

MARKET REPORT

Monday 15th November



707 Cattle and 1,809 Sheep on offer this week with an outstanding trade throughout the market with results exceeding expectations.

The entry of 409 Store & Breeding Cattle included the Annual Consignment of in-calf Limousin Heifers from JW & RG Ede of Youlgreave. These animals attracted a great deal of interest selling to £1,900 with 13 making over £1,500. A Charolais Stock Bull from Simon Frost realised £2,700.

Although the general store cattle lacked of the top quality that we have seen in recent weeks Steers still topped at £1,500, Heifers £1,260 and Feeding Bulls £1,020. Cows and Calves peaked at £1,600.

The excitement in the store ring is certainly driven in part by the trade for Finished Cattle. There were 129 on offer with top prices 322p and £2,086. The 53 Heifers averaged a remarkable 236.0p

There was a decent turnout of 127 OTM and Feeding Cows with a very respectable trade. Top figures 216p and £1,701, with the average at 139.1p.

A few less calves about this week with just 42 on offer, bulls reached a useful £415 with Heifers £270.

In the Sheep department prices continue to rise. The 1,256 lambs sold to top figures of 320p and £165.12.

The SQQ average emerged at a healthy 276.5p.

In the Cull Sheep section there were 552 on offer with Ewes to £163 to average £88.56.

Forthcoming Market Fixtures

Thursday 18th November: Lunchtime Sheep Sale

Friday 19th November: Store Sheep Sale

Sunday 5th December: Bakewell Primestock Show & Carol Service

Monday 6th December: December Sale of Primestock within the regular

Market.

Friday 10th December: Final Round up of Store Sheep 2021.





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VIEW FROM THE ROSTRUM



Time for a new golden era for woo

Alastair Sneddon on British wool's value

cannot help but think that we are going to see a new golden age for wool, in which, although prices have hardened slightly, it is still grossly undervalued.

The value of wool, certainly in the UK, makes up a tiny proportion of a sheep's value. Auctioneers and farmers alike have enjoyed the much better prices for sheepmeat which have prevailed since Brexit/Covid-19 altered everything. Of course, if lambs and cull ewes

are more valuable then breeding sheep take a lift in price, as do rams, and the entire industry benefits.

All the above is based upon the trade for meat which must reach an upper limit or lamb/mutton will price itself off the menu. To put these thoughts into context, last week's finished lambs at Bakewell were around £12 per head more than the equivalent market last year.

Our Mule ewe lamb sale in September saw prices up by about £20 per head, with shearling ewes up about £15 per head.



Alastair Sneddon

Farmers definitely need these higher prices and not just now, but more importantly in future years when subsidies have dwindled and the sheep enterprise will have to stand on its own four feet.

This is all good stuff for farmers and auctioneers alike, but the figures quoted above are all based on the value of sheepmeat which must eventually reach an upper limit or lamb/mutton will price itself off the menu.

So how can we make a sheep more valuable without further increasing meat prices? The answer must be to stimulate demand for

wool so a portion of the value of a sheep relates to that commodity.

Wool must surely be due for a serious revival. With the media packed with stories about global warming, climate change, the need to recycle and avoid products based upon fossil fuels, wool has much to offer.

Entirely natural

Wool is an entirely natural product with none of the drawbacks of 'man-made' fibres, and being of 'sheep-made' fibres, has many qualities that resonate with the current concerns about the environment. Which includes insulation and so should appeal to the protesters on the M25

It is even capable of being recycled. In less throw-away times many an old jumper was unravelled prior to being made into another garment. Perhaps if gas boilers were banned we would all have to wear extra layers of woollen clothing.

No-one has a greater vested interest (no pun intended) in promoting the qualities of wool than sheep farmers, because it is unlikely that anyone else will do it for them. Pursuing this line of thinking I thought back to the Middle Ages when the wool was presumably of more value than the meat.

In medieval times, merchants and farmers made great profits from trading wool in many cases to the Flemish Weavers. They used their wealth to fund the construc-tion and embellishment of so called 'wool churches' chiefly in East Anglia and the Cotswolds.

It would appear this process was what you might call 'afterlife' in-

The thinking at the time was that lavish expenditure of this type would guarantee you went to Heaven rather than the other place. There was also the idea that if you donated enough you could climb the pecking order in the heavenly host, rather like an upgrade to business class.

The lasting legacy is of course the magnificent buildings that still remain today, having altered very lit-tle in almost 1,000 years. Of course, what we do not know is whether their efforts paid off. We will have to await our turn to find out.

