

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

This Tuesday saw the herd dispersal on behalf of PJ & JR Boffey, Church Lawton which attracted a large crowd of buyers and their dispersal topped at £2260. Away from this, dairy trade was once again electric with the best heifers up to £2480.

A packed sheep shed and many lambs forward. The best sold up to 260p/kg and £139.50 however a large proportion of under finished lambs. Cull ewes sold to £178 but generally a good trade despite the amount of leaner ewes about.

More barren cattle about selling on a solid trade. The best to 190p/kg and OTM Steers to 206p/kg or £1810.90 and a small entry of clean cattle topped at 206p/kg.

A fast trade for pigs with some excellent prices and mostly 170 - 190p/kg throughout with the best to 193p/kg.

A large entry calves and a ring full of buyers led to a good trade for all qualities. Best bulls to £425 for a Simmental and Blue heifers to £285.

BARREN COWS (51);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A good entry sold on a solid trade with the best to 190p/kg for a 555kg Angus from Home Farm, Rushton Spencer and 190p/kg for a 725kg Simmental from B Chadwick, Hilton.

Friesians sold to 188p/kg for a 610kg cow from J E Archer & Sons, Hilton who also sold a 590kg Friesian for 187p/kg.

Other top prices include;

186p 740kg Blonde - D & A Stonier, Eaton
183p 685kg Hereford - D & V Farms Ltd, Rushton
182p 995kg Simmental - B Chadwick, Hilton
179p 570kg Friesian - J E Archer & Sons, Hilton
179p 815kg Holstein - E Morten & Sons, Barmoor Clough
177p 500kg Holstein - B N Capewell & Sons, Gratwich
176p 600kg Hereford - D & V Farms Ltd, Rushton

Overall average of 149.89p/kg or £961.09 per head.

Top headage price of £1810.90 for the 995kg Simmental cow from B Chadwick, with Black & Whites to £1358.85

& £1432.00, other Simmentals at £1377.50 and Blonde to £1376.40.

A OTM 655kg Hereford steer made 206p/kg from Home Farm, Rushton.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling time – Following the Barren Cattle

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry sold to 205p/kg for a 640kg Simmental steer and a 560kg Holstein heifer at 200p/kg, both from Home Farm, Rushton Spencer.

DAIRIES (61);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

Another very swift trade for Dairies saw a top price within the commercials of £2480 for a 26kg heifer from John & Tracy Chamberlain of Marston Montgomery. Numerous other heifers were £2300 plus including a 30kg heifer from Andrew Weston of £2440 who had a second at £2340.

Messrs Easom saw all three of their heifers over £2000 with the best to £2400 & £2380 respectively.

Cows topped at £2360 for a second calver from Messrs Broadley of Newhaven. The entire commercial entry averaged £2020.

The herd dispersal on behalf of the Boffey family of Church Lawton sold extremely well topping at £2260 for an August calved fourth calver.

PIGS (134);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894).

A flying trade for pigs this week with averages up to 180p/kg overall and leading prices of 193p/kg for pork pigs from P J Barker Shepshed who also sold others at 191p/kg and 186p/kg, with 73kg pigs realising 182p/kg for J & B Fentem and Alan Worth, Marton selling porkers at 180p, 179p & 175p.

Cutting pigs topped at 189p/kg twice for 76kg and 85kg pigs from J & B Fentem, with Massie Farm having 188p, 187p, 185p for a run and others at 187p/kg for Graham Belfield, Sheen and 186p/kg for a 79kg pig from Steve Bailey.

Bacon pigs sold to 191p/kg for 97kg pigs from Massie Farms, who sold 86kg pigs for 187p/kg twice, 186p/kg & 185p/kg. 186p/kg for 86kg pigs from Graham Belfield who also sold 91kg pigs for 181p/kg and 182p/kg for 92kg pigs from J & B Fentem.

