

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2022

A sunny April Bank Holiday Tuesday saw the monthly Pedigree Dairy Sale with a superb entry forward however it was a commercial heifer that topped the day at £2940 and pedigrees sold up to £2740.

All a strong trade in the sheep section this week! Spring Lambs sold on a fast trade with the best to 462p/kg to average 408p/kg or £163/head. Hogget's up again this week to top at 358p/kg and £174.46/head to average 299.39p/kg. Cull ewes topped at £190 to average £122/head.

Barrens just as dear this week with Limousins to 200p/kg, to top at £1535.50 and clean cattle to 240p/kg.

Pigs a little less this Tuesday but still a good demand with cutters to 139p/kg and £143.64.

Calves sold well topping at £425 for a British Blue bull and heifers to £248.

BARREN COWS (40);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A good entry forward which met a fast trade with the best cows selling to 200p/kg for a 600kg Limousin from J T Needham, Bradnop and a 830kg Limousin selling for 185p/kg for G A Wain, Brandside.

Black & white's topped at 182p/kg for a 805kg Friesian from W Carbutt, Siddington and a 785kg Holstein at 180p/kg for G E Brookes & Partners, Loxley who also sold a 800kg Holstein for 176p/kg.

Other top prices;

175p 755kg Friesian - W & A & PW Carbutt, Siddington

170p 720kg Friesian - G P Broadsmith & Son, Lymm

169p 850kg Holstein - P G R Sales, Leek

164p 695kg Friesian - Foker Granfe Farm Ltd, Leek

159p 690kg Holstein - Foker Granfe Farm Ltd, Leek

159p 735kg Holstein - Foker Granfe Farm Ltd, Leek

157p 640kg Holstein - R E Poyser, Onecote

157p 650kg Ayrshire - A Coutts & Sons, Knutsford

An excellent average of 148.52p/kg & £961.20 per head.

Top headage price of £1535.50 for the 830kg Limousin from G A Wain, with Friesians to £1465.10 and Holsteins to £1436.50.

CLEAN CATTLE;

An 660kg Aberdeen Angus heifer sold for 240p/kg to realise £1584 from Home Farm, Rushton.

DAIRIES;

Selling time – 11:30am

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

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS REACH £2940

PEDIGREES TOP AT £2740

94 SOLD

A superb trade for the best on Tuesday saw an outstanding commercial heifer from Brian Needham of Rushton Spencer top the day at £2940. Heading to local purchaser Andrew Hulme of Basford, he also went on to take a second from the same home at £2460. The six forward from the Needhams averaged a superb £2238.

Within the pedigree section regular vendors Messrs Sutton of Gawsworth took top honours with a 38kg heifer by Denovo 8068 Tenor at £2740.

The Mellor family of Earl Sterndale saw both their heifers sought after reaching £2300 and £2280 respectively.

Next week sees a Special Entry of 130 New Zealand X Youngstock from Rowe Farms Ltd of Newcastle under Lyme, with Herd Dispersals also booked throughout May (Further Details in Due Course)

PIGS (121);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894).

A few less forward but another decent trade this week. Best cutters selling up to 139p/kg for 84kg pigs from Massie Farms, Stafford who sold others at 135p/kg twice, 134p/kg x3 and 133p/kg. A 80kg pig sold for 136p/kg for Bernard Minshull, Buxton.

Bacon pigs sold up to 134p/kg three times for 89kg and 86kg pigs from J & B Fentem and for a 90kg pig from Bernard Minshull. 86kg pigs made 133p/kg for J & B

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126p/kg for a pair of 93kg pigs from M R Banham.

Heavies sold up to 114p/kg for 117kg pigs from M Leason, Sudbury who also sold 133kg pigs for 108p/kg.

Cull sows topped at 79p/kg for a 296kg sow from R A Watson who also sold a 256kg sow for 68p/kg. 69p/kg for a 243kg sow from Ray Rowlinson.

Averages;

Cutting Pigs (51);	av 129.05p/kg or £103.67/head
Bacon Pigs (53);	av 114.15p/kg or £103.79/head
Heavy Pigs (8) ;	av 98.41p/kg or £114.77/head
Cull Sows (7);	av 67.22p/kg or £169.88/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (48);

Desperately short of numbers and trade absolutely electric!!

Best lambs up to 462p and plenty at 430p and better!

Overall average of 408p/kg.

Sample prices;

462p	37.5kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
448p	37kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
446p	39kg	S W Jennings, Knutsford
456p	42.5kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
447p	40.5kg	S W Jennings, Knutsford

More needed next week!!

