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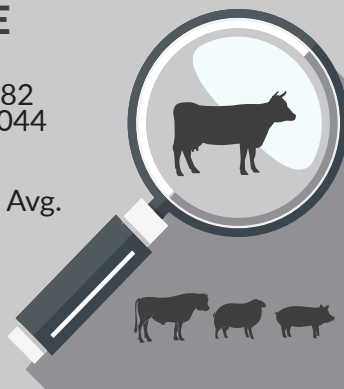
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MARKET REPORT FOR THURSDAY 13TH & MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2025

MARKET AT A GLANCE

Prime Steers to 426p/kg & £3282
Prime Heifers to 436p/kg & £3044
Prime Bulls to 399p & £2690
Cows to 260p/kg to £2394
HOGG SQQ 365.40p/kg (1611 Avg.
£157
HOGGS to 452p/kg & £192
Ewes to £288 (421 Avg £159)



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NOW THROUGHOUT THE MIDLANDS.
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YOUR STATUS.**

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VET ATTESTATIONS

From 13th April 2024, all producers selling livestock for slaughter will require a Veterinary Attestation, or evidence of membership of a qualifying assurance scheme. Producers should prepare now for the changes Follow the link below to our FAQs for livestock markets and producers to find out more. <https://www.laa.co.uk/news/5126/veterinary-attestations-faqs-for-livestock-markets->

WELFARE STATEMENT

Following a meeting with Warwickshire Trading Standards & the FSA on Monday we have been asked to highlight the Welfare Issues being reported from the Abattoirs regarding Cull Ewes. These mainly relate to MASTITIS & LAMENESS. Condition Score i.e being very thin.

Please remember that an animal must be fit for the intended journey, it should not be ill, injured or severely lame i.e. must be full weight bearing.

These sheep are being rejected at abattoirs around the Country

2025 Calendar

January

16th - Store Cattle,
Calves, Lambs & Grazing
ewes

February

8th - In-lamb Ewes, Calves &
Weanlings

13th - Store Cattle, Grazing
Ewes & Store Lambs
27th - Store Cattle, lambs,
Calves & Grazing Ewes

March

6th - Store Cattle, Weanlings &
In-lamb Ewes

13th - Store Cattle & Calves
27th - Store Cattle &
Calves

April

10th - April fair Store Cattle &
Calves

14th - Spring Lamb Show

17th - Store Cattle
24th - Store Cattle & Calves

25th - reserved for machinery
sale

May

8th - Store Cattle & Calves

10th - Ewe & Lamb fair

22nd - Store Cattle
Calves, Ewes & Lambs

June

6th - Machinery sale

12th - Store Cattle & Calves
26th - Store Cattle & Calves

July

10th - Store Cattle & Calves

25th - Breeding Sheep,
Calves & Store Lambs

August

14th - Store Cattle Lambs
& Calves

29th - NEMSA Breeding
Sheep Fair + Ram Sale

September

6th - Store & Ewe Lambs
+ Machinery sale

11th - Store Cattle & Calves
25th - Store Cattle, Lambs &
Calves

26th - Breeding Sheep &
Ram Fair

October

9th - October Fair Store
Cattle, Calves & Lambs
23rd - Store Cattle, Calves &
Lambs

November

6th - Suckled Calves & baby
Calves

13th - Martinmas

27th - Store Cattle, Lambs &
Calves

24th - Fatstock show

December

11th - Store Cattle & Calves

22nd - Turkey sale

Prime sales every Monday

Cows 8.30am - Prime Cattle 9am - Prime Lambs 11am
Cull Ewes to follow



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STORE CATTLE - 13.03.25

To see is to believe. A yarding of young Stock today with Annual Consignments of Spring Cattle saw a full ringside and real Spring enthusiasm for Cattle seeing a trade not replicated throughout the Midlands.

Starting with little Feeding Bulls, J Powell made the travel from Droitwich very worthwhile selling to £1160 & £1110 for Angus 7 to 11 months. Limousin from E Blood & Sons saw £1310 at 10m. Feeding Bulls very well chased.

