

TUESDAY 25TH MAY 2021

A soggy Tuesday did not deter trade, with plenty of buyers for all stock at Leek.

A strong trade for barren cattle this week, with the averages creeping up week on week, topping at 156p/kg twice, with clean cattle selling up to 244p/kg for a smart Limousin heifer.

A small entry of Dairies sold on a very good trade for the quality forward with the best heifers selling up to £1950, with in-calf heifers to £1800.

Lambs continue to sell at a pace, with best quality always keenly bid for topping at 396p/kg or £180.42. Hogs still coming forward and a strong demand for the best topping at 299p/kg and £173.88. More cull sheep about this week, and plenty of trade selling up to £149.

More fat pigs forward and selling on a strong trade, with a couple of returning buyers for fat pigs. Some super quality sorts selling to 178p/kg and 158p/kg, with sows to 82p/kg.

Calves just keep on giving with 5 bull calves over £410 to top at £435 and heifer calves to £320.

BARREN COWS (29);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

Another superb trade for barrens with less about but some quality types about. Top price of 156p/kg twice for a 755kg Limousin from D & A Stonier, Eaton and for a 775kg Holstein from CJC Stone, Onecote.

Other black & white's sold up to 152p/kg for a 725kg Friesian from James Warrington, Cocknage and also for a 785kg Friesian from F J Gould & Son, Longnor.

Other top prices include;

151p 720kg Friesian - N D Gibbs, Butterton
150p 730kg Friesian - F J Gould & Son, Longnor
150p 720kg Holstein - W E Turnock & Sons, Onecote
149p 895kg Simmental - JH & RH Ede, Fole
146p 655kg Holstein - W E Turnock & Sons, Onecote
140p 705kg Holstein - RG & AS Williamson
140p 620kg Angus - E G Slack & Sons, Buxton
139p 755kg Hereford - R & SE Poole, Winkhill

Overall average of 128.47p/kg or £859.58 per head.

Top headage price of £1333.55 for the 895kg Simmental from JH & RH Ede, Fole with Holsteins to £1209 from John Stone, and others at £1193.20, £1102 and £1095 with Limousins at £1177.80.

A 88 month old Limousin stock bull from EJ & DC Kidd, Flash realised 120p/kg, weighing 1080 kg to gross £1296.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling time – 10:45am approx.

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry sold on a solid trade peaking at 244p/kg for a very smart 525kg Limousin heifer from Chris Barnsley, Morridge with a 555kg Limousin heifer at 216p/kg for F Swindells, Bosley who also sold a 715kg Limousin steer for 189p/kg.

A run of black & white bulls from J E Archer topped at 175p/kg for a 585kg Angus and a 595kg Friesian at 173p/kg and a 565kg Friesian at 170p/kg.

Top headage prices of £1351.35 for the Limousin steer with heifers to £1281 and £1198.80 with bulls to £1029.35 and £1023.75.

DAIRIES (37);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

All things considered a good trade for the quality forward with a top of £1950 for a heifer from Messrs Bennett of Whiston. Close behind at £1860 was a 24kg heifer from Ron Tomkinson.

In-calf heifers topped at £1800 from R Lomas of Calow with bullers from Messrs Cartledge of Buxton to £1100.

PIGS (122);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

An excellent trade received today with more buyers after fat pigs bumping up the prices.

Pork pigs sold up to 141p/kg for 62kg and 69kg pigs from Alan Worth, Marton, who also sold a 70kg pig at 126p/kg.

Cutting pigs sold to 148p/kg for a 82kg pig from D J Pope, Thame, with a trio of 80kg pigs at 126p/kg from J & B Fentem and 118p/kg for a 83kg pig from Alan Worth.

Bacon pigs in very good demand reaching a remarkable 178p/kg for a super trio of 96kg pigs from David Goldstraw, who also sold a trio of 99kg pigs at 158p/kg. Others sold at 148p/kg for 87kg pigs from PF & PD Parsons who sold other pens at 145p/kg twice, and the Fentems sold bacon pigs at 146p/kg, 140p/kg twice and 102kg pigs at 144p/kg for J G Belfield, Sheen.

