

**TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2021**

**Another busy Tuesday, and marking one year one from the start of Lockdown, we are grateful to all our customers who have supported us over the last year and for your co-operation.**

**A good entry of barren cattle sold on a strong trade, with cows to 168p/kg to average 121.13p/kg or £813.96 per head, with clean up to 214p/kg for a Limousin Bull**

**A seasonal entry in the sheep section with hogget's continuing to sell well, with the best up to 316p/kg to average at 279p/kg and £122 overall. A small selection of Spring Lambs sold to 285p/kg and ewes a fast trade up to £150 .**

**A shortage of best quality dairies this Tuesday with the best up to £1760 for a second calver, and youngstock up to £1040.**

**Buyers galore for calves and a tremendous trade for those forward, selling up to £445 for Limousin bull calves and heifers to £380. If you have calves to sell, get them to Leek on Tuesday!**

**Pigs in good demand once again, especially for the quality types with bacon pigs up to 142p/kg and cutters to 139p/kg.**

**BARREN COWS (44);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

Another excellent trade for Barren cattle with a few less this week, but topping at 168p/kg for a 630kg Norwegian Red from J & C Hudson, Hollinsclough with a 930kg Brown Swiss cow at 156p/kg from W E Fearn, Buxton.

Other top prices include;

- 149p 780kg Holstein - T Swinson & Partners, Caverswall
- 149p 785kg Friesian - J E Archer & Sons, Hilton
- 149p 770kg Holstein - Stanier & Carnwell, Cheadle
- 149p 760kg Holstein - WE Turnock & Son, Onecote
- 145p 675kg Shorthorn - WG & J Clark, Bradnop
- 143p 780kg Holstein - R J Clowes & Sons, Kingsley
- 138p 760kg Holstein - W Wood & Son, Rushton Spencer
- 137p 660kg Cross Bred - JA & HE Warrington, Cocknage
- 136p 765kg Holstein - ET Hanson & Sons, Hasthorpe

Overall average of 121.13p/kg or £813.96 per head.

Top headage price of £1450.80 for the 930kg Brown Swiss from W E Fearn, with black & white's to £1208.25, £1169.65 and £1162.20.

Heifers sold to 195p/kg for a 525kg Aberdeen Angus and 178p/kg for a 595kg Aberdeen Angus, both from RE & KM Clowes, Cheadle.

Overage steers sold at 144p/kg for a 520kg Shorthorn from Bill Waters, Upper Hulme, and a 955kg Aberdeen Angus bull realised 128p/kg for Louise Plant, Bradnop.

**CLEAN CATTLE;**

**Selling time – 10:45am approx.**

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

A small entry sold up to 214p/kg for a 610kg Limousin bull from C H Barnsley, Morridge to gross £1305.40.

Hereford steers sold to 198p/kg for a 620kg steer and 192p/kg for a 675kg steer, both from M Robinson, Longsdon, to gross £1227.60 and £1296 respectively.

Black & white bulls sold up to 167p/kg for a 535kg Friesian, and 165p/kg for a 525kg Friesian, both from J E Archer & Sons, Hilton., to gross £893.45 and £866.25 respectively.

**DAIRIES (68);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

**Auctioneers – Meg Elliott (07967 007049) & Mark Elliott (07973 673092)**

Quality was a little lacking in the dairy shed on Tuesday with the best to £1760 for a second calver from Richard Green of Whiston with two others cows also at the same money from Malcolm Trevor-Jones.

Youngstock continue to sell well with bulling heifers from Messrs Moss to £1040 and the special entry of Monty x heifers from Messrs Sharman seeing Jersey x Montbeliarde Yearlings to £690, 5 month old heifers to £580 and calves to £380.

**PIGS (103);****Selling time – 9:15am****Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)**

Another decent trade for pigs this Tuesday, with some good quality fat pigs forward.

Cutting pigs sold up to 139p/kg for 79kg pigs from P J Bowers, Mow Cop, with a 83kg pig at 132p/kg for David Goldstraw, Meerbrook and 124p/kg for a 79kg pig from P J Bowers, Mow Cop.

Bacon pigs topped at 142p/kg twice, for a 100kg pig from PF & PD Parsons and for a pair of 96kg pigs from David Goldstraw, Meerbrook. The Parsons also sold bacon pigs at 140p/kg twice, with 140p/kg also paid for two other pens from J & B Fentem, who sold others at 138p/kg twice and 136p/kg twice.

