

**TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2022**

A strong number of lambs and cull sheep forward this Tuesday saw a lift in trade to last week, with the average 10 pence. Leading prices of 277p/kg and £146.99 per head. Culls were a strong trade, seeing a top price of £159 and average of £92.43/head overall.

A nice show of dairies forward following last weeks bumper entry, seeing heifers to £2160 & £2140, and cows to £2000.

Barren cows were a little less this week but still in good demand, selling up to 177p/kg and £1358.80.

An improved trade in the pig section this week saw leading prices over £2 to top at 203p/kg!

Strong calves are still a excellent trade, but lesser quality harder to place this week. Leading prices of £375 for Blue bulls and Blue heifers to £275.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY**  
**TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2022**  
**CHRISTMAS PRIMESTOCK SHOW & SALE**  
**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE**

**BARREN COWS (45);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A mixed entry and some good prices achieved, albeit a little less to what we have been used to. Top price of 177p/kg for a 500kg Hereford from T J Fox, Hurdlow and 161p/kg twice, for a 685kg Blonde from C H Ede & Son, Alkmonoton and a 655kg Angus from T J Fox.

A 780kg Hereford realised 159p/kg from S Kidd Farmers, Longnor and 158p/kg for a 860kg Angus from J C Robinson, Rushton who also sold a 780kg Angus at 157p/kg from the same home.

Other top prices;

152p 700kg Angus - J Fernyhough, Longsdon  
150p 740kg Friesian - J & R Maydew, Consall  
145p 740kg Friesian - HS & A Callwood, Ollerton  
141p 780kg Friesian - F J Gould & Son, Longnor  
139p 590kg Hereford - T J Fox, Hurdlow  
137p 550kg Angus - T J Fox, Hurdlow

Overall average of 129.37p/kg or £804.80.

Top headage price of £1358.80 for the Angus from J C Robinson, who also had another at £1224.60. Herefords to £1240.20 and Friesians to £1110.

**CLEAN CATTLE;**

**Selling time – Following the Barren Cattle**

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

A small entry sold up to 220p/kg for a 545kg Blonde heifer from C H Ede & Son, Alkmonoton.

Friesian bulls sold well, up to 200p/kg for a 550kg bull and 199p/kg for a 615kg bull, both from J E Archer & Sons, Hilton.

**DAIRIES (68);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

A really bouncy trade on Tuesday saw a 28kg heifer from Andrew Mills of Ratcliffe on Wreake top the day at £2160 to Mr Robinson of Rudyard. He has a second at £2140 to Messrs Parkes of Melton Mowbray.

Cows topped at £2000 for a second calver from Bradbury & Brookes of Field.

A sweet Shorthorn second calver from the Howes of Litton reached £1900.

Plenty of buyers in attendance with more needed to satisfy demand every week. If you have stock to sell contact Meg Elliott on 07967 007049.

**PIGS (139);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

A few more pigs this week with trade improved on the week, heavy pigs in strong demand. Trade topped at 203p/kg for D Goldstraw Meerbrook who saw others to 199p/kg and 197p/kg.

Porkers a similar trade to previous weeks averaging 137.76p/kg, top price from J&B Fentem, Allsop En-Le Dale with a 75kg gilt to 174p/kg. Other top prices included 164p/kg for 65kg pigs from P J Barker, Charnwood, with a 68kg pig from the same home selling to 160p/kg. M Yardley, Gnosall saw pigs to 158p/kg for 71kg pigs, with others to 147p/kg for 74kg pigs and 140p/kg for 61kg pigs from the same home.

Cutting Pigs topped at 186p/kg twice from J&B Fentem for 81kg & 79kg pigs, with others from the same home to 178p/kg and 174p/kg. J G Belfield, Sheen had pigs to 180p/kg for 85kg pigs. PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch had an 85kg pig to 162p/kg.

Bacon Pigs topped at 199p/kg for 90kg pigs from D Goldstraw, Meerbrook. PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch saw a trio of pig's to 188p/kg for 96kg pigs, 90kg pigs from the same home realised 184p/kg and a 104kg pig from the same home realised 182p/kg. J&B Fentem saw a 96kg pig to 186p/kg, with B Minshull, Buxton achieving 184p/kg for a 92kg pig.

Heavy pigs were very much in demand today with the best shaped sorts to 203p/kg for a trio of 107kg pigs from D Goldstraw, who had others to 197p/kg and 178p/kg for 112kg and 108kg pigs. G Myatt, Gratton Lane, achieved 178p/kg and 171p/kg for 116kg and 110kg pigs.

Sows were met with a strong demand again. Average up on the week to 68.48p/kg. Top price on the day 122p/kg for a 125kg young sow from B Minshull. Other top prices included 90p/kg for a 172kg sow from J Bailey and a 188kg sow from M Banham, Bromsgrove realised 88p/kg. A run of 5 sows from S Richardson, Barnsley realised 70p/kg.