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Sheep farming in a changing world **NSA Central region**

Leek Hockey Club, Macclesfield Rd, Leek ST13 8LD

NSA is running a series of roadshows across the UK to talk to sheep farmers about how NSA represents them, ensuring the UK sheep industry thrives in a changing world.

The UK is going through the biggest changes to farming experienced in generations, and this within a wider changing world. Farming, food, and land management are all highly affected by challenges posed by climate change and the loss of the natural world - and this is compounded by significant economic, social and political uncertainty.

For sheep farming we are on the cusp of big changes in trade patterns with trade deals advanced with Australia and New Zealand, alongside a complete revamp of farming, food and environmental policy that will restructure farm support. But, while there are many risks and challenges there are equal opportunities and the future is bright for those willing to adapt and move with the changing tides.

7:00pm Registration, tea, and coffee

7:15pm Welcome

Regional Chairman - James Bickerton

7:30pm What is NSA doing to defend, protect, and lead the sheep industry in these

changing times

NSA Policy and Technical Officer - Sean Riches

7:45pm Update from AHDB work on trade and reputation

AHDB Knowledge Exchange Manager - Beef & Lamb - Emma Steele

8:00pm Local Farmer presenting their approach, just one of many, to survive and thrive

into the future Manor Organic Farm - Graeme Matravers

8:15pm Discussion panel

Regional Chairman, NSA, AHDB, Graeme Matravers

Closing words from Chris Adamson





127 Barren, OTM and Feeding Cows Overall Average 139.6p (Up 11 pence on the week) (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

A good entry again and generally more meat on offer led to an improved overall trade throughout. A returning buyer certainly stamped his mark on the trade with the average up 11 pence on the week. Young Cows today topped at 216p for a Lim x BB from Ben Simpson, Bradwell. Better sorts generally 155p plus with some bigger fed Hereford also over 150p and all the big cows coming to over £1200.

Sample Results:

216p/kg	694kg	Lim	AC Simpson, Bradwell
196p/kg	770kg	Lim	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
196p/kg	868kg	Lim	JM AM MJ Bennett, Threaphurst
178p/kg	744kg	Lim	DW Twigg, Bradwell
178p/kg	640kg	Lim	DA Bailey & Son, Sutton on the Hill
174p/kg	698kg	Sim	C & FM Percival, Youlgreave
173p/kg	528kg	AA	Alma Mount Farm, Rowarth
171p/kg	800kg	Lim	PT Chadfield, Marston Montgomery
168p/kg	758kg	Lim	DA Bailey & Son, Sutton on the Hill
165p/kg	618kg	AA	SL Holland & Son, Matlock
164p/kg	464kg	AA	J Patchitt, Cossall
164p/kg	650kg	Lim	DA Bailey & Son, Sutton on the Hill

And Gross Prices:

£1701.28	868kg	Lim	JM AM MJ Bennett, Threaphurst
£1509.20	770kg	Lim	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
£1499.04	694kg	Lim	AC Simpson, Bradwell
£1411.20	960kg	Hfd	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
£1368.00	800kg	Lim	PT Chadfield, Marston Montgomery
£1324.32	744kg	Lim	DW Twigg, Bradwell
£1313.52	842kg	Lim	TJ & MR Gould, Sheen
£1295.60	820kg	Char	ES Rowarth & Sons, Bradwell
£1290.56	872kg	L Horn	DJ Saxby, Litton
£1287.40	820kg	Lim	DA Bailey & Son, Sutton on the Hill

32 Black & White and ex-dairy cows Ave 114.7p/kg

Like all the cows today, better sold.

The best fed cows 133-153p
Bigger Holsteins 120-130p
Leaner Parlour cows 105-115p
Plain smaller cows Under £1

Best Today

153p/kg	£1220	MRI (8yrs)	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
147p/kg	£1146	MRI (8yrs)	David Gadsby & Son, Darley Bridge
143p/kg	£1046	MRI (7yrs)	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw

142p/kg	£863	Fries (7yrs)	J & C Beever, Alport
134p/kg	£964	Holst (3yrs)	TW Kent & Co, Yeaveley
133p/kg	£946	Holst (10yrs)	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
133p/kg	£1127	Holst (6yrs)	JD & B Broadley & Sons, Friden
1 OTM Bull			
140p/kg	£1218	Lim (5yrs)	PT Chadfield, Marston Montgomery
5 OTM Steers			
203p/kg	£1299	Roma	G Banks, Derby
198p/kg	£1124	Roma	GR Banks, Derby

129 FINISHED CATTLE – overall average 227.8p (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles) 2020 – 133 Cattle ave 182.1p/kg TRADE ON FIRE AGAIN – 5 OVER £3/KILO

The Finished Cattle trade remains at the top of the tree with Christmas orders strong and buyers working hard to secure cattle.