Heavy pigs sold to 138p/kg twice, for a 117kg pig from S Bailey, Biddulph and a pair of 108kg pigs from J & B Fentem. David Goldstraw had 134p/kg twice for 120kg pigs and 118p/kg for a 110kg pig from S Bailey.

Cull sows topped at 84p/kg for a 249kg sow from G H Davies, Prion who also sold 249kg sow and a 238kg sow at 80p/kg.

Averages;

Cutting Pigs (6);	av 121.78p/kg or £97.42/head
Bacon Pigs (84);	av 122.85p/kg or £115.69/head
Heavy Pigs (9);	av 119.74p/kg or £141.96/head
Cull Sows (4);	av 81.35p/kg or £199.59/head

**SHEEP SECTION;****Selling time 11:00am****Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)****SPRING LAMBS (13);**

A very small entry and no Texel lambs forward. Best on offer to 285p for Suffolk lambs or £126.42 per head.

Easter Show & Sale Next Week! Good numbers required!

**BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (473);**

A seasonal entry saw a slightly steadier trade, as witnessed nationally. Best still nicely over 300p/kg topping at 316p/kg from Ron Tomkinson, Butterton. Best big lambs flying away to £146.98 per head and still plenty at £140 and better. Overall average of £122/head or 279p/kg.

Sample prices;

310p	31kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
316p	38.5kg	R Tomkinson & Son, Butterton
310p	36.7kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
314p	44.5kg	R Tomkinson & Son, Butterton
312p	41kg	M Wright, Hartington
312p	45.3kg	GH & M Torr, Bradnop
308p	41.5kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
312p	46.2kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
303p	46.7kg	G Mosley, Wormhill

302p	48.7kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
298p	49kg	D Machin, Rudyard

**CULL SHEEP (106);**

a small entry sold on a fast trade. Best Texel's to £150 from John Burton, Ipstones Edge. Better Texel's generally £120 and better. Best Mules slightly easier, topping at £93.

Overall average of £88.57.

**STORE SHEEP (25);**

A few store hoggs saw lightweight types to £61/head.

**CALVES (85);****Selling time – 10:00am****Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);**

Trade is remarkable at present with buyers galore and a fantastic price for each and every calf on offer.

**27 Continental Bulls av £276.03**

No where near enough to satisfy the buyers needs and double the number could easily have been sold. Very smart Limousins topped at £445 for the Handford family, Birch Vale with best Blues to £418 for Peter Woodward. Best £300 +, mediums £230 - £280 with just a single 1 under £210.

17 Blues	av £268 to £418 - Woodward Partners
3 Sims	av £281 to £345 - JJ & PN Holdcroft
5 Lims	av £310 to £445 - J W Handford & Sons
2 Char	av £250 to £295 - D & G Tudor

**19 Continental Heifers £211.03**

What a trade for the heifer, its just a shame that there were not more on offer. A posh Limousin heifer from Norman Mellor topped at £380 with the better Blues £240 +.

12 Blues	av £210 to £295 - A J Webb
5 Sims	av £189 to £200 - TD & DA Higginson
2 Lims	av £267 to £380 - HG, JMH & H Mellor

**27 Natives**

16 bulls average £199 and sold to £240 for a Hereford from James Warrington with Angus' to £225 for Messrs Shuker, Bosley. 11 heifers sold to a remarkable £315 for a well done Angus from Steve Ryder, Dilhorne.

**11 Black & White Bulls av £101.63**

Smart shapely Holstein Friesians at £265 from Phillip Holdcroft with others at £145; Brown Swiss to £155. Every calf sold for rearing today.

**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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**THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 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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**NEXT TUESDAY 30TH MARCH**

**Easter Show & Sale of Spring Lambs**

**Schedule of Classes & Prize Money to Be Won**

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**SATURDAY 3RD APRIL - 10AM**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries Close Friday 26th March**

**Next Sale Saturday 17th April**

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**SATURDAY 3RD APRIL - 11AM**

**Special Sale of Breeding Sheep & Ewes with Lambs**

**at Foot. Please advise of entries.**

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**TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2021**

**77 IN-CALF HEIFERS & YOUNGSTOCK** being the genuine dispersal on behalf of Reading Kirby of Lechlade, Oxfordshire (the milking herd having already been sold). The sale com 29 In-calf Heifers (In-calf to Her) and 48 Youngstock with excellent sires incl Aftershock, Dreamweaver, Fimbe, Hiro and Jingle with a number by the Norwegian Reds Maele, Nymoen and Nymden. Herd Av 8200kg 4.41%F 3.44%P. Lepto vacc & Johnes monitered.

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**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 ENVIRNOMENT 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.**

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

**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.**