

TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2021

A good entry of dairies forward for the monthly Pedigree Dairy sale with heifers up to £2300 and £2130 with numerous over £1800. Young stock were well sought after with 8 month old heifers to £660.

A drop in numbers in the sheep shed, mainly down to the time of years and hogg numbers drying up. An excellent trade, in particular for those top quality sorts selling to 440p/kg and £191.16 per head. Hogs sold to 342p/kg, and ewes up to £156.

Barren cows were a solid enquiry with top price of 159p/kg twice, and averaged 126p/kg overall. Top headage price of £1240.20.

A much improved trade for fat pigs, with more buyers forward, with top prices of 149p/kg for bacon pigs and 148p/kg for cutters.

Plenty of demand for calves once again with returning buyers looking for stock. Top price of £405 for fresh Blue calves and heifers to £350.

BARREN COWS (41);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A good entry forward, and an excellent trade achieved with a ringside full of buyers. Top price of 159p/kg twice for a 780kg British Blue from DA & LM Moss, Rushton Spencer, and also for a 720kg Limousin from S B Mellor & Son, Winkhill.

Black & white's sold up to 156p/kg for a 730kg Holstein from Chris Ball, Fulford, and 150p/kg for a 740kg Friesian from F J Gould & Son, Longnor.

Other top prices;

152p 795kg British Blue - J C Robinson, Rushton
150p 820kg Simmental - J Deaville, Bucknall
149p 645kg Charolais - J F Barber, Quarnford
145p 560kg Shorthorn - G Tunnicliffe & Son, Gradbach
144p 665kg Shorthorn - G G Hall & Son, Croxden
144p 695kg Friesian - F J Gould & Son, Longnor
142p 610kg Holstein - W Salt & Son, Denstone

Overall average of 126.06p/kg or £821.98 per head.

Top headage price of £1240.20 for the 780kg British Blue cow from DA & LM Moss, Rushton with other Blues at £1208.40, Simmental's to £1230, Limousins to £1144.80 and Holsteins to £1138.80.

DAIRIES (107);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

There was certainly something for everybody in the dairy shed on Tuesday both in the variation of breeds on offer along with the various categories of dairies alongside the milkers which included In-calf heifers, bullers, yearlings and calves.

The day started with two lovely Dairy Shorthorn calves from the Broadlane herd of Gary Norbury which reached £310 and £260 respectively.

Milkers were a solid trade with trade topping at £2300 for a really stylish ABS Theory daughter from the Alsopdale herd of Andrew and Joanna Bunting.

Andrew Weston of Litton saw his Goodwhone daughter make £2130 and Andrew Broadley of New Haven watched his red and white heifer reach £2000. Plenty of others were in the £1800-£2000 bracket.

Another entry of youngstock from the Havendale Herd of the Flower family were much sought after with 8 month old heifers to £660 and calves to £580.

A beauty of a Hereford Bull from Geoff Goodwin of Wetley Rocks reached £1900.

PIGS (93);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A reduced entry this Tuesday which had a positive effect of this weeks trade, with averages up 20p - 30p on the week.

Cutting pigs sold up to 148p/kg for 80.7kg pigs from J & B Fentem who sold others at 146p/kg, 110p/kg and 108p/kg, with a trio of 84kg pigs at 112p/kg from PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch.

Bacon pigs sold up to 149p/kg twice for 94kg and 98kg pigs from J & B Fentem, who also sold 101kg pigs at 146p/kg. a pair of 95kg pigs made 144p/kg for D H Poulson, Llangadog, with a pair of 98kg pigs at 141p/kg from S Bailey, Biddulph and the Parsons selling bacon pigs at 140p/kg, 138p/kg and 139p/kg.

Heavier pigs topped at 140p/kg for 106kg pigs from J & B Fentem, with a pair of 106kg pigs at 116p/kg from J W Bailey, Cloudside. 114p/kg for 106kg pigs from J & B Fentem and 110p/kg for a 153kg pig from P Kelsall.