39 Finished Bulls ave 205.2p/kg

A bigger entry of Bulls and a very strong price for the best but 11 New Zealand Bulls in the entry did little to enhance the averages. Best smart Limousin topped at 260p (£1178) for David Goddard T/A Messrs Fearn, Wardlow Mires with his other bigger boy at 251p or £1957. Hereford to 234p, 8 B/W ave 192p and sold to 209p for Gordon Cresswell. Belted Galloway sold at 209p with New Zealand Bulls 144-186 for 440kg average.

Sample Results:

260p/kg	684kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
251p/kg	780kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
241p/kg	564kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
238p/kg	566kg	Blonde x	K Harrop, Alport
237p/kg	626kg	Lim	AK Belfield, Sheen
234p/kg	502kg	Hfd	K Harrop, Alport
233p/kg	768kg	Char	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
231p/kg	776kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
229p/kg	536kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
223p/kg	686kg	Lim	GC & BJ Cresswell, Atlow
And Gross Pri	ces:		
£1957.80	780kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£1792.56	776kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
£1789.44	768kg	Char	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£1778.40	684kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£1529.78	686kg	Lim	GC & BJ Cresswell, Atlow
£1527.64	724kg	Char	GR Banks, Derby
£1483.62	626kg	Lim	AK Belfield, Sheen
£1417.22	842kg	Holst	P Furness, Monyash

£1410.36	644kg	Sim	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£1359.24	564kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport

37 Steers – overall average 238.7p

Averaged above the Heifers today but some super cattle that was well appreciated by the buyers at ringside. Stan Evans had a couple of posh well-done cattle at 305p and 300p grossing up to £2,086 with a tremendous run of homebred Limousin from Michael Hadfield selling to 286p, 284p (twice), 276p etc. 6 Longhorns sold to 260p, 1 Shorthorn at 260p, 2 Angus to 234p (£1834) and 4 heavy B/W Steers to 196p.

Sample Results:

305p/kg	684kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
300p/kg	626kg	Lim	S Evans, Edwinstowe
286p/kg	628kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
284p/kg	652kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
284p/kg	652kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
276p/kg	638kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
275p/kg	602kg	Lim	J & J Mellor & Son, Kniveton
270p/kg	666kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
268p/kg	666kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
264p/kg	554kg	Lim	J & J Mellor & Son, Kniveton

And Gross Prices:

£2086.20	684kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
£1982.04	896kg	Lim	J Castle, Stockport
£1976.00	760kg	S Horn	J Castle, Stockport
£1878.00	626kg	Lim	S Evans, Edwinstowe
£1851.68	652kg	Lim	G & J Hadfield & Son, Cold Eaton
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£1834.56	784kg	AA	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£1798.20	666kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf

53 Finished Heifers – overall average 236.1p/kg

An unbelievable level of trade, particularly at the top end with a super trio of Heifers topping 315p/kg. Two best handyweight Lims sold at 322p each. £1738 and £1732) from the Wells Family with big girls from Stan & Geoff Evans topping at 315p (£1864) with his other 2 at 293 and 290p. 10 best Heifers 270p with 19 Natives today seeing Hereford to 221p, Longhorn to 219p and Angus to 204p.

Sample Results:

322p/kg	538kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
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315p/kg	592kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
293p/kg	618kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
290p/kg	642kg	Lim	S Evans, Edwinstowe
288p/kg	550kg	Sim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell

280p/kg	556kg	Sim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
277p/kg	610kg	Sim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
275p/kg	566kg	Lim	FR J & D Charlesworth, Bradbourne
270p/kg	658kg	B Blue x	AK Belfield, Sheen
And Gross Pri	ces:		
£1916.60	740kg	Lim	RS & EJ Longden & Sons, Chinley
£1864.80	592kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
£1861.80	642kg	Lim	S Evans, Edwinstowe
£1810.74	618kg	B Blue x	S Evans, Edwinstowe
£1785.00	714kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£1776.60	658kg	B Blue x	AK Belfield, Sheen
£1738.80	540kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£1732.36	538kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£1689.70	610kg	Sim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
£1613.92	616kg	B Blue x	RS & EJ Longden & Sons, Chinley

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE - (Auctioneer Alastair Sneddon)

Extra faces around the ring drawn to the sale of JW & RG Ede's Annual Consignment of 30 incalf Lim x Heifers.