Into the Stores and genuine outliers from Wolverton Farms kicked us off with 10 -11m Simmentals seeing Steers at £1140 and Heifers £1050. Next in the much anticipated run of 35 Charolais Heifers from RJB Farms own Herd seeing these 10m old Heifers top at £1400 and £1310 and all in Avg £1239!! Traded Cattle next from Ricky seeing £1470 for 14m British Blue Heifers and Limousin Single Suckled Yearling Steers at £1650 whilst Beef Shorthorn Steers 11m to £1490 & £1470. The Annual Spring Consignment from JK Smith & Son next saw massive enquiry Simmentals 11m at £1710, Limousin 11m £1705 and £1690 with Sisters to £1420. Another Annual consignment next when JW Lowick & Sons, Blue Tongue tested out of Northampton showing a super run of Limousin Steers to £1810 and £1770 for 12m with Sisters £1680 and £1660 the consignment of 44 returning an all in £1474 for 9 - 12m. Yet another annual consigner next in from E W Blood & Sons Ltd topping this run of Limousin x 12 -13m Steers at £1900 for a pair with others £1860, £1720 and £1700 whilst sisters made £1680 and £1580.

Another week and another quality show from RS Beatty & Sons selling Simmentals 14m to a massive £2040, £2005 and a trio of others £1900. Older Heifers from J Lawton, Shenston saw South Devons to £1840 at 16m. Cotswolds calling again this week with W s Gabb Ltd selling another load of Bucke sorts 13-15m seeing Bucket Steers to £1620 for Angus Steers with others £1570 and £1550. Sisters to £1550 and £1520. Dairy men taking advantage of the trade also when FE & CJ Barnett started his Spring Sales routine off at £1705 for Blue Steers 16 and Angus £1700 before selling a pair of 17m Angus Steers at £1890. Bucket men continuing with Redditch farmer A Harrison selling 17m Steers at £1700. New Customer next Messrs RA & LK Cole seeing 18 - 19m Limousin Steers to £1900 and Sisters £1770. Heifers from P Wilks broke £2050 for a 16m Limousin Heifer before the famous Manor Farm Partnership rolled in with Bucket sorts to see Herefords 19m at £1960 and £1790 and Heifers £1795. Last man in Messrs O'donnell showing traditional 'old men' of Cattle none Farm Assured reaching £2065 for Angus Steers 24m old and Blues 17m at £1890. Herefords 18m to £1965.

Simply flying and for once a margin for all those from the Calving men to the finishing.

BABY CALVES - 33 FORWARD - 13.03.25



Prices remain very strong for all Calves, many buyers around the ring wanting calves

Phil Dyson had his top price ever for a calf, also top price today at £500 for a Limousin Bull Calf, he also sold 2 Heifers at £460

Peter Hemmings also having a good day selling Limousin Bulls to £480 and a lovely Heifer at £475

Good to see a new customer at Rugby with Rupert Major from near Burton on Trent bringing 17 Calves, mainly Holstien Bull Calves selling from £35 to £95, also Blue Heifers to £280 and Hereford Bulls to £190

<i>Limousin Bulls.</i>	<i>£480 to £500</i>
<i>Limousin Hfrs.</i>	<i>£460 to £475</i>
<i>British Blue Bulls.</i>	<i>£192 to £265</i>
<i>British Blue Hfrs.</i>	<i>£165 to £280</i>
<i>Simmental Bulls.</i>	<i>to £400</i>
<i>Simmental Hfrs.</i>	<i>to £250</i>
<i>Hereford Bulls.</i>	<i>£192 to £250</i>
<i>Hereford Hfrs.</i>	<i>£100 to £230</i>
<i>Angus Bulls.</i>	<i>£195 to £220</i>
<i>Angus Hfrs.</i>	<i>to £128</i>
<i>Holstien Bulls.</i>	<i>£35 to £95</i>

WEANLINGS – 13.03.25

Just a few Forward from Mr. Forster who sold 6mo Simmental Heifers £640 to £730 and a Angus Steer to £720

Next Sale 27th March 2025 at 10.30am

Auctioneer : Tim Webster

CATTLE : 76 Forward



Prime Cattle

Meat remaining key to maximising returns and some fantastic returns seen! Numbers remaining wanted, and with the weekly RED sale we are able to cater for all AFU and TB restricted customers!