A good demand for cull sows with the best price of 90p/kg for a 214kg sow from DH & J Poulson, Llangadog, and 88p/kg for a 220kg sow from John Bennett, Abbots Bromley who had another at 87p/kg and 87p/kg for a 315kg sow from MC & EA Beattie.

Pig Averages;

Pork Pigs (31);	av 177.49p/kg or £121.21/head
Cutting Pigs (43);	av 180.43p/kg or £144.60/head
Bacon Pigs (52);	av 180.24p/kg or £162.15/head
Cull Sows (8);	av 82.63p/kg or £189.64/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

LAMBS (1014);

A good entry selling on a respectable trade although somewhat back on last weeks flyer. Uncertainty on the currency value together with strikes on the ports making to export firms take a back seat.

Having said that, best lambs still good to sell and a competitive trade throughout and 100% clearance achieved. Best lambs to 260p/kg and regularly at 240p and better, but a lot of under finished lambs in the entry and these took the biggest price knock with plenty at 205 - 220p/kg.

Big lambs continue to be well bid for topping at £139.50 or 250p/kg for 52kg plus lambs.

Sample prices;

260p	41kg	H D Simmonds, Longford
255p	43.2kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
253p	41.3kg	J B Rowlinson & Son, Gawsworth
250p	44.7kg	J H Mellor, Nantwich
248p	43kg	R Belfield, Upper Hulme
257p	50kg	H White, Snelston
250p	53kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
249p	51.2kg	A D Williams, Basford

CULL SHEEP (450);

A good show in terms of quantity but the worth show in terms of quality for a long time. There was run after run of plain lean ewes showing the effects of the hard summer and lack of grass. Farmers obviously deciding to prioritise what grass they have for the breeding stock rather than improving their cull ewes.

Best ewes selling well up to £178 from Ed Massey of Gawsworth for outstanding Charollais ewes. Best Mules generally £110 - £135 and best Suffolk's to £145.

Overall average at £75/head which reflects the offering rather than the demand.

Texel Rams to £184 from Jayne Barker of Onecote.

CALVES (213);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

Another big entry of over 200 calves and a good company of buyers with the best calves looking good value with the second and third quality very dear on the day.

67 Continental Bulls

A big show of bulls today. Two very best bulls topped £400 with Messrs Bailey's Simmental at £425 and Messrs Goldstraw Blue at £415. 6 other bulls topped £300. Medium bulls £180 - £280 all day long with the smaller bulls under £150 but looking well sold as the trade is. 45 Blues av £194 to £415 - K Goldstraw 7 Sims av £225 to £425 - H & E Bailey & Partners 12 Lims av £115 to £255 - NG, JMH & H Mellor 1 Char to £250 - S Bailey

38 Continental Heifers

Plenty of bidders today and very good prices again, particularly for the lesser quality. 10 best over £200 and up to £285 for a Blue from Messrs Johnson, Ipstones. Mediums £120 - £180 with smalls under £100. 20 Blues av £156 to £285 - J R Johnson & sons 11 Sims av £139 to £245 - DG & JA Ball 6 Lims av £82 to £135 - N E Goodwin & Son 1 Char to £210 - S Bailey

58 Natives

Maintained the recent good trade with many dearer on the week.

30 AA Bulls av £105 to £235 - JD & BF Broadley 4 Hereford Bulls av £107 to £195 - P N Holdcroft 1 Welsh Black bull to £180 - R E Poyser 19 AA Heifers av £94 to £160 - P E Holmes & Son 4 Hereford Heifers av £87 to £110 - Foker Grange Farm

44 Black & White Bulls

Monty's to £215; Holsteins to £74 with nearly all reared this week on several different accounts. Only about 10 today not being reared.

6 Reared Calves

A trio of Holsteins (2 - 3 mths) sold at £140 with Angus Heifers (3mths) at £275.

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Sale of 7,358 Store and Breeding Sheep

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale: Saturday 15th October

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries Close Friday 30th September

Next Sale: Saturday 22nd October

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Sale of Breeding Rams

MV & Non MV Sections

Entries Close Friday 14th October
