

**TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2021**

A bitterly cold day at Leek this Tuesday. Trade for hogget's hit another level today, with SQQ average of 281p/kg and £118/head and strong demand for all qualities! Top price of 340p/kg and £146.96. Ewes are also a decent trade, selling up to £140.

Dairies met a buoyant trade, with a nice entry of milkers forward, selling up to £2090 for cows and heifers to £2070. Don't forget, next week is the monthly Pedigree sale so keep an eye on our website for further details.

A small show of barren cattle sold on a solid trade up to 142p/kg for black & whites along with a small show of clean cattle but a real highlight being a 540kg Limousin heifer making 243p/kg for Mark Butler.

Pigs were a better trade this Tuesday with heavy pigs topping the day at 138p/kg and bacon pigs up to 136p/kg with numerous pens over 120p/kg.

Calves continue to sell very well, and more forward this week, topping at £410 for Blue bulls and heifers to £312.

**BARREN COWS (19);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

**Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)**

Lack of numbers, mainly down to the cold weather spell, but a strong trade for those that showed stock, with Holsteins to 142p/kg for a 715kg cow from S & J Ryder, Dilhorne with other black & white's at 134p/kg for a 830kg Holstein from RG & AS Williamson, and 132p/kg for a 745kg Holstein from J & C Hudson, Hollinsclough.

Other top prices;

130p 530kg Hereford - J & A Worthington, Welsh Row  
129p 760kg Dairy Shorthorn - D J Wheeldon, Rudyard  
128p 680kg Simmental - J & A Worthington, Welsh Row  
128p 595kg Hereford - J & A Worthington, Welsh Row  
124p 690kg Friesian - J E archer & Sons, Hilton  
118p 620kg Hereford - J & A Worthington, Welsh Row

Overall average of 111.74p/kg or £742.48 per head.

Top headage price of £1112.20 for the Holstein from RG & AS Williamson, and other Holsteins to £1015.30 and £983.40.

**WE ARE OPERATING A STRICT 'DROP & GO' POLICY FOR ALL VENDORS.**

**VENDORS CANNOT STAY AT THE MARKET TO WATCH THEIR STOCK SOLD. THIS IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT THE MARKET AND TO MAKE IT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR PURCHASERS AND OUR STAFF.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL MARKET FORMS ARE COMPLETED FULLY, AND LEAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN SEND YOU YOUR SALE RESULTS AT THE END OF THE DAY. ANY LUCK MONEY MUST BE WRITTEN ON YOUR MARKET FORM AND THIS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN THE OFFICE.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.**

**CLEAN CATTLE;**

**Selling time – 10:45am approx.**

**Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)**

A small entry of clean cattle but an exceptional Limousin heifer at 540kg sold for 243p/kg from Mark Butler, Bagnall.

Bulls sold up to 204p/kg for a 605kg Limousin bull from Chris Barnsley, Morridge. Black & white bulls sold at 162p/kg for a 605kg Friesian and 155p/kg for a 585kg Friesian from J E Archer, Hilton.

A 665kg Hereford steer realised 185p/kg for J E Watkins, Horton and a 525kg Angus heifer made 173p/kg for D J Wheeldon, Rudyard.

Top headage price of £1312.20 for Mark Butlers heifer with bulls to £1234.20 and steers to £1230.25.

**DAIRIES (57);****Selling time – 11:30am****Auctioneers – Meg Elliott (07967 007049) & Mark Elliott (07973 673092)**

A superb entry of 52 milkers forward on Tuesday along with 5 calves met a solid trade for both heifers and cows with 3 passing the £2000 mark.

Topping the day at £2090 was a superb cow from the Clark family of Bradnop for a third calver giving 50kg. Their entry of 8 saw 3 other third and fourth calvers in excess of £1700 to average £1646 for the group which were all in their 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> lactations.

Heifers topped at £2070 for a 27kg heifer from Richard Lomas of Calow with another from the same home at £2010.

British Friesian heifers reached £1780 with British Friesian cows making £1710 from John and Leslie Kirby of Oakham.

A lovely run of 4 Dairy Shorthorn heifers from Gary Norbury topped at £270.

We have a great entry of 70 already entered for next weeks pedigree sale with a further 20-30 commercial milkers also expected. Catalogues will be on-line shortly!

**PIGS (114);****Selling time – 9:15am****Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)**

A good entry of fat pigs this Tuesday and trade much improved on last week with averages up on the week.

Pork pigs sold up to 126p/kg for 68kg pigs from K C Dipple, Studley, who also sold other pork pigs at 123p/kg, 112p/kg and 110p/kg.

Cutting pigs topped at 124p/kg for 84kg pigs from J & B Fentem, Alsop, who sold 84.6kg pigs at 120p/kg and 76kg pigs at 113p/kg.

Plenty of Bacon pigs forward selling up to 136p/kg for 97kg pigs from J G Belfield, Sheen who also sold 91kg pigs at 136p/kg. 98kg pigs from PF & PD Parsons sold at 135p/kg and J & B Fentem sold bacon pigs at 134p/kg, 130p/kg and 128p/kg.