The well-presented cattle attracted very fierce bidding with the top price £1,900. There were others at £1,810 and £1,800, £1,780 and £1,700 and a further 6 in the £1,600 to £1,700 bracket.

The Breeding section also included a run of Cows & Calves from Mallaber Partners from Burton on Trent. Their Shorthorn x cows with Shorthorn calves at foot were keenly sought with examples at £1,600, £1,480 and £1,450, other highlights included 2 Pedigree Charolais Bulls from B & M Frost of Youlgreave, the older one at 29 mnths made £2,700 with the younger one aged 17 mnths at £2,050.

Following the Breeding animals came:

29 Feeding Bulls

Sample Results:

Sim x	19-20 mnths	MW Aikin, Owler Bar
Blonde x	19 mnths	M Cox, Belper
Hfd	5-6 mnths	PN Maltby, Wardlow
Angus	18 mnths	RB & GE Fretwell, Penistone
Lim x	7-9 mnths (6)	J Beeson & Son, Kingstone
B Blue x	7 mnths	Roger Barlow, North Leverton
Sim x	11-12 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
Pied	7 mnths	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
	Blonde x Hfd Angus Lim x B Blue x Sim x	Blonde x 19 mnths Hfd 5-6 mnths Angus 18 mnths Lim x 7-9 mnths (6) B Blue x 7 mnths Sim x 11-12 mnths

144 Steers ave £880

Rather more young cattle this week and a shortage of the strong short finish sorts at the other end of the spectrum. Angus & Hereford finding plenty of supporters as did the few Black & White.

Overall, a cracking trade right through.

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£510	Angus	5 mnths	PJ Yates, Kedleston
£780	Angus x	6 mnths	PR & G Helliwell, Oughtibridge
£830	Char x	5-8 mnths	JP & D Helliwell, Oughtibridge
£765	Lim x	6-10 mnths	B Dutton, Parsleyhay
£790	Lim x	7 mnths	J & M Riley, Parsleyhay
£935	Lim x	12 mnths	LS Riley, Newtown
£920	B Blue x	13 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£780	Lim x	6 mnths	Miss A Hayes, Cromford
£1000	Saler	13-18 mnths	ES Rowarth & Son, Bradwell
£755	Angus	14-18 mnths	R Fletcher, Windley
£545	Holst	13-18 mnths	ES Rowarth, Bradwell
£1140	Angus	15-19 mnths	RB & GE Fretwell, Penistone
£1130	Angus x	17 mnths	MG Mosley & Son, Rivelin
£1150	Devon	16-17 mnths	MG Mosley & Son, Rivelin
£1095	Hfd x	17-18 mnths	LA & H Burtonshaw, Middleton
£1150	Hfd x	16-20 mnths	JP & SL Hotchin, Parwich
£815	Holst	17-18 mnths	JP & SL Hotchin, Parwich
£1285	Sim x	17 mnths	WP Wilson, Hilton
£1270	B Blue x	15-17 mnths	WP Wilson, Hilton
£1320	Lim x	19 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£1000	Angus x	17-21 mnths	J & J Walton, Tideswell
£975	Mont	19-20 mnths	J & J Walton, Tideswell
£815	Fries	15-21 mnths	J & J Walton, Tideswell
£1400	Angus	22 mnths	W & EE Lomas, Ashover
£1500	B Blue x	23 mnths	W & EE Lomas, Ashover
£1300	B Blue x	20-22 mnths	Red Lion Inn, Dayhills
£1080	Hfd x	29 mnths	Wheeldon Farms, Buxton
£1200	B Blue x	21 mnths	R&E&D Bennett, Whiston
£1285	Hfd x	25 mnths	DA & Am Campeau, Crowdicote
£1100	Angus x	21 mnths	W & M Whitbread, Biggin
£1120	Lim x	19-25 mnths	JA & AJ Coxon, Church Broughton

174 Heifers ave £796

A decent selection with all finding a ready market.

