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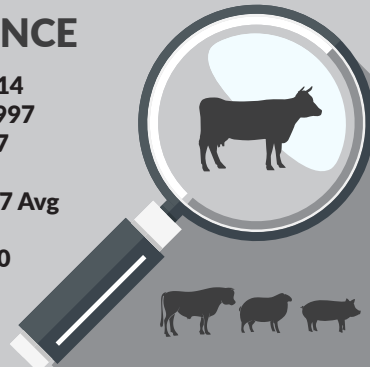
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## MARKET REPORTS FOR MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2021

### MARKET AT A GLANCE

Prime Steers to 235p/kg & £1514  
Prime Heifers to 262p/kg & £1997  
Prime Bulls to 170p/kg & £1027  
Cast Cows to 178p/kg & £1308  
Prime Hogg SQQ 270p/kg (1467 Avg  
£114.60)  
Prime Hogs to 339p/kg & £140  
Ewes to £153 (656 Avg £88)  
Store Hogs to £118



**Thursday 4th February**  
**Sale of Store Cattle & Weanlings 10:30am**

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## CATTLE: 60 FORWARD



Another nice entry of Cattle and buyers all around but Cattle today travelled from Somerset as well as the usual Counties to meet a transparent correct trade. Many more cattle needed though for ever increasing supporters at ringside.

Steers; Some real finish and shape amongst the yarding today with a super Blue medium weight from A Sabin reaching 235p/kg for a U2 with plenty of width. U- from J & J Tivey saw Blues to 227p/kg whilst heavy weight properly finished cattle from H Smith & Sons saw 215p/kg at 729 for a Charolais. R Grades all trading at the 200p/kg mark and O+ Cattle 184 to 198p/kg dependant on finish. Steers totting up today to see £1514 at 700kg from H Smith & Son others £1495 from the same. A pretty Blue shaped handy Whoelsalers beast to £1448 from A Sabin. More quality and finish required with finishing £ per day keep most definitely being rewarded in the current trading climate.

Heifers; I asked and you delivered. A record breaking return from Henry Tustian with a super E Grade heavy weight heifer selling to £1996!!! And heading to the Continent thanks to our industrious weekly Exporter supporters. This heifer had it all going for it with weight at 774kg, grade and most importantly finish, As they say meat for days... Top for the day though to Ralph Tustian with a super handyweight heifer selling to 262p/kg at 613kg just pipping his brother at 258p/kg. Nice U- from Messrs Fountaine saw weight and price with the best finish at 235p/kg and the other 228p/kg. Heart of England showing a sweet little heifer to 228p/kg with similar meat from Alan Tacy to equal money. Other than the obvious Cattle totting up massively seeing £1606 for another super Blue from the Tustian stable whilst team Fountaine took £1479 and £1476 with a U- from Ralph Tustian taking £1447.

Thank you for the Support of all vendors and buyers. More of both welcomed weekly.

**Bulls;**  
We need more Bulls. That simple. Black and Whites only today but selling to 170p/kg from Messrs Radcliffe.

**Cows**  
Trade rumbles on favourably seeing a top of 178p/kg for a young Cow from Messrs Bostock with Charolais others 160p/kg from Messrs Tivey whilst heavy and aged Cows from Messrs Lowe saw 154p/kg at 825kg with J O Smith Ltd with Blues to 149p/kg. R Grade Cows all over 138p/kg with Hereford O+ to 135p/kg and only the very lean processors trading 5p either side of 100p/kg mark.

**Auctioneer: Tom Wrench**

**NEXT CALF SALE  
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 11AM**

## STEERS & BULLS

Top prices per Head				FA
Charolais x	704kg	£1514	H Smith & Sons	Y
Charolais x	729kg	£1494	H Smith & Sons	Y
British Blue	616kg	£1448	A Sabin	Y
Aberdeen Angus	690kg	£1352	J & I J Tivey	Y
British Blue	586kg	£1330	J & I J Tivey	Y

Top prices per Kilo				
British Blue	616kg	235ppk	A Sabin	Y
British Blue	586kg	227ppk	J & I J Tivey	Y
Charolais x	704kg	215ppk	H Smith & Sons	Y
Charolais x	729kg	205ppk	H Smith & Sons	Y
Limousin x	589kg	200ppk	A Sabin	Y

## HEIFERS

Top prices per head				FA
British Blue	774kg	£1997	J & H Tustian	Y
British Blue	613kg	£1606	Ralph J Tustian	Y
Limousin	629kg	£1478	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin x	647kg	£1475	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
British Blue	643kg	£1447	Ralph J Tustian	Y
Top prices per kilo				
British Blue	613kg	262ppk	Ralph J Tustian	Y
British Blue	774kg	258ppk	J & H Tustian	Y
Limousin	629kg	235ppk	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin x	647kg	228ppk	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin	531kg	228ppk	Heart of England Farms	Y

