

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2022

Another busy Tuesday sale saw a bumper entry in the sheep shed of cull ewes and lambs. Trade a little less on last week for lambs, seeing the best butchers lambs to 270p/kg but plenty of meated types 250p/kg plus. Cull ewes harder to sell, especially for leaner types.

A solid trade for milkers this week seeing a top price of £2580 twice for heifers. Don't forget to look out for next weeks Pedigree sale catalogue online!

A strong trade for pigs this week and plenty more forward, seeing a top price of 189p/kg for both cutters and bacon pigs. Cull sows sold well to 78p/kg.

Less barren cattle about but a good demand received, seeing the best to 185p/kg twice.

Calf numbers still over 200 and trade similar, albeit a little less for heifers and native types. Best Blue bulls to £355 and heifers to £250.

BARREN COWS (21);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A disappointing entry this week but a firm trade for what was on offer, with leading prices of 185p/kg twice for a 845kg Simmental from B J Bailey, Biddulph Park and a 855kg Limousin from JW Hudson, Ipstones. A 630kg Blonde cow realised 173p/kg for SA Garlick, Buxton and 160p/kg for a 795kg Hereford from RS Bessant, Alstonefield and another 920kg Hereford at 159p/kg for THE Bold & Sons, Cotton.

Black and whites sold up to 155p/kg for a 585kg Holstein from PN Holdcroft, Brown Edge and a 560kg Holstein at 150p/kg for A Stone, Onecote.

Overall average of 146.07p/kg and £950.33 per head.

A 32 month old 650kg Simmental steer sold well for 212p/kg from Home Farm, Rushton.

Top headage price of £1581.75 for Limousin's, Simmentals to £1563.25; Herefords to £1462.80 and £1272; Blonde's to £1089.90 and Black & whites to £1044.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling time – Following the Barren Cattle

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry with no top quality forward saw a 645kg Hereford steer sell for 197p/kg from Home Farm, Rushton. A 530kg Hereford steer realised 196p/kg for G Redfern, Onecote who also sold a 575kg Hereford heifer for 195p/kg.

Top headage prices of £1270.65 for steers and £1121.25 for heifers.

DAIRIES (91);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A full shed of milkers at Leek on Tuesday met a really solid trade with prices topping at £2580 twice over, both for heifers, the first from W J Nadin & Co and the second from Michael Wainwright both of Buxton.

A lovely run of cows from the Broomhouse Herd of Messrs Easom saw second and third calvers reach £2220, £2220 and £2100 respectively.

The herd sale for the Hollingshead family of Melton Mowbray despite containing a large number of older cows sold well.

Next week we have a fantastic entry for the monthly pedigree sale with entries towards 100 already received. There will be some real quality on offer so don't miss out.

PIGS (159);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894).

Another strong entry and a good trade received seeing pork pigs up to 186p/kg for J & B Fentem, Alsop en le Dale who sold 70kg pigs for 172p/kg. A Worth of Marton sold Porkers at 176p/kg & 168p/kg.

Cutters sold up to 189p/kg for Massie Farms, who also sold other cutters at 188p/kg, 187p/kg. 188p/kg for a 83kg pig from S Bailey, Biddulph and 184p/kg for a 76kg pig from A Worth. 183p/kg three times for cutters from J & B Fentem.

Bacon pigs sold well, seeing a top price of 189p/kg three times for Massie Farms, who sold 87kg & 89kg

pigs at 188p/kg and 90kg pigs at 187p/kg. Fentems sold bacon pigs for 187p/kg and 185p/kg. 186p/kg was paid for a pen of 92kg pigs from J G Belfield, Sheen.

Heavy pigs sold up to 178p/kg for a 112kg pig from RAO Johnson, and 170p/kg for 106kg pigs from J G Belfield. Bernard Minshull sold a 111kg pig for 155p/kg.

Cull sows saw an improvement in trade on the week, with a run of 5 at 78p/kg for S Richardson, Barnsley and a 300kg sow at 78p/kg for R Rowlinson & Sons, Ramshorn who sold another 316kg sow at 77p/kg and a run at 76p/kg for S J Booth, Lymm.