Cull sows sold up to 64p/kg for a 238kg sow from J & B Fentem, who also sold a 214kg sow at 54p/kg. A run of sows from P & N Allen made 63p/kg, 60p/kg, 56p/kg and 50p/kg.

Averages;

Cutting Pigs (16);	av 125.93p/kg or £105/head
Bacon Pigs (50);	av 123.98p/kg or £116.30/head
Heavy Pigs (11);	av 114.60p/kg or £129.08/head
Cull Sows (13);	av 45.01p/kg or £109.72/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (142);

Modest numbers forward in all sections of the sheep shed, as is being experienced everywhere. Trade is generally steady away, but we experienced a strong demand for the best sorts and many many more could have been sold. Best lambs to 440p/kg or £191.16/head!!

Sample prices;

412p	37.6kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
405p	36.7kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
396p	38.3kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
440p	43kg	A D Williams, Basford
432p	44.2kg	A D Williams, Basford
370p	40kg	IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington

BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (140);

Quality varied throughout but well fed hoggs very sought after topping at 342p/kg or £185.25. if you have hoggs to sell, move them shortly before teeth start making an appearance!

Sample prices;

328p	39kg	B J Mosley, Chelmorton
302p	36.2kg	C Blockley, Altrincham
342p	43kg	R J Shaw, Admaston
326p	40.2kg	D Williams, Basford
322p	42.5kg	J A Hine, Biddulph Park
322p	42kg	T J Burke, Altrincham
320p	40kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
312p	43kg	E Greenwood, Brandside
270p	64.6kg	JM & ADJ Hayes, Alstonefield
195p	95kg!!	KS & JR Burgess, Rushton Spencer

CULL SHEEP (125);

Seasonal entry with plenty of atmosphere! Trade a little back on recent weeks but still buoyant.

Reg Critchlow selling ewes to £156/head with heavy ewes generally £110 - £130. Best Suffolks to £118 and best Mules towards £100. The overall average of £85 represented the mixed quality rather than the trade.

STORE SHEEP (32);

A few ewes and lambs selling on a fair trade topping at £182 for older ewes with doubles.

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.

CALVES (99);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);

The trade marches on again and a good line up of buyers looking for numbers.

26 Continental Bulls av £332.73

Just look at the averages, this includes all shapes, breeds and ages and many more could have been sold without effecting the trade. Two strong Simmental's (10 weeks) sold at £440 a piece with fresh Blues to £405 and 6 smaller bulls under £300.

6 Blues av £341 to £405 - Hallen Farming
6 Sims av £395 to £440 - H & J Smith & Sons
13 Lims av £302 to £340 - T Swinson & Partners
1 Blonde to £310 - W H Townsend & Son

31 Continental Heifers £251.03

Unbelievable trade and very dear for all. Best 7 over £300 with strong Simmentals at £350 and fresh shapey Blues at £320. Mediums £240 - £290 with just 4 smalls under £230.

13 Blues av £268 to £320 - CS & J Prince
7 Sims av £281 to £350 - H & J Smith & Sons
7 Lims av £204 to £292 - NG, JMH & H Mellor
4 Blonde av £225 to £295 - W H Townsend & Son

30 Natives

As dear as we have seen them for the last few month.
7 Angus Bulls av £224 to £275 - M Holmes & Sons
7 Hereford Bulls av £264 to £360 - T Swinson & Ptns
9 Angus Heifers av £154 to £222 - H & J Smith & Sons
6 Hereford Heifers av £178 to £220- C Heath & Sons
1 Welsh Black Heifer to £180 - D R & A Shuker & Sons

12 Black & White Bulls

A Monty made £250 and a Shorthorn at £135 with Holsteins generally £25 - £50 today.

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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.

SATURDAY 29TH MAY - 10AM

Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries Close Friday 21st May

Next Sale Saturday 12th June

SATURDAY 29TH MAY - 11AM

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

SATURDAY 12TH JUNE - 10:30AM

Monthly Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs.

Please advise of entries.