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**COWS**

				FA
Top prices per head				
British Blue	878kg	£1308	J O Smith Ltd	Y
Limousin	825kg	£1271	J & R Lowe	Y
Charolais	848kg	£1170	J C Bostock & Son	N
Charolais	647kg	£1152	J C Bostock & Son	N
Hereford	848kg	£1145	J W Pickford & Son	N
Top prices per kilo				
Charolais	647kg	178ppk	J C Bostock & Son	N
Limousin x	597kg	160ppk	J & I J Tivey	Y
Limousin	825kg	154ppk	J & R Lowe	Y
British Blue	878kg	149ppk	J O Smith Ltd	Y
Limousin x	606kg	145ppk	DTP & PA Walters	Y



**SHEEP: 2441 FORWARD AVG £114.60**

**PRIME HOGGS: 1467**

**FORWARD SQQ 270P/KG**

Meat King and weight an improved trade to see an Avg of £115.

Meat becoming hard to find during current weather conditions and Root men unable to draw in the conditions. Many Hogs forward today lacking weight and meat as vendors, very probably correctly take advantage of the trade to clear fields. An Sqq of 270p/kg for a below par yarding indicates the current scarcity of numbers nationally. Exporters reporting massive added costs to get stock to Mainland Europe with some waving the white flag on Exporting for now. One assumes that the French Border will be just as unhelpful when we ship over the Vaccines for them.. Who knows!!! Best end Hogs the only commodity to slow as sales in Holland and Belgium struggle. Meat otherwise fought for topping today from S M Ellingworth, Market Harbrough with 39kg shape to 315p/kg just in front of Dabba Mitchell at 310p/kg and 38kg 302p/kg from Ben Nichols. S M Ellingworth also 300p/kg at 39kg with superlights to 301p/kg for M J Woodward and 339p/kg for B Nichols. In the heavies a top today of 274p/kg at 48kg from the Ellingworths and 270p/kg at 46kg for a smart pen of finish from B T Caswell, Northampton. BM & LE Aries 48kg saw 266p/kg with J B Elkington 46kg at 266p/kg. Lovely overnight Hogs from W&M Emery saw 47.5kg to 265p/kg. In the lump Export Hogs really paying the bills with W G King & Sons using the M40 on Sunday Evening to good effect when selling 45kg Texels to £127 with his 44kg to £124. Messrs Ellingworth saw 39kg to £123. The Smithy Farm Shop, Atherstone saw £123 at 44.5kg with R Goodman showing the goods to £123 at 45kg.

Heavies back in vogue today and our team of Heavy Hogg finishers up from Bristol saw an avg this week of £131. Top today for indoor Suffolks from WSE & CA Moreby, Bascote at 58kg with AC Cook £140 and £139 for 56 to 64kg. £139 for 56kg from H L Goode & Son. S Ellingworth in the money again at £138 for 55kg. Trade remains fantastic lets hope Exporters are allowed to do their thing going forward!!

**Auctioneer: Tom Wrench**

## PRIME HOGGS : UNDER 45.5kg SQQ 270p/kg

Per Kilo

Texel x	39.00kg	315ppk	S M Ellingworth
Beltex x	39.00kg	310ppk	D Mitchell
Beltex x	38.00kg	303ppk	B Nichols
Texel x	34.00kg	301ppk	M J Woodward
Texel x	39.00kg	300ppk	S M Ellingworth

Per HEAD

Texel x	45.00kg	£127.00	W G King & Sons
Texel x	44.00kg	£124.00	W G King & Sons
Texel x	39.00kg	£123.00	S M Ellingworth
Texel x	44.50kg	£123.00	The Smithy Farm Shop Ltd
Texel x	45.00kg	£123.00	Leam Farm Partnership

## PRIME HOGGS : OVER 45.5kg

Per Kilo

Texel x	48.00kg	274ppk	S M Ellingworth
Texel x	46.00kg	270ppk	B T Caswell & Son
Texel x	48.00kg	266ppk	BM & LE Aries
Beltex x	46.00kg	266ppk	J B Elkington
Texel x	47.50kg	265ppk	W & M Emery

Per HEAD

Suffolk x	58.00kg	£140.00	WSE & CA Moreby
Charollais x	64.50kg	£140.00	A C Cook
Charollais x	56.00kg	£139.00	A C Cook
Charollais x	57.00kg	£139.00	H L Goode & Son
Texel x	55.50kg	£138.00	S M Ellingworth

## TIMING

Prime Cattle 9:45am, Calves (bi-weekly) 11am

Sunday deliveries strictly before 3pm

## CULL EWES: 656 FORWARD



A nice trade all things considered today with a smaller yarding lacking quality other than at the top end. Fat Ewes all too prevalent today and running at a massive discount. An avg of £88 though a good return. Top dominated by Texel Ewes from Fordwell Farm Partners today seeing £153, £150 x 3 and £141 ahead of £133.50 for Beltex from J & N Fyfe. Strong Texels with less shape to £130 and Charollais from J & R Lowe saw £127. Shape Ewes all trading over £118. Rams to £120 from R J Wright but Rams in general a hard sell today. Suffolk topping at £120 from A C Cook, Gloucester but generally trading £100 to £110. Mules retaining a good trade topping at £97 for E Muntz with others £96.50. PC & RA Nichols £95. Mules generally £86 to £90 with heavy Ewes plus £5. Today the dearest commodity lean Ewes with Hill Ewes seemingly drying up in the north. Fed Swaledales to £70 for a pen of 20.