Heavy pigs topped the day at 138p/kg for a 106kg pig from R T Wilson, Oldham, who also sold 111kg pigs at 136p/kg with 119kg pigs at 133p/kg for J G Belfield who also sold 111kg pigs at 133p/kg and 126p/kg with 108kg pigs at 124p/kg for Bernard Minshull.

Averages;

Pork Pigs (14);	av 115.9p/kg or £75.08/head
Cutting Pigs (9);	av 116.76p/kg or £95.48/head
Bacon Pigs (62);	av 114.2p/kg or £111.93/head
Heavy Pigs (29);	av 113.53p/kg or £127/head

**SHEEP SECTION;****Selling time 11:00am****Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)****BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (676);*****TRADE FINDS ANOTHER LEVEL!!***

A seasonal entry saw an exceptional trade from start to finish!

Best sorts regularly over 300p/kg and an abundance of lambs topping £130/head. Top prices of 340p/kg or £146.96. Many many more could have been sold to the vendors advantage! Overall average of 281p/kg or £118 per head, including a number of light weight and store types.

Sample prices;

315p	37.2kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
340p	42kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
338p	40.4kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
336p	43.4kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
336p	39.2kg	R Tomkinson & Son, Butterton
333p	43.5kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
322p	41.2kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
294p	45.8kg	P Rowbottom, Ipstones
282p	47.6kg	G W Myatt, Endon
278p	48.5kg	DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer

**CULL SHEEP (125);**

A small entry saw a solid trade topping at £140/head for best Texel's. £128 for Charolais and £110 for best Suffolk ewes. Strong Mules generally £80 and most mules trading £65 - £75 head.

Overall average of £74.80.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL  
SHEEP VENDORS**

**PLEASE CAN ALL FORMS BE COMPLETED  
FULLY AND MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR GREEN  
FORM WHAT MARKS ARE ON YOUR SHEEP  
TO SPEED UP BOOKING IN;  
I.E. FLOCK MARKS, BREED, EAR TAG  
NUMBERS.**

**CALVES (118);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

**Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);**

Better numbers again and a solid trade, very similar to last week although less buyers around the ring, possibly due to the wintery conditions.

**32 Continental Bulls**

All shapes and sizes and qualities on offer although less best calves than we should be having. Andrew Hulme maintained his place at the top of the leader board at £410 for a Blue with Messrs McCleavy at £385. 11 best over £300; Mediums £220 - £280 with a few smalls under £200.

20 Blues av £253 to £410 - DW & P Hulme

2 Sims av £210 to £290 - S & M Huxley & Son

10 Lims av £263 to £385 - DW & P Hulme

**22 Continental Heifers**

A little less money generally although less best and more second qualities on offer. Best of the Blues over £230 with a high of £312 for a super sort from Messrs Heath. Mediums £170 - £200 with a few smalls around £150.

18 Blues av £170 to £312 - C Heath & Sons

2 Sims av £157 to £170 - S & M Huxley & Son

2 Lims av £159 to £180 - C Heath & Son

**42 Natives**

Good money with buyers looking for calves. Angus bulls sold to £330 for a very smart sort from Will Brookes, Crakemarsh with 10 Angus bulls averaging £223. 26 Angus heifers averaged £105 with the best two at £200 and three others over £180.

**8 Black & White Bulls**

No good rearer's today with most £25 - £40.

**14 Reared Calves from 3 Vendors**

C Heath & Sons sold a lovely run of Angus with bulls (3mths) at £430 and heifers 4mths at £340. A Beef Shorthorn heifer made £370 from ME Cawser.

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**THIS THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2021 – 4PM**

**RED MARKET**

**Fortnightly Sale of Barren & Clean Cattle**

Entries taken from 2pm onwards

\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR TB24b

LICENCE IF YOU ARE UNDER TB

RESTRICTIONS\*\*\*

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**SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - 10AM**

**Sale of 507 Store & Breeding Cattle**

Catalogues Available Online

**Next Sale Saturday 27th February & 6th March**

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**SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - 10.30AM**

**Monthly Sale of Store and Breeding Pigs**

Entries Invited

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CATTLE VENDORS REGARDING NAMED SIRES**

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CATTLE WHICH NEED ANY ALTERATIONS ON THE PASSPORT. IF THERE IS AN INCORRECT SEX OR BREED, YOU WILL BE ASKED NOT TO BRING THE ANIMAL.**

**ALSO, ANY HAND WRITTEN NAMED SIRE'S WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BUT THE TAG NUMBER MUST BE OFFICIALLY PRINTED ON THE PASSPORT ALONG WITH THE NAME WRITTEN NEXT TO IT. THAT WILL BE THEN DECLARED AS A NAMED SIRE.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE THEN PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE AUCTIONEERS OR OUR MARKET OFFICE.**

**ATTENTION TO ARLA PRODUCERS**

**We can handle our calves and satisfy your contracts. Please let us know if you are an Arla Farmer and we will do the rest.**

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