Typical P	rices:		
£545	B Blue x	6 mnths	E Salt, Doveholes
£560	Angus x	6-8 mnths	PR & G Helliwell, Oughtibridge
£770	W Black	17 mnths	DF & A Wainwright, Alsop
£555	Blonde x	6-7 mnths	DF & A Wainwright, Alsop
£765	Lim x	11-13 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1080	Pied x	21 mnths	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
£640	Lim x	7-8 mnths	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
£785	Hfd x	13-17 mnths	PW & JA Mansfield, Hyde
£1180	Lim x	19 mnths	NA & JA Stone, Tissington
£1200	B Blue x	19 mnths	Conway & Mellor, Pike Hall
£805	Hfd x	16 mnths	GM Goodwin, Chapel
£1015	Devon	17 mnths	MG Mosley & Son, Rivelin
£1010	Hfd x	21 mnths	LA & H Burtonshaw, Middleton
£985	B Blue x	18-21 mnths	LA & H Burtonshaw, Middleton
£1070	Hfd x	17-19 mnths	JP & SL Hotchin, Parwich
£1260	B Blue x	21 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£1075	Lim x	19 mnths	Miss C Sharpley, WBC
£840	Hfd x	21 mnths	S Tudor, Kingsley
£950	Char x	19-20 mnths	RH Bunting, Friden
£1150	Lim x	25 mnths	Wheeldon Farms, Buxton
£1095	Lim x	23 mnths	R & D & D Bennett, Whiston
£1040	Hfd x	26 mnths	DA & AM Campeau, Crowdicote
£1145	Char	22 mnths	TW Austin, Burnaston
£1075	Sim x	24 mnths	TW Austin, Burnaston
£995	Lim x	25-26 mnths	JA & AJ Coxon, Church Broughton
£1005	B Blue x	20-22 mnths	Miss CM Carnwell, Dilhorne

42 CALVES (Auctioneer Ivor Lowe)

Generally, a poorer show of calves, but something for everyone and a good trade for all. Some 2-3 mnth old B Blue saw Bulls peak at £410 and Heifers £390.

Of the younger calves a Simmental Bull peaked at £415, Limousin to £335 on two separate occasions and B Blue to £270.

Plenty of interest in the Black & White, but again a small sample to a top of £60.

Bulls		
Sim	£415	CH Gregory, Sheldon
Sim	£300	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
B Blue	£410	AJ Collins, Morley
B Blue	£275	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
Lim	£335	CH Gregory, Sheldon

Heifers

B Blue x	£390	AJ Collins, Morley
B Blue x	£270	RS Torr, Tissington
B Blue x	£230	TW Kent, Yeaveley

1257 Lambs & 552 Ewes & Rams (Auctioneer Peter Oven)

Another excellent entry of 1809 Sheep included 1257 lambs. Demand a tremendous trade from start to finish with 15 pens over 305p/kg to peak at 320p/kg (twice) for lightweight sorts, best butchers lambs to 316p/kg, heavy butchers lambs to 319p/kg and overweights to 293p/kg. Top gross price of over £165/head and an overall market average of 276.58p/kg Overall average 262.41p/kg.

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Leading	Prices.
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34kg	294p/kg	W Hague & Son, Bradfield
36.4kg	320p/kg	P Ritter & Sons, Peak Forest
36.6kg	308p/kg	A Linnell, Barlow
38kg	302p/kg	J Hodgson, Kettleshulme
38.2kg	320p/kg	P Ritter & Sons, Peak Forest
40.3kg	308p/kg	Cowley Knoll Farms, Birchover
41.2kg	310p/kg	Cowley Knoll Farms, Birchover
41.6kg	316p/kg	P Ritter & Sons, Peak Forest
42.7kg	309p/kg	AV Marsden, Hucklow
43kg	304p/kg	JP Wayne, Ible
45kg	304p/kg	J & J Walton & Son, Tideswell
45.3kg	308p/kg	P Furness, Monyash
47.7kg	319p/kg	R & S Salisbury, Abney
52kg	315p/kg	A & EM Howe & Son, Litton
53.3kg	293p/kg	A & EM Howe & Son, Litton
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Averages:

Standard	To 320p/kg	Average 272.38p/kg
Medium	To 316p/kg	Average 277.29p/kg
Heavy	To 319p/kg	Average 269.6p/kg
Overweight	To 293p/kg	Average 272.8p/kg

552 Cull Sheep

A total of 552 cull ewes and rams saw demand very brisk for all types, but the very best Texels were in short supply.

Texel peaked at £163 with Suffolk to £144 and Welsh Mules to £123, NC Mules £107.

Ewes to £163 Ave: £88.56 Rams to £145 Ave: £77.67