

**TUESDAY 11TH MAY 2021**

A warmer week with plenty of rain, and grass finally starting to make an appearance for farmers leading onto a much busier Tuesday sale with more stock forward. Dairies sold on a sharper trade with a good entry forward selling to £2000 for a fresh heifer, and in-calf heifers to £1630.

Barren cows sold on a buoyant trade, with some quality forward selling up to 184p/kg for Hereford cows. Clean cattle topped at 216p/kg for steers.

Spring lamb numbers on the rise, and more about nationally leading in a slight drop in trade, albeit still very strong compared to the same time last year. Lambs topped at 388p/kg for the best over 350p/kg and topping at £154.98 per head to average just shy of £125 per head overall. Less hogg's about with the best quality up to 334p/kg and £174.15 with Cull ewes a strong trade selling up to £140.

Calves are once again as super trade, following suit on the excellent store & fat cattle prices with bull calves to £400 for Limousins and Blue heifers selling to £305.

A bumper entry of pigs once again, and trade for the best qualities still a good demand, but plenty of heavier types proving more difficult to place. Bacon pigs sold to 136p/kg.

#### **BARREN COWS (39);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

Another good show of cattle, and trade just as strong this Tuesday. Top price of 184p/kg for a 635kg Hereford from WG & M Myatt, Gratton, with a 725kg Limousin at 170p/kg from G Mitchell & E Murray, Mobberley. Simmentals sold at 163p/kg for a 780kg cow, with another 710kg Limousin at 159p/kg for S Jackson, Garshall Green.

Black & white's sold to 150p/kg for a 655kg Friesian from DR & A Shuker, Bosley and 148p/kg for a 725kg Friesian for E T Hanson & Sons, Hasthorpe.

Other top prices;

148p 670kg Angus - Garner Holdings Ltd, Belper  
144p 600kg Hereford - HA & TR Mycock, Grindon  
140p 775kg Shorthorn - R J Clowes & Sons, Kingsley  
140p 570kg Simmental - J Cooper, Elkstones  
136p 695kg Holstein - Robertson Partners, Withington  
136p 640kg Friesian - J R Johnson & Sons, Ipstones  
136p 765kg Angus - HA & TR Mycock, Grindon

Overall average of 126.24p/kg or £837.66 per head.

Top headage price of £1271.40 for the 780kg Simmental cow with Holsteins to £1234.80, Limousins to £1232.50 and £1128.90 and Herefords to £1168.40.

#### **CLEAN CATTLE;**

**Selling time – 10:45am approx.**

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

Good to see a few more about, with a top price of 216p/kg for a 585kg Hereford steer, with a 675kg Aberdeen Angus steer at 210p/kg and a 510kg Aberdeen Angus heifer at 206p/kg, all from G Mitchell & E Murray, Mobberley.

A 580kg Simmental steer realised 195p/kg for Robertson Partners, Lower Withington.

Black & white bulls sold up to 180p/kg with a 560kg Friesian from J E Archer & Sons who sold others at 178p/kg, 170p/kg and 163p/kg.

Top headage prices of £1417.50 and £1263.60 for steers, heifers to £1050.60 and bulls to £1008.

#### **DAIRIES (62);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

A buoyant trade throughout on Tuesday saw a very smart heifer from David Brailsford to £2000 with numerous more in the £1800 - £2000 bracket.

The stock of crossbred cows from Messrs Kennerley sold exceptionally well, topping at £1700 to average a superb £1378.

Numerous buyers were in attendance for the in-calf heifers from Ivydene herd of Messrs Cresswell. They topped at £1630 to average £1514.

Plenty of entries for next weeks sale include 50 plus milkers, three groups of genuine youngstock and three stock bulls. Catalogues will be out later in the week.

### **PIGS (147);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

Another bumper entry of pigs with trade stronger for the handier weight pigs this Tuesday with cutting pigs to 114p/kg for a pair of 84kg pigs from PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch.

Bacon pigs topped at 136p/kg for 97kg pigs from David Goldstraw, with others at 121p/kg for 87kg pigs from PF & PD Parsons, who sold others at 119p/kg and 115p/kg. The Fentem family sold bacon pigs at 119p/kg, 118p/kg and 110p/kg.

Heavy pigs topped at 115p/kg for a trio of 105kg pigs from J G Belfield, Sheen, with others at 97p/kg from S Bailey, 96p/kg for 118kg pigs from Phillip Kelsall who sold others at 86p/kg.

A good show of cull sows selling to 77p/kg for a 240kg Sow from S Bailey, with a 320kg sow at 75p/kg for R Rowlinson, Ramshorn and a number of sows between 63p/kg and 75p/kg.