*Auctioneer: Tom Wrench*

### EWES

Texel x	£153	Fordwell Farm Partners	Texel x	£130.50	Fordwell Farm Partners
Texel x	£150	Fordwell Farm Partners	Charollais x	£127	J & R Lowe
Texel x	£150	Fordwell Farm Partners	Texel x	£126	M C & M Herbert
Texel x	£141	Fordwell Farm Partners	Oxford x	£125	RFS Ltd
Beltex x	£133.50	J & N Fyfe	Beltex x	£124	J & N Fyfe

## STORE HOGGS: 318 FORWARD (Avg £85.70)



More about this week and a flying trade was had.

Top of the shop sold to £118 for a single Texel from JMT Engineering Ltd followed by £108 from the same vendor.

A super consignment of 168 Texels from AJ & JM Young met a fierce trade to average £88.24 a life. TH Morris and Sons 16 Texels averaged £82.16 with a top of £104.50. Plenty of well fleshed short keep lambs on offer today and many more could have been sold.

Strong short keep Lambs £85 plus, mediums £75 - £85, longer keep sorts £55 - £65.

*Auctioneer: Richard Goodwin*

### COVID 19

**DROP AND GO POLICY IS BACK IN PLACE FOR VENDORS**

**IF BUYING PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MARKET OFFICE,**

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**THANK YOU**

## Chairman's Report Year Ending April 2020

This year has been another exciting one with overall growth and more new clients coming on to our books every week.

The sheep numbers have maintained our high levels making us the leading cull and fat market in the Midlands averaging 3800 sheep on Mondays. Our client base continues to expand and stock numbers has brought in even more buyers. We can now confidently say we have buyers for all types and qualities of lambs and cull ewes. Our success is down to correct sorting of sheep into matching groups. This all takes time and we thank you for your patience but it brings its rewards.

The store lamb section has continued to grow with an increasing number on our special sales on Thursdays.

The breeding sheep section is very successful in the Autumn sales. The Mule Society Show and Sale is a particular event for us to be proud of.

The prevalence of Tb is a big problem for cattle farmers and so in the store cattle we have had similar numbers but over a longer period although the autumn sales continue to be a tremendous show piece for our market with 3 wonderful sales showing off what our farmers can produce. This has encouraged buyers to come from all over the country to these sales.

The fat cattle section continues to be challenging. More feeders are becoming AFUs which makes our client base shrink but there is definitely scope in this section, we have generated interest in the last few weeks from Scottish and Northern Buyers, and we can now live stream anytime, anywhere. Fat cattle returns monitored by the Board in the last 3 weeks show results well exceeding dead weight comparison all grades other than low grading Steers fluctuate around parity

Looking forward we need to improve in all sections and not rest on any laurels. In order to speed things up farmers need to arrive much earlier. Coming to the market with stock when we wish to start selling does not help. This is particularly important on Special Store sales.

Once again on behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support our decisions to try and improve the running of your market. Your inputs are vital to us so please tell us of anything you think should be done to improve your market and the services we offer.

The hard work of all the staff both in the office and outside in the yard is so much appreciated. Everyone is part of the team and the staff are new clients first impression of the market I would particularly like to thank the volunteers who help when they are in the market. At peak times your help is invaluable.

We are pleased to welcome Richard Goodwin who has joined us as our second Auctioneer. He is going to manage the beef section alongside Tom and sell the calves and store sheep. Richard is very keen to get to know you all and be a pivotal part of our team moving forward.

AGM- Due to COVID it has not been possible to hold our AGM in the normal way. As soon as guidelines change we will arrange the meeting. If this is not possible we will do it in ZOOM form.

Finally, I am sure along with Board you will all agree what a great asset to RFM Tom Wrench is. His work ethic, efforts and energy seem to be tireless even with the extra time needed to take the New market forward and we are very fortunate to have him at the helm. It has not been easy with the delay in HS2 causing uncertainties

Thank you for your support.

Richard Heckford

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Dear all,

As you know we are all in uncertain, difficult and constantly changing times.

Understandably the market is restricting those attending sales and this includes the market chaplains.

Please do feel free to ring me personally at any time for a confidential chat or any other support.

Alternatively the national charity Farming Community Network is here to confidentially support all in the farming community; [www.fcn.org.uk](http://www.fcn.org.uk) helpline 0300 111 999

We are all here to help and support each other – please stay safe and well.

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**Sale of Store Cattle & Weanlings**

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