BUTCHERS HOGGETS (554);

A good entry for a bank holiday Tuesday selling on an exceptional trade. Best up to 358p/kg with numerous lots at 330p and better.

Big lambs a stronger trade topping at £174.46/head and heavy lambs averaging £140/head.

SQQ average a very strong 299.39p/kg.

Sample prices;

358p	35kg	R J Shaw, Admaston
341p	38.3kg	S Rushton, Freehay
346p	39.6kg	S J Pace & Co, Congleton
342p	45.3kg	JM & ADJ Hayes, Alstonefield
340p	40.2kg	LAJ Turner & Son, Rownall
338p	38.8kg	S J Pace & Co, Congleton
312p	46kg	S Rushton, Freehay
310p	50.5kg	JM & ADJ Hayes, Alstonefield
300p	52.4kg	D Williams, Basford
295p	57.3kg	D Williams, Basford

CULL SHEEP (138);

A modest entry very well bid for topping at £191/head for strong Suffolks and £190 for Texel x ewes.

Overall average £122/head!

CALVES (108);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A good entry for the bank holiday week with customers out for categories and trade on par with recent weeks. Yet again the best very good to sell. Top call of £425 for a Blue bull from Andrew Hulme with Limousin bulls to £386.

33 Continental Bulls

Topped at £425 for Blues. Best 9 Blues averaged £288 Limousins to £386 and £320 for Andrew Hulme and Fred Yates, Longford. Simmentals topped at £305 for Chris & David Ball with others at £260.

24 Blues to £425 av £247

4 Sims to £305 av £261

9 Lims to £386 av £224

25 Continental Heifers

Topped at £248 for Blues from Messrs Ede at LTD Partners, Lower Tean with others at £244. Better type Limousin heifers to £198 for Jim & Carol Hudson.

20 Blues to £248 av £124

1 Simmental to £175

4 Lims to £198 av £169

32 Native Bulls/Dairy Bred Bulls

Better end Angus bulls good to sell to a top of £284 for the Twemlows at Swinscoe with a star of the day being a Saler bull at £240 for Kevin Clay at Preston Fields, Penkridge. A strong Montbeliarde bull from Pete & Angela Woodward at £115. Herefords topped at £204.

8 Native Heifers

Stabiliser heifers to £138 with Angus heifers to £158 for Graham Turnock.

6 Reared Calves

A smart weaner Blue bull from Irene Mellor at Hatchley Farm topped the section (2 ¾ mths) at £455 with another from the same farm at £440. Dairy Shorthorn Steers (up to 7mths) to £360 with others at 3mths to £220.

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

Sale of 537 Store & Breeding Cattle – 10am

Catalogues Available Online

Also, Fortnightly Sale of Ewes with Lambs at Foot – Please advise of Entries

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2022

Genuine Dispersal of 130 New Zealand X Youngstock (Born Jan '21 – Feb'22) on behalf of Rowe Farm, Ltd, Newcastle under Lyme.

Coming up with the Farming Life Centre:

Bacon Butty Project - We will be taking our Bacon Butty Project to Mole Country Store at Darley Dale on Thursday 28th April. Call in to see us between 10am and midday for a cuppa and a bacon bap!

Farm Diversification workshop – Nick and Julie from Growing Rural Enterprise will be delivering a workshop on Wednesday 18th May, 10am-3pm, from the conference room at the ABC. Helping farm businesses to refresh and reflect on diversification enterprises, look into marketing and promotion and develop a personalised action plan. Lunch included. Contact info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk or call 07483 373435 to book a place. All welcome.

The Peak Farmers Group - Please get in touch if you would like to join the group or to book a place at either of the following events:

Farm Walk: How to grow grass for less - Tuesday 26th April, 11am - 2.30pm, Flagg Hall Farm, Buxton - Farm Walk: How to grow grass for less - Looking at improving grazing efficiency and grassland management. Explore the benefits of herbal leys and Spring whole crop. Hear from Rusty Mycock and Kate Phillips on improving grazing efficiency and optimising output across dairy, beef and sheep systems. Learn about current opportunities for farmers looking to reduce inputs and costs from Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer Mark Taylor. Pie and pea lunch included, all welcome.

Massey Feeds Mill Tour - Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm – 9pm, Massey Feeds Holmes Chapel Mill – Mill Tour: Gain a glimpse into the world of animal feed manufacture. Hear about Massey's sustainable ruminant feeds with no palm kernel or soya products – a UK 1st! Supper and transport included. All welcome.