

**TUESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2021**

**The final sale for 2021 and a quiet one for the Bank Holiday Tuesday but a good turnout of lambs and cull ewes.**

**Lambs were a particular highlight, with an excellent entry for the Christmas week, saw lambs up to 341p/kg and to average 287.8p/kg or £121.65/head overall! Cull ewes also a fast trade and much firmer on the week, up to £177/head.**

**Small entries in the barren cattle, dairy and calf sections today.**

**BARREN COWS;**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A small entry selling up to 128p/kg twice for a 860kg Holstein and a 760kg Holstein, both from J Bailey & Sons, Greenway Bank with a 775kg Aberdeen Angus making 123p/kg for Dan Beswick, Ipstones.

Top headage prices of £1100.80 and £972.80 for Holsteins and Angus to £953.25.

**CLEAN CATTLE;**

**Selling time – 10:45am approx.**

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

A small entry sold up to 215p/kg for a 595kg Simmental heifer from Rushton Spencer to gross £1279.25.

Herefords sold up to 201p/kg for a 495kg heifer and a 500kg Hereford heifer realised 200p/kg, to gross £994.95 and £1000 respectively.

**DAIRIES;**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

A seasonal entry with a Pedigree Jersey cow and Fleckveih's included within today's offering.

The Cotton family at Whiston exhibited Eryri Bouquet, a 3rd calved Jersey giving 29kg she went on to make £1300.

Other newly calved Holstein heifers to £1340.

More cattle out next week.

**PIGS (84);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

A good entry for the festive week sale and trade similar to last week.

Cutting pigs top at 130p/kg for 79kg pigs from J & B Fentem, Alsop en le Dale who also sold 78kg pigs at 120p/kg and 79kg pigs at 106p/kg for a trio of 84kg pigs at 120p/kg for David Goldstraw, Meerbrook.

Bacon pigs sold up to 130p/kg for a pair of 95kg pigs from PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch with Massie Farms, Wood Eaton selling a run on bacon pigs at 128p/kg, 126p/kg, 125p/kg (x2) and 124p/kg with J & B Fentem selling pigs at 123p/kg and 122p/kg (x2).

Heavy pigs sold up to 104p/kg for a 110kg pig from the Parsons, who also sold a pair at 98p/kg and 118kg pigs at 87p/kg. A 107kg pig realised 94p/kg for J & B Fentem.

Averages;

Pork Pigs (3);	av 120p/kg or £101.60/head
Cutting Pigs (10);	av 99.65p/kg or £78.92/head
Bacon Pigs (62);	av 115.48p/kg or £106.76/head
Heavy Pigs (9) ;	av 81.88p/kg or £90.52/head

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING;**  
**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.**

**CATTLE EARTAG IDENTIFICATION**

**All Cattle MUST have Two Tags (One Primary Tag and One Secondary Tag). Cattle will not be accepted if they are Tagged Incorrectly.**

**CLEANSLINESS OF LIVESTOCK TRAILERS**

**All Livestock Trailers MUST be Clean & Disinfected Before Loading Livestock from the Market.**

**ALSO**

**We cannot accept any cattle which need any alterations on the passport. If there is an incorrect sex or breed, you will be asked not to bring the animal.**

## **SHEEP SECTION;**

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

### **BUTCHERS LAMBS (552);**

A festive entry for our Bank Holiday sale seeing a strong trade, particularly for the best shaped lambs which saw competitive bidding throughout and many more could have been sold to the vendors advantage.

Best types racing away to 341p with plenty of pens at 320p and better. Top 20% averaging at 324p/kg. Big lambs a strong trade again selling to 298p/kg or £156.06 per head.

Overall average of 287p/kg SQQ or 280p/kg overall.

Sample prices;

320p	27kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
341p	36.2kg	M Wright, Hartington
339p	34kg	Miss M Mycock, Flagg
330p	36.5kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
327p	36.3kg	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
337p	42.5kg	DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer
333p	39kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
330p	42.5kg	D B Goldstraw, Meerbrook
329p	41.7kg	DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer
298p	46kg	DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer
289p	54kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley

### **CULL SHEEP (383);**

Best Texel ewes to £177 per head, others to £175, £171 etc. Best Mules to £124, £134 for Suffolks and heavy Texel Mules at £120 - £135 generally.

Overall average of £108/head.

## **CALVES (40);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

**Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)**

Just 40 calves and possibly 40 potential buyers at the ringside looking to purchase led to one of the best trades of the year.

### **15 Continental Bulls**

Look at the averages, all well up and topped at £395 for a Blue from Andrew Hulme. Just 5 bulls under £3000.

8 Blues av £317 to £395 - DW & P Hulme

1 Sim to £305 - J & C Hudson

4 Lims av £331 to £350 - R G Emmott

### **11 Continental Heifers**

Possibly even dearer than the bulls and topped at £265 for a Blue from Chris Ball. Just 1 heifer under £200.

7 Blues av £232 to £265 - DG & JA Ball

1 Sim to £200 - J & C Hudson

2 Lims av £222 to £225 - DG & JA Ball

1 Blonde to £220 - W H Townsend & Son

### **10 Natives**

Unbelievably dear!

1 Hereford Bull to £212 - F J Gould & Son

5 AA Bulls av £179 to £200 - W E Turnock & Sons

3 AA Heifers av £200 to £205 - DR & A Shuker & Sons

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## **SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY - 10AM**

**Catalogued Sale of Store & Breeding Sheep  
Including In-Lamb Sheep**

**To Include Derbyshire Diamonds Texel Sale**

**Entries Close Friday 31st December**

**Next Sale - Saturday 5th February**

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## **SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY - 10AM**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries Close Friday 7th January**

**Next Sale - Saturday 29th January**

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## **SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY 2022**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS WITH THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE;**

The Farming Life Centre will be working with DEFRA and the Prince's Countryside Fund to deliver a FREE programme of support to help you prepare your farm for the upcoming changes. Sign up by calling 01629 810903 or email

[rachelmetcalfe@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk](mailto:rachelmetcalfe@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk).

Participants will receive one-to-one support, an environment workshop, a business workshop plus additional events and resources.

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