Steers-

Shape and cover steaming away here with Parthenais from H & J East, Kidlington selling to a top of 426p/kg, with N & T Faulconbridge selling to 423p/kg for Blondes. John Stephens topped at 414p/kg for homebred Limousins with CW Thomas to 412p/kg. In the lump steers topping at £3282.48 for big Blondes from Messrs Faulconbridge, with H & J East selling to £3175.20. WR Keeves saw Limousins to £3099.60, with Charolais from the same stable to £2970.24.

Heifers

Sweet meated heifers selling to a top of 436p/kg for John East with Richard Lowe selling to 430p/kg. John Stephens topped at 428p/kg with CW Thomas selling to 427p/kg and 421p/kg.

Top grossing heifers saw J & R Lowe with big red Limousin girls to £3044.40, ahead of Cecil Thomas selling to £2888.06, with the same home to £2801.12.

Bulls

More desperately wanted with buying support chomping at the bit.

Top today saw J & R Lowe selling to 399p/kg or £2689.26.

Cows

More wanted with cows in hot demand by ringside purchasers!

Top cow today saw JK Smith & Son selling to 260p/kg, with the same home to 250p/kg.

Top gross saw VM Lay with Herefords to £1951.56.

Stock bulls saw S & HE Ronch with Lincoln Reds to 220p/kg or £2393.60.

Auctioneer: Emma Coupland

STEERS & BULLS

Top prices per Head

Blonde	776kg	£3282	N & T Faulconbridge, Coventry
Blonde	790kg	£3278	N & T Faulconbridge, Coventry
Blonde	810kg	£3175	H & J East, Kiddlington
Limousin x	756kg	£3099	W R Keeves, Northants
Charolais x	832kg	£2970	W R Keeves, Northants

Top prices per Kilo

Parthenaise	650kg	426ppk	H & J East, Kiddlington
Blonde	776kg	423ppk	N & T Faulconbridge, Coventry
Blonde	790kg	415ppk	N & T Faulconbridge, Coventry
Limousin x	658kg	414ppk	J D Stephens, Rugby
Limousin x	666kg	412ppk	C W Thomas, Wolston

HEIFERS

Top prices per head

Limousin	708kg	£3044	J & R Lowe, Rugby
Limousin x	686kg	£2888	C W Thomas, Wolston
Limousin x	656kg	£2801	C W Thomas, Wolston
Angus	814kg	£2759	D J Hull & Partners, Southminster
Angus	738kg	£2694	D J Hull & Partners, Southminster

Top prices per kilo

British Blue	588kg	436ppk	H & J East, Kiddlington
Limousin	708kg	430ppk	J & R Lowe, Rugby
Limousin x	592kg	428ppk	J D Stephens, Rugby
Limousin x	656kg	427ppk	C W Thomas, Wolston
Limousin x	686kg	421ppk	C W Thomas, Wolston

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SPRING LAMBS 1611 FORWARD

SQQ 365.40P/KG AVG £157 TOP £192 for PA & K Barnes

Less about, less quality finish but more Export demand. An SQQ of 366p/kg a massive return this week with less quality included in the yarding and a steady trade elsewhere. Heavies though a different story with the 49 -55kg weight bracket finding buyers and Abattoirs out of ideas on how to market the commodity. Often weights in this bracket selling £5 to £8 less than Hogs 40 to 47kg...

Trade for meat hot and very beneficial, the key though is to draw what the Industry demands and at the moment that is not weight. It may change.

Meat Export Hogs today to 452p/kg for Texels from R Kellet, Northampton whilst Oxfords R Richins 435p/kg at 42.5kg, 432p/kg at 41kg and 428p/kg at 38kg with D W Gurney 417p/kg at 40kg and K Crabtree 39kg at 415p/kg. Nice meat trading 370 plus throughout with first cross meat 350 - 370 and lean sorts trading 345 plus. Heavies with meat well chased if shap-ey enough to be exported, with it being the home and Supermarket trade which is sluggish. R Richins 46.5kg at 404p/kg whilst G & E Livestock 46.5kg at 398p/kg & 38.5kg at 390p/kg whilst RJ Mawby 48kg 385p/kg.

