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## **Market Reports For Monday 20th April 2020**

### **Market At A Glance**

Prime Steers to 204p/kg & £1390  
Prime Heifers to 224p/kg & £1348  
Prime Bulls to 200p/kg & £1518  
Cast Cows to 152p/kg & £1094  
Prime Hogg SQQ 226p/kg (1741)  
Prime Hogs to 295p/kg & £119.50  
Spring Lamb SQQ 277p/kg (310)  
Spring Lambs to 304p/kg & £130  
Ewes to £138 (921 Avg £103)  
Calves to £300 (68)

**Thursday 23rd April  
Sale of Store Cattle**

**Thursday 7th May  
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## **CATTLE: 145 Forward**

With reduced deadweight quotations across the board, and reports of plentiful foreign boxed beef, the general consensus before the sale was of doom and gloom. However with a ringside of buyers the gloom was somewhat lifted as all stood their corners and a genuine competitive trade was seen through the ring.

### **Bulls- 14**

A good yard of bulls with some nicely finished sorts shown from The Barnes Boys, Little Lawford seeing Limousins to 200PPK with a top gross of £1518 to CH Evans & Son for Simmentals. Bull trade holding its own this week and are likely to remain wanted for next week.

### **Heifers-37**

A trade almost of two halves. Handy weight butchers spec cattle (470-540kg) looking a proper trade as shop sales remain high. Heavier plainer heifers more difficult. Top PPK today from Parry Walters selling Limousin heifers to 224PPK, with a top gross for the same beast of £1348.

### **Steers-22**

Very few best end steers forward today with the majority being either very heavy, or plainer sorts that could have stood another fortnight. Top PPK to Richard Heckford MBE with Blues to 204PPK. Smashing the gross figure as normal was NJ Foster with big Blue steers to £1389.

### **Cows-4**

Difficult trading time nationwide, with very little cow meat being shifted. Top Gross to TM Gaden with Charolais slips to £1094.

***Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd***

STEERS & BULLS:			
Top prices per head			
Simmental (bull)	920kg	£1518	C H Evans & Son
Simmental (bull)	756kg	£1391	FI & EJ Barnes & Sons
British Blue	720kg	£1390	N J Foster
Simmental (bull)	738kg	£1343	C H Evans & Son
Limousin x	705kg	£1332	GR Fountaine
Top prices per kilo			
British Blue	557kg	204ppk	R J Heckford
Limousin	648kg	200ppk	GR Fountaine & Son
Limousin x (bull)	660kg	200ppk	FE & IJ Barnes & Sons
British Blue	720kg	193ppk	N J Foster
Aberdeen Angus	602kg	193ppk	J & I J Tivey

HEIFERS:			
Top prices per Head			
Limousin x	602kg	£1349	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	604kg	£1262	I H King
Limousin x	587kg	£1227	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	530kg	£1150	F A Osborne
Limousin x	616kg	£1108	I H King

Top prices per Kilo			
Limousin x	602kg	224ppk	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	530kg	217ppk	F A Osborne
Limousin x	604kg	209ppk	I H King
Limousin x	567kg	209ppk	DTP & PA Walters
Limousin x	524kg	195ppk	B Nichols

### **Commission**

**Recent reviews of our cost and services have required we alter our commissions to 3%. We remain competitive with a Max top of £38 and min of £28 to ensure our customers are charged a rate appropriate.**

## **CALVES: 68 Forward**

A show of calves made up of nearly entirely Herefords, and what a trade! Buyers out in force with four fresh accounts ringside to bolster our already full team of buyers.

Very few continental calves forward, however best bulls topping at £300 for Blues from Whetstone Pastures Dairy, with others £280+.

Native calves a super trade with best bulls to £175 for Herefords from Whetstone Pastures with the best end £130-£150.

Best native heifers to £175 for Herefords from Pilkington Farms, with rearing sorts trading £80-£120.

***Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd***

## **SHEEP:3007**

### **Spring Lambs: 310 Forward**

Up over the 300 mark today to meet an SQQ of 277p/kg. A real demand for Springers with the SQQ only tempered by a large number of in door lambs and heavy end Lambs. 35kg to 41kg lambs best sellers throughout. Top ppk to 304p/kg for 35.5kg from F & C Hutsby, Walton ahead of Ted Taylor at equal weight to 299p/kg. P T Harris & Son saw 296p/kg at 40kg with genuine outdoor lambs from G S Eaton 40.5kg to 296p/kg. Top gross to 49kg £130 from Hyde Lane Farms with others from the same 46kg to £126. Ted Taylor and F & C Hutsby £125 at 47kg.

***Auctioneer: Tom Wrench***

### **Timing**

**We now aim to give each area its own backing and so confirm going forward Prime Cattle 9:45am, Calves 11am and Lambs 10:15am**

## **Prime Hogs: 1741 Forward SQQ 226p/kg**

Over 1800 with the Teeth Up Hogs included. Trade taking some teasing out of the Buyers today but a final return placing us top of the tree with an SQQ 226p/kg equal to £4.80p/kg on the deadweight. Export Hogs and home trade Asian weight Hogs fiercely contested due to lack of National supply seeing the majority trading over 220p/kg for 43kg and under. Heavier Hogs harder to fit with heavies generally trading £40 over there weight as a standard. In the Sqq averages a top of 295p/kg for A N Calcott & Son with 30.5kg Beltex ahead of Buckingham's Keith Crabtree 41kg to 290p/kg. Super Robbie saw 30kg to 285p/kg and Henry Tustian 32.4kg at 277p/kg. Messrs Claridge 41kg to 268p/kg and 45kg from Messrs Crabtree to 266p/kg. Heavies topping at 257p/kg at 46kg from Norman Deeley with Dabba Mitchell to 242p/kg for 48kg. In the lump Euro Hogs topping at £119.50 from Messrs Crabtree at 45kg with 41kg from the same good breeding to £119. Messrs Claridge £110 for 41kg and W G King & Sons 44kg to £107. Heavies a harder sell for obvious reasons but topping out at £118 for 46kg from N Deeley. £118 for 48kg from Dabba Mitchell and £112 for 47kg from R C Hawes, Brackley. Trade very respectable today.

TEETH – Teeth up Hogs now coming at speed and Vendors are reminded that Teeth rejections are deemed as faulty goods under the Misdescriptions Act. On this basis any Hogs found as having Cut Teeth at Slaughter will be (subject to FSA Certificates) liable for discount from the Abbatoirs equal to there Costs in splitting the carcass and discounted Sales.

***Auctioneer: Tom Wrench***

Prime Hogs : under 45.5kg SQQ 226p/kg			
Per Kilo			
Beltex x	30.50kg	295ppk	A N Calcott & Son
Beltex x	41.00kg	290ppk	K Crabtree
Beltex x	30.00kg	285ppk	A N Calcott & Son
Beltex x	32.50kg	277ppk	J & H Tustian
Texel x	32.50kg	271ppk	Prichett Farms

Per HEAD			
Beltex x	45.00kg	£119.50	K Crabtree
Beltex x	41.00kg	£119.00	K Crabtree
Beltex x	41.00kg	£110.00	AEJ & FJ Claridge
Texel x	44.00kg	£107.00	W G King & Sons
Beltex x	45.50kg	£106.00	GR Fountaine & Son

Hoggs: OVER 45.5kg			
Per kilo			
Texel x	46.00kg	257ppk	N Deeley
Texel x	48.00kg	242ppk	D Mitchell
Texel x	46.00kg	239ppk	N Deeley
Texel x	47.50kg	236ppk	R C Hawes
Texel x	46.00kg	226ppk	P F Edwards