#### Pig Averages.

Porkers (27)	av £137.76 p/kg or £96.75/head
Cutting Pigs (36);	av 168.99p/kg or £135.14/head
Bacon Pigs (49);	av 175.65p/kg or £162.95/head
Heavy Pigs (12);	av 185.50p/kg or £203.59/head
Cull Sows (15);	av 68.48p/kg or £160.19/head

#### **SHEEP SECTION;**

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

#### **LAMBS (942);**

Another decent entry saw a firmer trade throughout, with a 10p lift in the average.

Best lambs to 277p/kg and plenty at 260p and better. Heavy lambs also a stronger enquiry at 265p/kg or £146.99/head.

Overall average a pleasing 244.5p/kg.

#### Sample prices;

246p	31.6kg	I Walker, Stone
266p	38.7kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
265p	39kg	B Shaw, Parwich
258p	37.5kg	A Shaw, Sturston
277p	44kg	A & JE Goldstraw, Waterhouses
265p	41kg	A Shaw, Sturston
262p	41.7kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
260p	42.8kg	D V Holland, Blore
265p	47kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
260p	50kg	R P Hall, Heaton
247p	55.5kg	E G Slack & Sons, Buxton
239p	61.5kg	A W Wilshaw, Rudyard

#### **CULL SHEEP (422);**

Another bumper entry seeing generally a stronger trade. Best ewes to £159/head for Mr Smith of Longford and numerous lots at £140 plus. Best Mules to £120.

Overall average of £92.43.

#### **CALVES (147);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

Trade for the best still strong with the processing calves harder to move.

A time of year when empty calves show themselves in the ring a little less well but the best warm calves showing full of milk reap the benefits for the vendors.

Top price today £375 for a solid British Blue bull from the Hulme family at Basford shown at 33 days old. Best continental heifers topped at £275 for the Moss family at Meerbrook for a British Blue at 32 days.

Best Bull bulls over £270 and Blue heifers over £220.

#### 39 Continental Bulls

More could have been sold to the vendors advantage, particularly Blues and Limousins.

29 Blue Bulls to £375 - DW & P Hulme, Basford

7 Lim Bulls to £278 - J, C & D Hudson, Hollinsclough

5 Sim Bulls to £298 - DG & JA Ball, Fulford

#### 39 Continental Heifers

The best 40% very good to sell with several purchasers putting together sensible groups.

27 Blue Heifers to £275 - JC & ME Moss, Meerbrook

7 Lim Heifers to £224 - N E Goodwin & Son

4 Sim Heifers to £195 - G B Millington, Wincle

#### 43 Native Bulls

Yet again the very best with spirited bidding but the smallest 20% hard to clear.

10 Angus to £220 - DG & JA Ball, Fulford

2 Friesians to £30

15 Holsteins to £42

8 Dairy Shorthorn to £30

#### 19 Native Heifers

10 Angus to £98

5 Herefords to £114

A smart run of reared to a top of £420.

Blue steers (3mths) to £420 - J W Hanford, Birch Vale

Limousin Steer (3mths) £400 - ME & DJ Gregory, Drinton

Sim Bull (3mths) to £350 - S Foxley, Westcroft

Blue Heifer (5mths) - £345 - S Foxley, Westcroft

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**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

**Sale of 7,189 Store and Breeding Sheep**

**Catalogues Available Online**

**Next Sale: Saturday 10th December**

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**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries Close Friday 25th November**

**Next Sale: Saturday 17th December**

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**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10:30am**

**Followed by Sale of Goats**

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**CHRISTMAS PRIMESTOCK SHOW & SALE**

**Schedules Available Shortly**

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**The Farming Life Centre**

Need help navigating agricultural policy changes? We are delivering Farm for the Future with The Prince's Countryside Fund in the Peak District.

To take part in this free programme of events and support come along to our welcome meetings to sign up. Participants from last time may take part again:

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Blaze Farm, Wildboarclough. Arrival 7pm, food 7.30pm.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell (conference room) 10am – 2pm. Drop in style event, lunch available.

Email [info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk](mailto:info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk) or call 01629 810903 to book a place or for more information.

**Peak Farmers Group**

Next event: Getting to grips with new opportunities - tutorial with Trudie Cooper of Bagshaws LLP at The Winking Man, Upper Hulme, ST13 8UH on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Free to attend, hot beef bap and chip supper included.

Topics to be covered:

- New and existing grants and schemes
- Record keeping for grant compliance
- Navigating online mapping tools
- Opportunities relating to carbon

Booking essential. Call 07483 373435 or email [info@peakfarmersgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@peakfarmersgroup.co.uk)

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