Averages;

Cutting Pigs (5);	av 98.74p/kg or £82.35/head
Bacon Pigs (90);	av 97.49p/kg or £92.35/head
Heavy Pigs (35);	av 82.87p/kg or £93.39/head
Cull Sows (14);	av 64.38p/kg or £156.49/head

### **SHEEP SECTION;**

**Selling time 11:00am**

**Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)**

#### **SPRING LAMBS (288);**

Numbers continue to creep up and with weather improving hopefully lambs will finish more consistently.

Trade less on the week for a number of reasons, mainly due to the end of the festival and demand expecting to slip. Also on the day a couple of regular buyers missing - we expect to be back in full force next week!!

Best lambs to 388p/kg with a top headage price of £154.98. in reality trade seemed a big step back from the previous few weeks prices but on reflection and taking account of reports elsewhere the trade seems ---. It is still some 50p/kg better than the same time last year.

Sample prices;

388p	36.3kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
386p	35.3kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
380p	40kg	A D Williams, Basford
378p	41kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
345p	44kg	AE & B Smith, Rocester
316p	47.5kg	A D Williams, Basford

### **BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (182);**

Numbers slowing up but best on offer still very well bid for topping at 334p/kg or £174.15/head. Majority of the entry in the heavy or overweight category. Handy weights and meat types in very short supply and very well bid for.

Sample prices;

320p	36kg	R A Day, Cheddleton
315p	37kg	P Yates, Rugeley
334p	43.7kg	D Williams, Basford
326p	43kg	Smith & Wardman, Longnor
334p	46kg	D Williams, Basford
324p	47kg	D Williams, Basford
306p	50.2kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
290p	53.3kg	D Williams, Basford
272p	57kg	F & EM Buxton & Partners, Barlaston

### **CULL SHEEP (237);**

A good entry sold on a fast trade but not quite as dear as last week. Best Charollais ewes to £140, texel's to £136 and Suffolks to £129.

Best Mules at £95 +.

Overall average of £89.50.

#### **SHEEP EARTAG IDENTIFICATION**

**Slaughter Tags are only to be used in sheep under 12 months of age. Ewes should be Double Tagged with a matching pair of tags, one being electric.**

#### **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.**

### **CALVES (105);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A slight drop in numbers but a big amount of potential buyers again and a very good trade throughout.

#### **24 Continental Bulls av £294**

Equally as dear as last week but generally not as many stronger calves about today. 6 best fresh bulls topped £380 and topped at £400 for a tremendous Limousin from Ian Gregson, Hanbury. Medium bulls £280 - £330 with smaller bulls under £280.

11 Blues	av £262 to £398	- S G Salt & Son
4 Sims	av £341 to £395	- JJ & PN Holdcroft
8 Lims	av £302 to £400	- I Gregson
1 Blonde	to £385	- W H Townsend & Son

#### **25 Continental Heifers £236.64**

A superb trade once again and double the number could have been sold to advantage. 12 better sold over £250 with the best over £300 and a high of £305 for Messrs Myatt, Blythe Bridge. Mediums £200 to £250 with a few smalls under £200.

13 Blues av £239 to £305 - AJ & T Myatt  
3 Sims av £223 to £270 - Woodward Partners  
7 Lims av £226 to £282 - J Brough & Son  
2 Blonde av £272 to £295 - W H Townsend & Son

**40 Natives**

Heifers ‘TRADE OF THE DAY’ once again and averaged over £200. Best bulls to £350.  
2 Angus Bulls av £245 to £245 - L Ford & Son  
19 Hereford Bulls av £230 to £350 - P J Davies  
6 Angus Heifers av £208 to £270 - JT & J Forrester  
13 Hereford Heifers av £206 to £275- FW & JF Brookes

**16 Black & White Bulls**

A tremendous Friesian type bulls sold at £375 for Phillip Holdcroft with 4 Monty to £285 for A C Mycock to average £197. An Ayrshire made £90 with smaller calves generally £20 - £50 today.

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**SATURDAY 15TH MAY - 10:30AM**

**Monthly Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs.  
Please advise of entries.**

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**SATURDAY 15TH MAY - 10AM**

**Sale of 699 Store & Breeding Cattle  
Catalogues Available Online.  
Next Sale Saturday 29th May**

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**SATURDAY 15TH MAY - 11AM**

**Special Sale of Breeding Sheep & Ewes with Lambs at Foot. Please advise of entries.**

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**TUESDAY 18TH MAY - 11AM**

**Monthly Pedigree Dairy Sale  
Catalogues Available Online**

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