Per HEAD			
Texel x	46.00kg	£118.00	N Deeley
Texel x	48.00kg	£116.00	D Mitchell
Texel x	47.50kg	£112.00	R C Hawes
Texel x	46.00kg	£110.00	N Deeley
Beltex x	52.00kg	£107.00	GR Fountaine & Son

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## Cull Ewes: 921 Forward

Just under 1000 Ewes today meeting a particularly strong trade at a £103 Avg. Only Fat and light Ewes hard to fix today with a noticeable decrease in trade for lightweight Ewes throughout. Heavy Lean Ewes though very swift. Top today Texels up from Amersham with Chess Valley Livestock seeing Charollais at £138. Strong Suffolks to £135 from Stimson Farming, Milton Keynes. Messrs Barnes, saw Texels to £130 two pens on the trot. Suffolks from Stimson Farming £130 and Will Moore, Leicester saw Texel x to £129. Most strong Ewes trading over £120 with huge Mules from MFH Farming to £120. Others £107 for a pen full from Humphrey Livestock with WG & SW Jones, Waddesdon trading Mules at £105. Most Mules £90 mark if strong with fat generally the discounting factor. Fat very very hard to shift. Strong Ewes very dear.

**Auctioneer: Tom Wrench**

Charollais x	£138	S Horton	Texel x	£129	W G Moore
Suffolk x	£135	Stimson Farming & Co Ltd	Suffolk x	£129	P M Jarrom
Texel x	£130	PA & K Barnes	Texel x	£129	R M & K Y Turner
Texel x	£130	PA & K Barnes	Charollais x	£128	S Horton
Suffolk x	£130	Stimson Farming & Co Ltd	Texel x	£128	P A & K Barnes

## Store Hogs: 35 Forward

Only a handful forward, with the majority having broken teeth. Top to Henry Tustian selling to £92 for teeth up hogs, with Humphrey Livestock at £90.

**Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd**

### Reminder for Cull Ewe Vendors

Please ensure Ewes are NOT in-Lamb before bring them into the market.

## **THE LAA & DEFRA WANT US TO CONTINUE BUT NEW RULES APPLY**

**With immediate effect LAA members MUST implement a “drop and go” policy for vendors bringing stock to market for sale.**

### **Vendors:**

Members must implement a “drop and go” policy for vendors.

This action is to prevent any sellers from entering the market.

Vendors MUST be instructed to deliver their animals to the loading docks (remaining in their vehicles) whilst the market staff unload the vehicle and take the animals to their pens.

The sale documentation MUST be collected by the auctioneers staff from the vendor’s vehicle when they arrive at the unloading docks – Vendors MUST NOT take the paperwork to the market office themselves, or enter the market pennage area for any reason.

The LAA appreciates that this will create many challenges – no more so than developing a system by which the vendor can accept or reject the price offered at the time of sale.

Unfortunately, if we want to stay in business and protect everyone from the virus we need to find and implement solutions to these challenges.

### **Buyers:**

The number of buyers MUST be restricted to allow Social Distancing (2 meters between each buyer). The number of buyers able to attend may be different between markets, depending upon the size and layout of your sale pens and/or sale rings, and will result in some markets being able to manage slightly more buyers than others.

Markets MUST keep a register of those that attend their sales – contact name, address and telephone number.

At the conclusion of the sale buyers MUST be asked to enter the sales office in a way that does not result in too many entering at any one time.

Buyers should be asked to sanitise on entry to the market and again on exit.

**VENDORS WILL NEED TO WASH OUT VEHICLES AT HOME!!!!!!**



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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;

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

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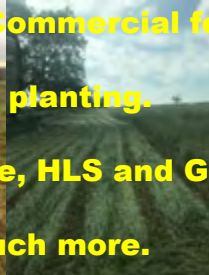
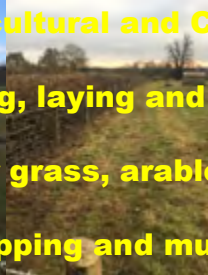


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