

TUESDAY 2ND MARCH 2021

A busy Tuesday with a packed Dairy shed with some lovely cattle forward, selling up to £2160 for heifers and 2nd calvers to £2120. A run of in-calf heifers sold up to £1750 twice.

Hogget trade hit another level, with plenty of pens above 320p/kg and SQQ average of 294.85p/kg! If you have stock to sell, then get them to Leek. Top prices of 366p/kg twice, and cull ewes to £145.

Barrens cows are a strong enquiry selling up to 140p/kg twice for black & whites, with clean cattle up to 226p/kg.

More calves about this Tuesday and another great line up of buyers, with Blue bull calves to £425 and blue heifers to £240.

BARREN COWS (26);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry for the trade that is on offer, and even strong than last week, with a top price of 140p/kg twice for a 805kg Holstein from Foker Grange Farm Ltd, Leek and for a 830kg Friesian from ND Gibbs, Butterton.

Other black and white's sold at 139p/kg for a 670kg Friesian from SG Salt & Son, Hanbury and 136p/kg for a 905kg Holstein from DJ & KL Leadbetter, Sudbury.

Other top prices include;

134p 840kg Holstein - DJ & KL Leadbetter, Sudbury

134p 645kg Simmental - R Parker, Upper Hulme

134p 715kg Holstein - Foker Grange Farm Ltd, Leek

133p 640kg Holstein - D Moseley, Astbury

131p 520kg Hereford - S Davis, Roston

127p 670kg British Blue - J J Watson, Stockport

123p 610kg Aberdeen Angus - D Moseley, Astbury

Overall average of 115.7p/kg or £751.14 per head.

Top headage price of £1230.80 for the 905kg Holstein from DJ & KL Leadbetter, with £1162 for Friesians and others at £1127, £1125.60.

A 750kg Hereford Steer from S Davis, Roston realised 148p/kg to gross £1110.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling time – 10:45am approx.

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A 575kg Limousin heifer realised 224p/kg from D Williams, Basford, selling to P Lymer of JW Ash Butchers, Leek.

Steers sold to 206p/kg for a 630kg Simmental from B J Bailey, Biddulph Park.

DAIRIES (122);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

Well what a way to start March! Every standing and pen filled with a total of 122 going through the ring over a 100 of which were milkers with a 100% clearance achieved.

Plenty of buyers in attendance set about the days business like they really meant it with the first three cows through the ring from Messrs Armett of Loughborough making £1880, £1770 and £1810. However we were quickly past the £2000 mark for a lovely second calver from regular vendor Richard Green of Whiston. Sold giving 29kg she was eventually clinched by Ed Clowes of Kingsley for £2120.

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.

Hot in pursuit was a stylish heifer from Ray Turner of Rownall that made £2120 to John Moss of Rushton with another from Messrs Nadin of Earl Sterndale to £2100 to Messrs Hunt of Crewe.

Topping the day however was a lovely 30kg heifer from the Phillips family of Winkhill selling at £2160. She too went to Messrs Hunt.

Malcolm Jones of Oswestry saw a very swift trade for his 4 Norwegian Red X heifers topping at £2020 with others to £1910 and £1900.

A lovely run of In-calf heifers from the Enigma herd of Messrs Brown topped at £1750 twice with numerous others in excess of £1700.

Heifer calves were much sought after reaching £320.

Plenty of buyers in attendance for the two special entries which saw Messrs Wilds reach £1390 for a November calved third calver giving 21kg whilst Messrs Holmes of Huddersfield topped at £1520.

Next week we have the genuine dispersal sale on behalf of the Hall Brothers of Somerford Booth, catalogues are available on-line.

If you have stock to sell don't hesitate to contact Meg Elliott on 07967 007049.

PIGS (134);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

Another strong entry this week and trade a little up and down, depending on quality and weight, but great to see a couple of buyers returning.

Cutting pigs sold up to 128p/kg for a 85kg pig from PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch with a pair of 88kg pigs at 110p/kg for J & B Fentem.

Bacon pigs topped at 134p/kg twice for 86kg and 87kg pigs from J & B Fentem, who sold a run of bacon pigs at 132p/kg, 130p/kg, 128p/kg, 126p/kg and 124p/kg.

Heavier pigs topped at 118p/kg twice for 106kg & 118kg pigs from JG Belfield, Sheen, with a pair of 108kg pigs at 116p/kg from Bernard Minshull, and 114p/kg for 109kg pigs from J G Belfield.

Cull sows sold up to 70p/kg for a 169kg sow from C Lyon, Peak Forest with a 225kg sow at 67p/kg for J & B Fentem who sold another sow at 60p/kg and R Rowlinson, Oakamoor sold a 281kg sow at 67p/kg.

Averages;

Cutting Pigs (4);	av 99.82p/kg or £83.10/head
Bacon Pigs (81);	av 107.01p/kg or £100.37/head
Heavy Pigs (37);	av 93.15p/kg or £103.48/head
Cull Sows (5);	av 62.29p/kg or £124.84/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (478);

OVERALL AVERAGE OF £125.18

Dissappointing to see less number about but trade found another level with more customers in attendance and over 1000 head could have easily been sold. Overall average 289p/kg.

Best sorts raced away to 366p/kg (Twice) with best shaped sorts at 320p and better. Big hogs a fast trade, topping at £163.15 and plenty at the top side of £150/head.

More required every week to meet demand!

Sample prices;

322p	38.8kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
366p	42.6kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
366p	40.5kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
360p	42kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
341p	39.5kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
339p	40kg	DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer
330p	45kg	GH & M Torr, Bradnop
328p	47kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
328p	46kg	GH & M Torr, Bradnop
305p	50kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
309p	52.8kg	D Machin, Horton
292p	55.7kg	Mosley & Son, Wormhill

CULL SHEEP (147);

A modest entry sold on a solid trade, with £145 for best Texels. Best Suffolks to £110 and Mules to £92.

Overall average of £82.61.

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 (110);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);

A better turnout and a better trade with a good strong line up of buyers looking for numbers.

45 Continental Bulls av £252.42

Some good calves on offer and a solid trade throughout. Best Blues from Andrew Hulme sold up to £425 with G W Myatt at £390 and Philip Holdcroft at £378. Best generally over £325. Mediums £220 - £280 with smalls a little less.

26 Blues av £266 to £425 - DW & P Hulme

13 Sims av £226 to £335 - JJ & PN Holdcroft

6 Lims av £252 to £285 - NG, JMH & H Mellor

27 Continental Heifers £166.14

Less on offer which is a shame as numerous buyers looking for calves. Andrew Hulme had £240 for his best with the better sorts generally £200 +. Mediums £130 - £170 with just a few less than £100.

20 Blues av £162 to £240 - DW & P Hulme

3 Sims av £164 to £172 - TD & DA Higginson

4 Lims av £186 to £214 - NE Goodwin & Son

24 Natives

Hereford & Angus Bulls sold to £205 with 'trade of the say' being the angus heifers that averaged £188 and sold to £210.

14 Black & White Bulls

One strong rearer made £108 with the majority £25 - £50.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK SATURDAY 6TH MARCH - 10AM

Sale of 331 Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale Saturday 20th March

TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2021

Dispersal of the entire Commercial Herd of 83 Holstein Friesians comprising 66 Cows & Heifers In-milk & In-calf together with 17 In-calf Heifers 24 of which are fresh calved. Cubicles & Herringbone. On behalf of R & D Hall Bros, Somerford Booth, Congleton, Cheshire.

THURSDAY 11TH 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***

TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2021

Reserved for a Herd Dispersal of 80 Holstein Friesians.