Heavy pigs sold up to 150p/kg for a 108kg pig from J & B Fentem, with a 108kg pig at 134p/kg from S Bailey, Biddulph who also sold a pair of 109kg pigs at 130p/kg. an 118kg pig at 111p/kg for D J Pope, Thame.

Culls sows not as well sought after but the best to 82p/kg for a 280kg sow from Ray Rowlinson, Oakamoor and a 273kg sow at 55p/kg for D J Pope, Thame.

Averages;

Pork Pigs (6);	av 138.43p/kg or £94.37/head
Cutting Pigs (5);	av 128.8p/kg or £104.84/head
Bacon Pigs (78);	av 122.9p/kg or £116.70/head
Heavy Pigs (30);	av 101.03p/kg or £117.91/head
Cull Sows (2);	av 68.67p/kg or £189.88/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (153);

A strong trade for lambs with all qualities in demand, and plenty of buyers, selling up to 396p/kg for handy weight sorts, and top headage price of £180.42

Overall average of 347.62p/kg or SQQ 345.16p/kg.

Sample prices;

366p	39kg	Archer & Bartram, Willington
396p	39.5kg	A D Williams, Basford
384p	41.7kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
382p	41.7kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
376p	45kg	G Brown, Moddershall
388p	46.5kg	Archer & Bartram, Willington
388p	45.7kg	E A Sessions & Sons, Dalbury Lees

BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (149);

A seasonal entry with the best quality a strong price as numbers start to dry up. Top price of 299p/kg and £173.88 per head.

The overall average of 221.92p/kg reflects the mixed quality of hoggs forward.

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.

Sample prices;

292p	29kg	Messrs Greasley, Kedleston
244p	35kg	JM & SK Slack Bros, Macclesfield
228p	38.5kg	B Shaw, Parwich
288p	45.3kg	A D Williams, Basford
280p	41kg	J Hudson, Waterhouses
274p	42kg	D & JM Williams, Basford
299p	46.5kg	P G Read Farming, Uttoxeter
280p	54kg	A D Williams, Basford
256p	54.2kg	M Payne, Barton Under Needwood
252p	69kg	P G Read Farming, Uttoxeter

CULL SHEEP (169);

Good to see more about and a solid trade, with plenty of continental types £115 + topping at £149 with others at £136, £126, £124 etc.

Strong Mules generally £90 with leaner ewes £50 - £65.

Overall average of £86.60 for ewes and £114.24 for rams.

CALVES (70);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);

A smaller entry but plenty of potential buyers present resulting in very brisk bidding for all types. Keep the calves coming to fill demand.

27 Continental Bulls av £319

Five best bulls topped £410/head with a strong Limousin peaking at £435.

Blues av £325 to £412 - Woodward Partners

Lims av £310 to £435 - J & W Knight

Sims av £315 to £320 - R Cooper & Son

Monts av £179 to £260 - A C Mycock

27 Continental Heifers £255

Best three calves over £300/head with farmers bidding briskly for all types.

Blonde av £250 to £320 - W H Townsend & Son

Blues av £253 to £305 - W Wood & Son

Sims to £255 - J & C Hudson

Lims to £265 - DG & JA Ball

12 Natives

Named sires command top prices with rearing and farm shop buyers competing for all types.

Hereford Bulls av £266 to £288 - J & W Knight

Hereford Heifers av £260 to £270 - Foker Grange Farm

Angus Bulls av £235 to £308 - R J Clowes & Son

Black & White Bulls

Just three this week saw a top of £125 to average £97.

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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.

THIS SATURDAY 29TH MAY - 10AM

Sale of 658 Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale Saturday 12th June

THIS 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.

**Managing TB on your farm - free workshop
with lunch**

The Farming Life Centre will host a free talk called 'Managing TB on your farm' this Thursday 27th May in the conference room at the Bakewell Agricultural Centre from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Lunch of hot beef baps and chips included. All welcome. Call us on 07969951101 to book your place or book online using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-tb-on-your-farm-tickets-154734556223>.
