

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2021

A packed Dairy shed with the Dispersal on behalf of Martin Tidmarsh, Biddulph met an excellent enquiry, especially for his Shorthorn selling up to £2780 and £2600. The Commercials sold to £1920 for a fresh heifer.

Lambs continue at a pace with the best selling up to 355p/kg with the entry averaging 329p/kg. Ewes were also a fast trade selling up to £172 for Texel's.

Barren cows were a much improved trade, with top prices of 177p/kg for Swedish Red Cows and Shorthorns to 170p/kg. Clean cattle topped at 224p/kg for Limousin heifers.

Pigs were a lot dearer on the week, with prices reaching 170p/kg, with numerous pens over 145p/kg.

Calves were well sought after topping at £400 for Blue bulls and heifers to £320.

BARREN COWS (40);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A super trade once again and prices up on the week, with some good quality sorts forward. Top price of 177p/kg for a 500kg Swedish Red from B & D Cooper, Hollingworth.

Beef Shorthorns topped at 170p/kg for a 650kg cow from G G Hall & Son, Croxden, with a 685kg Charolais realising 158p/kg for K J Woodcock, Rugeley and black & white's to 158p/kg from T Bell & Partners, Hassall.

Other top prices include;

157p 730kg Holstein - A & JE Goldstraw, Waterhouses

154p 580kg Shorthorn - G G Hall & Son, Croxden

154p 710kg Holstein - A & JE Goldstraw, Waterhouses

153p 645kg Holstein - PG Beswick & Sons, Rudyard

153p 830kg Holstein - PG Beswick & Sons, Rudyard

152p 895kg Simmental - D & A Stonier, Eaton

148p 655kg Holstein - PG Beswick & Sons, Rudyard

Overall average of 131.29p/kg or £832.55 per head.

Top headage price of £1360.40 for a 895kg Simmental cow from D & A Stonier, with Holsteins to £1269.90, £1216.60 and £1146.10 and Shorthorns to £1105.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling time – 10:45am approx.

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry sold up to 224p/kg for a 510kg Limousin heifer from Chris Barnsley, Morridge to Peter Lymer of JW Ash Butchers, Leek.

A 465kg British Blue heifer sold at 216p/kg for S Bailey, Biddulph.

Two Hereford bulls sold at 185p/kg for a 590kg bull from Mark Hall, Brown Edge who also sold a 665kg bull at 184p/kg.

DAIRIES (126);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

SHORTHORNS TO £2780

Well what a day, a full shed of dairies which included the dispersal on behalf of Martin Tidmarsh drew a tremendous amount of interest and met a very fast trade.

Commercials topped at £1920 for a powerful heifer from John Platts of Bamford with a second from the same home at £1900.

The dispersal had something for everyone featuring strong black and whites along with Martins pedigree Foldspride shorthorn herd. The first through the ring reached £2100 for a powerful Holstein heifer to Messrs Neville.

However, it really was the shorthorns that dominated the day with all categories selling well beyond expectations. Within the milkers an 87 point heifer Cotonhall Jackpot Starlet, due again in August to the Angus met spirited bidding as was eventually clinched by Messrs Jepson to join their newly established Rowanmoor Herd at £2780. They also went on to take Foldspride Lilac 2, an Oxtou Lord Foggathorpe heifer at £2600 and Amber Lucina 108 at £2350.

The In-calf heifer Foldspride Lady Rose, previously a National Calf champion reached £1940 to Messrs Clews of Biddulph Moor with another Foldspride Dairymaid making £1920 to Messrs Thomason of Norbury.

The youngstock displayed tremendous style with a yearling heifer Foldspride Starlet creating lots of interest and eventually being purchased by Tom Malkin of Stone at £1580.

Rob Kite invested back into his own Prunella family purchasing the February born calf Foldspride Prunella by Beckney Graham for £1050 with others to £880.

The milkers averaged a superb £1402 with every life averaging out at £1256!

PIGS (106);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A remarkable trade for fat pigs with averages way up on last week, and similar numbers forward.

Pork pigs sold up to 129p/kg for a pen of four 70kg pigs from Alan Worth, Marton.

Cutting pigs topped at 168p/kg for 84kg pigs from J & B Fentem, with others at 150p/kg for P & N Allen, and 146p/kg for a 77kg pig from Alan Worth.

Bacon pigs sold up to 170p/kg for a 94kg pig from J & B Fentem, who also sold others at 162p/kg, 161p/kg and 158p/kg, with a pair of 87kg pigs at 168p/kg for RAO Johnson, Derby with Bernard Minshull selling bacon pigs at 167p/kg and 162p/kg.