In the lump Export Hogs to £180 at 45.5kg from G & E Livestock with D W Gurney & Son 44kg at £180 and R Richins 41kg at £177. R J Mawby with shape 45kg at £176 and Alwyn Williams 45kg at £173.

Trade very favourable for best end seeing a top of £192 for 53kg from PA & K Barnes and £191 for 48.5kg £191 with G & E Livestock 48.5kg at £189 equal with P F Edwards.

An all in Avg of £157 very fast when you consider the negative values of heavy Hogs.

BELLYS MUST BE CLIPPED THIS IS AN FSA REQUIREMENT. We Sell Direct to Abbatoirs and not dealers here at RFM, the Sheep therefore have to face the FSA at their next stop. Equally Hogs are now being found as in-lamb and these will result in on farm inspections from Trading Standards. Please do check to make sure Hogs are not in lamb.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

STORE LAMBS - 13.03.25

A handy show of store lambs, with numbers wanted by the buying support at ringside.

Top today saw B Page selling Suffolk's to £135, with DG Coombes to a top of £129.50 for Charollais x.

Strong lambs £115-£125 with medium term sorts £95-£105.

Longer term sorts the dearest end sold with these actively £70-£85.

Our next sale is Thursday 27th of March and numbers are wanted.

HOGGS SQQ 365.40 SQQ p/kg

Per Kilo **under 45.5kg**

Beltex	31kg	452ppk	R Kellet, Northampton
Beltex	42.5kg	435ppk	R Richins, Old Marston
Beltex	41kg	432ppk	R Richins, Old Marston
Beltex	38kg	421ppk	R Richins, Old Marston
Beltex	41kg	417ppk	D W Gurney & Son, Milton Keynes

Per HEAD

Texel	45.5kg	£180	G & E Livestock, Norwich
Beltex	44kg	£180	D W Gurney & Son, Milton Keynes
Beltex	41kg	£177	R Richins, Old Marston
Charolais	45kg	£176	R J Mawby, Rugby
Beltex	45.5kg	£173	A Williams, Coventry

Per Kilo **over 45.5kg**

Beltex	46.5kg	404ppk	R Richins, Old Marston
Charolais	46.5kg	398ppk	G & E Livestock, Norwich
Beltex	48.5kg	394ppk	R Richins, Old Marston
Texel	48.5kg	390ppk	G & E Livestock, Norwich
Charolais	48kg	385ppk	R J Mawby, Rugby

Per HEAD

Texel	53kg	£192	PA & K Barnes, Tamworth
Beltex	48.5kg	£191	R Richins, Old Marston
Texel	48.5kg	£189	G & E Livestock, Norwich
x Bred	64.5kg	£189	P F Edwards, Beoley
Beltex	46.5kg	£188	R Richins, Old Marston



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CULL EWES: 421 FORWARD top at £288



A better show of ewes forward with meat really ringing the bell!

Top today saw Robert and Rosie Leach with Texels to £288, ahead of MM Clarke & Son selling Texels to £278.

Heavy Continentals a lovely trade with Z Collett to £268 and Charollais from Smith & Baxter selling to £252.

Suffolks with weight to a top of £245 for MM Clarke with RF Leach to £240. Weight generally £220 plus with leaner sorts £170-£190.

Meated Mules firmer topping at £200 for Welsh Mules from G Scrivens, with MM Clarke to £188. Mules with weight £160 plus with smaller sorts £130-£150.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

EWES

Texel	£288	R F Leach, Banbury	Texel	£261	M M Clarke & Sons, Rugby
Texel	£278	M M Clarke & Sons, Rugby	Charolais	£252	JR Baxter & K Smith, Atherstone
Texel	£268	Z Collett, Banbury	Texel	£252	K Crabtree, Great Horwood

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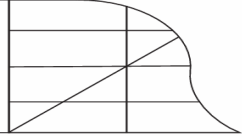
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