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MARKET REPORT FOR MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

MARKET AT A GLANCE

Prime Steers to 385p/kg & £2549
Prime Heifers to 416p/kg & £2980
Prime Bulls to 413p/kg & 3061
Cows to 292p/kg & £2184
Hogg SQQ 353.64p/kg (1534 avg £151.07)
Hoggs to 414p/kg & £192
Ewes to £300 (503 Avg £141)



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Sunday lairage is now open from 9am-3:00pm
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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



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Ewes are best scanned 75 days since the tup went in so please get in touch early with your tupping dates.

Richard Wilson of Wappenham Towcester, a dedicated Rugby Farmers Market Supporter, died peacefully a few weeks ago. There will be a memorial for him on Friday 13th February 2pm at Wappenham Church. NN12 8SQ

CATTLE : 70 Forward

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A tidy show of cattle for our monthly red sale, with increasingly more AFU feeders taking advantage of the live ring trade.

Numbers remaining wanted as another ringside account firing back up for cattle, with the best end a real trade against the deadweight.

Prime Steers -

Some tidy sorts in the steer entry today, with meat key to maximising returns. Shapey steers from R Ellis & Son sold to 385p/kg, with a very few other suckler bred sorts in the entry. Hollinshead Farms saw 351p/kg for Limousins, with Herefords to 350p/kg and 340p/kg respectively from Tom Mann.

Weight short to see those big top price figures but top of the tree today from R Ellis & Son selling to £2548 for Limousins, with square bred Herefords selling to 340p/kg from Tom Mann.

Prime Heifers -

A real corker to top the trade today from J Cooper & Son seeing Limousins to 416p/kg, with a pair of Limousin heifers from J & R Lowe selling to 406p/kg. R Ellis saw big girls to 383p/kg, with JD Stephens to 378p/kg.

Top grossing heifers saw Limousins from R Ellis & Son selling to £2979, with Woods Farm Meriden selling Simmentals to £2460. J Cooper sold to £2446, with J & R Lowe to £2427.

Prime Bulls -

A much better entry of bulls forward, saw Parthenais from NF Hodges selling to 413p/kg and 406p/kg respectively, with PM Wilks to 387p/kg and HW & AJ Eadon topping their run at 374p/kg.

Bulls in the lump topping at £3061 for Parthenais from NF Hodges, with the same home to £2998. HW & AJ Eadon saw Limousin bulls to £2805.

Cows -

Top today saw R & T Reeve selling slip heifers to 292p/kg for Charolais, with Limousin cows to 280p/kg from R Ellis. Herefords from Mark Warner sold to 246p/kg with White Parks from Debbie Dann selling to 205p/kg.

Top grossing cow from the Reeves saw £2184, with Messrs Ellis to £2133.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

STEERS

Top prices per Kilo

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|--------------|-------|--------|----------------------------|
| Limousin x | 662kg | 385ppk | R Ellis & Son, Leamington |
| Limousin x | 610kg | 351ppk | Hollinshead Farms, Bentley |
| Hereford | 612kg | 350ppk | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |
| Hereford | 670kg | 340ppk | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |
| British Blue | 632kg | 338ppk | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |

Top prices per Head

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|--------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| Limousin x | 662kg | £2549 | R Ellis & Son, Leamington |
| Hereford | 670kg | £2278 | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |
| Hereford | 612kg | £2142 | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |
| Limousin x | 610kg | £2141 | Hollinshead Farms, Bentley |
| British Blue | 632kg | £2136 | P R Mann & Son, Ufton |

HEIFERS

Top prices per Kilo

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|------------|-------|--------|----------------------------|
| Limousin x | 588kg | 416ppk | J Cooper & Son, Coventry |
| Limousin | 572kg | 406ppk | J & R Lowe, Rugby |
| Limousin | 598kg | 406ppk | J & R Lowe, Rugby |
| Limousin x | 778kg | 383ppk | R Ellis & Son, Leamington |
| Limousin x | 568kg | 378ppk | J D Stephens, Princethorpe |

Top prices per Head

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|------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Limousin x | 778kg | £2980 | R Ellis & Son, Leamington |
| Simmental | 804kg | £2460 | Woods Farms Meriden Ltd, Coventry |
| Limousin x | 588kg | £2446 | J Cooper & Son, Coventry |
| Limousin | 598kg | £2428 | J & R Lowe, Rugby |
| Limousin | 572kg | £2322 | J & R Lowe, Rugby |

HOGGS 1534 FORWARD

SQQ 353.64P/KG AVG £151.07 TOP £192

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Lambs;

