100 just reached by Culworth Grounds Farms smart pen of Texels at 51.5kg whilst Harrison Bros, Milton Keynes 56kg to £99.50, H Collins & son, Northampton 50kg at £97 and JMT Engineering £96.50. Summer Holidays, Continental Bank Holidays and lambs coming fit all at once need to be negotiated. Please keep in touch with us. Vendors please also beware that lambs now need grading for meat not just following the weigh scales. Some v lean lambs slipping in today. A thank you to buyers again today for continued support and new buyers in attendance recognising the importance of a transparent market that buyers are prohibited from working with each other.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Spring Lambs : under 45.5kg SQQ 190p/kg			
Per Kilo			
Beltex x	38.50kg	244ppk	M J Woodward
Texel x	40.00kg	236ppk	F Hodgkin
Charollais x	40.00kg	235ppk	R J Heckford
Texel x	41.00kg	224ppk	P T Harris & Son
Texel x	37.50kg	224ppk	BJ & IS Wain

Per HEAD			
Texel x	40.00kg	£94.50	F Hodgkin
Beltex x	38.50kg	£94.00	M J Woodward
Charollais x	40.00kg	£94.00	R J Heckford
Texel x	45.00kg	£94.00	GR Fontaine
Beltex x	41.50kg	£92.50	M J Woodward

Spring Lambs: OVER 45.5kg			
Per kilo			
Texel x	47.50kg	200ppk	Culworth Grounds Farm
Texel x	51.50kg	194ppk	Culowrth Grounds Farm
Texel x	50.00kg	194ppk	H Collins & Son
Texel x	48.00kg	194ppk	A V Boffey
Texel x	48.00kg	192ppk	P & LA Gibbs

Per HEAD			
Texel x	51.50kg	£100.00	Culworth Grounds Farm
Charollais x	56.00kg	£99.50	Harrison Bros
Charollais x	57.00kg	£99.50	Harrison Bros
Texel x	50.00kg	£97.00	H Collins & Son
Charollais x	55.00kg	£96.50	JMT Engineering Ltd

Store Lambs: 12 Forward

The Start of the Store Lambs today albeit small numbers saw top of £72 from H Collins & Son. Buyers stood watching but farmers yet to break cover really.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

Cull Ewes: 901 Forward

Just over 900 Ewes today saw a lift in the trade if not in the averages with the entry dominated by Mule Ewes and very Fat ewes. Trade though must be reported as very swift with buyers keen and a new account from the North joining in proceedings. The last run of the day producing the top price of £116 for a pen of 9 Continental x Ewes but carrying fat from GJ & SL Gowling with other smaller lean Beltex to £110. JW & M Timbs, Chipping Norton took £109 for a Charollais Tup and Tom and Teresa Greenfield equal money for a pen of Charollais x Ewes. Suffolks today topping at £107 from E Taylor, Banbury with FJ Tombs & Son, Thame £104. Mules perhaps the greatest lift topping at £90 from A Burgess. Lean still the order of the day and in all honesty grazing Ewes as dear as you will see.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

Beltex x	£116	GJ & SL Gowling	Suffolk x	£104	FJ Tombs & Son
Beltex x	£110	GJ & SL Gowling	Beltex x	£101	BJ & IS Wain
X Bred	£109	JW & M Timbs	Beltex x	£101	GJ & SL Gowling
X Bred	£109	I & T Greenfield	Texel x	£100	B C Burton
Suffolk x	£107	E J Taylor & Son	Texel x	£100	H S Underwood & Son

STORE CATTLE:52 Forward

A typical summer entry of cattle, was on offer to a small ring of customers with several missing with sheep and grass work. The sale commenced with a 6 month old bull stirk which realised £465. We moved on to a run of dairy bred cattle 6-19 months which topped at £450, from Messrs Jones. Mr Collins, 14 month Beef Shorthorn Heifers met a good demand selling to £775. Pete Betteridge sold a lovely pen of AA Heifers 15m, suitable to feed or breed at £750. Un-entered Hereford Steers from P.Bagnall sold to £750, though it was difficult trade trading all stores were sold. Entries now been taken for the autumn sales.

Auctioneer: Craig Thompson

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