Pig Averages;

Pork Pigs (9);	av 170.37p/kg or £112.82/head
Cutting Pigs (33);	av 182.60p/kg or £150.95/head
Bacon Pigs (84);	av 176.62p/kg or £162.74/head
Heavy Pigs (17);	av 128.27p/kg or £157.25/head
Cull Sows (16);	av 70.59p/kg or £176.55/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

LAMBS (884);

A similar entry met a similar trade overall, with best sorts again in good demand and leaner sorts finding a competitive market, but at a lower price.

Heavy weights not as fierce as previous weeks but still at 238p/kg for overweight's and topping at £124.95 per head.

Best butchers lambs to 270p/kg and a number of pens at 260p plus. Overall average at 230p/kg.

Sample prices;

263p	39kg	G & A Peach, Clifton
260p	37.6kg	G Burton, Repton
270p	44.3kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
262p	45.5kg	R J Critchlow, Grindon
259p	43kg	C Wood, Cauldon Lowe
270p	45.6kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
246p	50.7kg	WHI Mellor, Stockport
238p	52.5kg	R A Critchley, Denstone
230p	53kg	GW & SM Pattinson, Weaver
229p	53.3kg	J & W Knight, Horton

CULL SHEEP (553);

A bumper entry which unfortunately coincided with a national downturn in trade and some regular buyers choosing to 'miss a week' due to lack of demand.

Lean sorts very difficult to sell and understandably farmers are choosing to prioritise grass in other directions rather than improving cull stock. Fortunately, a number of grazing buyers today taking any stock with potential to improve.

Best sorts remain a competitive trade, topping at £160 for heavy Texel's and continental ewes generally £120 for heavy sorts.

Mules difficult to sell, as is the story elsewhere. Best sorts at £110 but plenty at £60 - £80.

Overall average of £68/head but a very poor show of quality overall.

CALVES (212);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

Big numbers again and trade similar to last week with the good calves good money but a number of native bred calves look easy to buy.

61 Continental Bulls

Good calves are still good to sell with the top 16 over £250 including the best Blue at £355 for P J Davies, Werrington. Mediums and smalls look good to buy, mediums generally £130 - £220 with 14 smaller and younger bulls under £100.

31 Blues av £192 to £355 - P J Davies

11 Sims av £126 to £295 - J C & D Hudson

8 Lims av £172 to £330 - RJ & KA Salt

3 Char av £256 to £265 - S Bailey

8 Blonde av £96 to £245 - B E Wain

47 Continental Heifers

Very hard to sell with very little enthusiasm from rearers with the current costs. 6 better sorts topped £175 with a high of £250 for Messrs Heath, Stone. Medium heifers £80 - £140 with 18 smaller heifers under £70.

30 Blues av £91 to £250 - H W Heath & Son

10 Sims av £81 to £190 - P N Holdcroft

2 Lims av £174 to £230 - F E Whittaker & Sons

2 Char av £210 to £225 - D & G Tudor

3 Blonde av £55 to £80 - B E Wain

84 Natives

Very big numbers and the calf markets appear swamped with them.

14 Hereford Bulls av £80 to £225 - P N Holdcroft

31 Angus Bulls av £84 to £260 - S & J Ryder

14 Hereford Heifers av £33 to £70 - P N Holdcroft

21 Angus Heifers av £38 to £78 - P E Holmes & Son

18 Black & White Bulls

Best Friesians to £78 with the majority £30 - £50 today.

12 Reared Calves

4 British Blue heifers (6-7mths) made £440 from Stapleton Farm Services with 3 British Blue x steers at £370 (6mths) for Hawksworth Farms, Shardlow.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Sale of 9,846 Store and Breeding Sheep

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale: Saturday 29th October

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Sale of Breeding Rams

MV & Non MV Sections

Entries Close Friday 14th October

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries Close Friday 14th October

Next Sale: Saturday 5th November