More numbers forward as at long last the Root Feeders start to find some meat. The Battle now is to draw lambs to meet the trade and the spec needed with Heavy Lambs remaining nationally oversubscribed. The alternative to this being that Export and City lambs are short on supply and enjoying a huge demand. An SQQ of 354p/kg simply flying and showing a deadweight equivalent over 750p/kg. Today simply a case of they want what they want and are willing to pay for it. 39 - 42kg in massive demand and often reaching returns equal to lambs weighing in at 47 - 49kg. Export lambs topping at 414p/kg at 44kg for J Redfern, Tamworth with pure meat from P Baker over from the East taking 410p/kg. Henry Tustian drawing from the Roots to see a top of 400p/kg at 44kg. Swigger Hill with a trailer full of shape at the correct weights to breaking 400p/kg also. Lambs with meat and shape selling 370p/kg all day for those under 43.5kg and those 44kg to 46kg generally 10p discount with the same seen in all quality classes. Meat first cross a real trade and often selling 345 - 360p/kg and really totting up. Leaner lambs in truth the dearest commodity with lambs able to percent in the low 40% still breaking 330p/kg. Weight a harder sell but 46kg to 387p/kg for FJ Tombs up with Charollais lambs and J & H Tustian 46.5kg at 365p/kg and weight and shape from VJ Roots 53kg 350p/kg. 49kg plus lambs generally harder to sell and 295 - 320p/kg dependant on finish with weighted lambs over 53kg in the 280p/kg mark. Lean weight discounted heavily with Ewe meat now dearer on the trade that heavy lamb meat. Lets hope this soon changes as Caterers welcome Lamb back on the menu.

An all in Avg of £151 showing a good return especially for the spec lambs. Export lambs totting up to £182 at 44kg for J Redfern and 44kg at £176 for Henry Tustian. C R Hill £171.50 at 43kg and FJ Tombs £171 for two pens in a row. Plenty of Export Lambs today £155 plus but the level of return on the 40 to 42kg run of the Mill lambs in and around £150 all day very pleasing for producers.

Top overall LT Parrott & Sons 58kg at £192 and A Cook & Son, Bristol £188. A Mitchell Blue Texels at 61kg to £185 equal with VJ Roots.

Trade for meat exceptional. Producers should be keen to supply the commodity demanded at these returns.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

HOGG SQQ 353.64 SQQ p/kg

Per Kilo **under 45.5kg**

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|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Texel | 44kg | 414ppk | J Redfern, Tamworth |
| Texel | 39.5kg | 410ppk | P R Baker, Friskney |
| Beltex | 44kg | 400ppk | J & H Tustian, Epwell |
| Beltex | 42.5kg | 400ppk | CR Hill, Wigston |
| Beltex | 43kg | 399ppk | CR Hill, Wigston |

Per HEAD

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|-----------|------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Texel | 44kg | £182 | J Redfern, Tamworth |
| Beltex | 44kg | £176 | J & H Tustian, Epwell |
| Beltex | 43kg | £171.5 | CR Hill, Wigston |
| Charolais | 43kg | £171 | FJ Tombs & Son, Shabbington |
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Per Kilo **over 45.5kg**

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Charolais | 46kg | 387ppk | FJ Tombs & Son, Shabbington |
| Beltex | 46.5kg | 363ppk | J & H Tustian, Epwell |
| Texel | 53kg | 349ppk | VJ Roots, Southam |
| Charolais | 46kg | 347ppk | FJ Tombs & Son, Shabbington |
| Texel | 45.5kg | 343ppk | J Redfern, Tamworth |

Per HEAD

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|------------|------|------|----------------------------|
| Charolais | 58kg | £192 | LT Parrott & Sons, Oving |
| Charolais | 62kg | £188 | AC & JH Cook & Son, Coaley |
| Blue Texel | 61kg | £185 | A Mitchell, Naseby |
| Texel | 53kg | £185 | VJ Roots, Southam |
| Texel | 59kg | £185 | P R Baker, Friskney |

CULL EWES: 503 FORWARD top at £300

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Over 500 forward but in truth a third of what was needed. Avgs up and over £140 for a yard of mainly medium Mules and also 80 Welsh. Trade simply flying and one Northern Buyer claiming the trade to be the dearest they had seen.

Top today a good Texel Ewes from Stuart Taylor with Texels at £300 also selling at £280 and £250. This good home will be conducting a production Sale of in lamb Ewes within our February in lamb Sale. Today the quality speaking for itself.

Best Ewes with weight in short supply but those with it being rewarded. FJ Tombs £250 for Charollais and £232. A Mitchell £230 and D W Morley £222. First cross to £214 for B Burrows & Sons, Stratford Upon Avon weighted white face all breaking £200. Suffolks £206 for FJ Tombs and Suffolks generally either side of £200 if weighted. Lleyns to £203 & £205 for Messrs Neville. Medium Ewes the dearest throughout with Suffolks and Lleyns regularly touching £170 to £180.

Mules to £165 and no real size about today. Again small and medium Mules trading £135 to £140 and looking very dear.

Welsh Ewes today seeing Nelson types to £128 for D G Coombes, Burford. Many many more needed with the beginning of Ramadan now approaching. Traditionally trade and demand peaking before the start of Ramadan and then again part way through the period

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

EWES

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|-------|------|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------------------------|
| Texel | £300 | S F Taylor, Coventry | Charolais | £180 | FJ Tombs & Son, Shabbington |
| Texel | £186 | S F Taylor, Coventry | Charolais | £172 | FJ Tombs & Son, Shabbington |
| Texel | £182 | S F Taylor, Coventry | Texel | £170 | A Mitchell, Naseby |



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