Heavy pigs sold up to 168p/kg for 105kg pigs from J & B Fentem who also sold 105kg pigs at 160p/kg, a pen of four 108kg pigs from H A Hollins made 148p/kg and others at 130p/kg.

Cull sows were in good demand selling up to 104p/kg for a 271kg sow from RAO Johnson, with a 157kg sow at 97p/kg for D R Cooper, and a 233kg sow at 81p/kg for PF & PD Parsons.

Averages;

Pork Pigs (4);	av 129p/kg or £90.62/head
Cutting Pigs (8);	av 152.48p/kg or £122.36/head
Bacon Pigs (54);	av 127.88p/kg or £118.95/head
Heavy Pigs (31);	av 124.74p/kg or £136.57/head
Cull Sows (7);	av 79.7p/kg or £167.74/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

BUTCHERS LAMBS (441);

OVERALL AVERAGE £128/HEAD

Numbers creeping up, and a pleasing entry given the harvesting weather. The quality of lambs on offer very good and so was the trade.

Best lambs to 355p/kg and £160/head. A massive proportion of he lambs at 340p and above seeing

competitive bidding. Overall average 329p including a number of plain sorts.

More meated lambs could be sold to the vendors advantage.

Sample prices;

328p	32kg	S A Hulme, Leek
349p	37.5kg	C G Buckston, Sutton on the Hill
349p	37.7kg	G Brown, Moddershall
345p	35kg	A Shaw, Sturston
355p	39.2kg	E A Sessions & Sons, Dalbury Lees
352p	39.5kg	E A Sessions & Sons, Dalbury Lees
351p	39.5kg	F & N Brunt & Sons, Moddershall
350p	43.2kg	C G Buckston, Sutton on the Hill
347p	46kg	E A Sessions & Sons, Dalbury Lees
340p	47kg	G Brown, Moddershall

BUTCHERS HOGGET'S (29);

Very much a tail end entry selling on a steadier trade with best to 279p or £135 per head.

CULL SHEEP (118);

A seasonal entry selling to £172 for Texel's; £140 for Suffolks and best Mules to £128.

Overall average a scary £112 per head.

Many more required each week to satisfy increasing demand.

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 (77);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Oliver Hiles (07801 530899);

A silage effected entry but some lovely quality about and numerous potential purchasers at the ringside.

23 Continental Bulls

Top 10 over £3320 really tells the story of the day with all calves very dear. Peter Gilman topped the day with a posh Blue at £400 with plenty of interest in the quality and many more could have been sold.

14 Blues av £315 to £400 - P F Gilman

5 Sims av £207 to £300 - Harrison Partners

4 Lims to £360 - N D Gibbs, Butterton

12 Continental Heifers

Very short on numbers but not buyers with Charolais to £30 for Daz Tudor with better sorts £240 +.

5 Blues av £216 to £238 - Foker Grange Farm Ltd

3 Sims av £208 to £240 - Harrison Partners

2 Lims av £266 to £298 - S Moss

2 Char av £302 to £320 - D & G Tudor

26 Natives

Unbelievable trade again with calves looking pounds dearer than expected.

5 Hereford Bulls av £246 to £338 - S M McCleavy

5 AA Bulls av £280 to £332 - Birchwood Park Farm

1 Welsh Black Bull to £275 - DR & A Shuker & Sons

8 Hereford Heifers av £170 to £218 - DG & JA Ball

5 AA Heifers av £182 to £212 - DG & JA Ball

9 Black & White Bulls av £51.78

No best rearer's but strong sorts to £85.

7 Reared Simmental Steers

A bunch of 5 from Messrs Smith, Biddulph Moor sold at £525/head (5-6mths) with the younger pair at £435 (4mths).

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.

THIS SATURDAY 12TH JUNE - 10AM

Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries Close Friday 4th June

Next Sale Saturday 26th June

THIS SATURDAY 12TH JUNE - 11AM

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

THIS SATURDAY 12TH JUNE - 10:30AM

Monthly Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs.

Please advise of entries.

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE - 11AM

Monthly Pedigree Dairy Sale

NEWS FROM THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

Our next talk 'A Guide to Defra's Lump Sum Exit Scheme and Delinked Payments' will take place on Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30pm via Zoom. Derbyshire NFU County Advisor, Andrew Critchlow will be joining us to deliver a talk on the latest announcements from Defra on The Agricultural Transition Plan. This will be a chance to hear specifically about the proposed Lump Exit Scheme and Delinked Payments. There will be opportunity to put questions to Andrew at the end of the talk. To join this free event call 07969951101 or email info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk.
