

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2022

A busy sheep shed saw 1384 forward and a good trade for many, with top prices up to 270p/kg and £142.44 per head, to average 243.63p/kg overall. Cull ewes in demand and some good sorts forward, topping at £172.

A fast trade for pigs this week with another excellent entry and many selling over 200p/kg, to top at 220p/kg and £205.87 per head.

Dairies saw a mixed trade, but some excellent heifers from Andrew Mills topped the day at £2460, £2420 and £2380. Don't forget next week is the Christmas Show & Sale, catalogues now available online.

A few less Barren cattle about but a good trade seeing a top price of 177p/kg and £1264.50.

A mixed trade for calves this week and unfortunately not enough forward to fulfil orders. Top prices of £375 for a British Blue bull and Blue heifers to £268.

We Would Like to Wish All Our Customers a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! We Will be Closed on Tuesday 27th December and Open as Normal on Tuesday 3rd January

BARREN COWS (30);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A decent trade for the entry on offer, selling up to 177p/kg for a 615kg Belted Galloway from F D Horsford, Croxden. Limousin's to 162p/kg for a 770kg cow from J R Beeson, Grindley, who also sold a 680kg Limousin at 157p/kg. A 655kg Simmental realised 155p/kg for J F Barber, Quarnford and a 685kg Limousin to 153p/kg for S Kidd Farmers.

Black & white's up to 153p/kg for a 820kg Holstein from R J Clowes & Sons, Kingsley and a 645kg Montbeliarde realised 150p/kg for FA & TM Cotton, Tean and a 845kg Holstein realised 150p/kg for J G Curtis & Son, Basford.

Top headage price of £1264.50 for Holsteins with others at £1254.60; Limousin's to £1247.40 and Belted Galloway to £1088.55.

Overall average of 132.91p/kg or £852.83 per head.

DAIRIES (32);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A really bouncy trade on Tuesday saw a top of £2460 for a 28kg heifer from Andrew Mills of Ratcliffe on Wreake with others from the same home to £2420 and £2380.

Close behind at £2100 was a 30kg heifer from T Swinson of Caverswall.

Cows peaked at £1940 for a second calver giving 37kg from Messrs Darwin of Sheffield.

A lovely entry forward for the Christmas Show & Sale next week. Take a look at the catalogue online.

PIGS (185);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

Another bumper entry of 159 pigs this Tuesday, trade on fire for those well shaped pigs topping at 220p/kg for 92kg gilts from D Goldstraw, Meerbrook. Numerous pens today over the 200p/kg mark.

Porkers topped at 203p/kg for 74kg pigs from J&B Fentem Alsop en-le Dale, who had another pen at 73kg releasing 203p/kg. A Worth, Marton saw 194p/kg for 74kg pigs. PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch realised 190p/kg for 75kg pigs. A few lean, coloured pigs were harder to place but all finding homes.

Cutters a strong trade particularly those well shaped sorts, a few plainer types in the mix were harder to place. Top price of 219p/kg from J & B Fentem, Alsop en-le Dale who sold others to 205p/kg for 77kg pigs. P J Bowers, Mow-Cop sold 83kg pigs to 206p/kg and D Guildford sold 84kg pigs to 206p/kg. A Worth saw 204p/kg for a 76kg pig.

Bacon pigs a flying trade with an average of 198.17p/kg on the week up from last week, numerous pens over the 200p/kg mark today topping at 220p/kg for a pen of 4 gilts weighing 92kg from D Goldstraw, Meerbrook. S Bailey, Knypersley had a 89kg pig to 216p/kg, with J & B Fentem having 90kg pigs to 215p/kg. Massie Farms, Stafford had a run of pigs selling to 214p/kg x2, 213p/kg x2 211p/kg and 209p/kg x2.

Heavies topped at 165p/kg from PF & PD Parsons, Whitchurch for a 120kg Gilt, another 128kg gilt sold to 148p/kg from the same home. M Leason, Somersal Herbert sold 106kg pigs to 132p/kg.

Just the one sow after last weeks bumper entry selling to 42p/kg for a 308kg sow from M Leason, Somersal Herbert.

Pig Averages.

Pork Pigs (38)	av 138.03p/kg or £91.72/head
Cutting Pigs (32);	av 172.23p/kg or £138.48/head
Bacon Pigs (81);	av 198.17p/kg or £181.97/head
Heavy Pigs (7);	av 129.16p/kg or £156.84/head
Cull Sows (1);	av 42p/kg or £127.68/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

LAMBS (967);

Another solid entry of lambs seeing a firm trade throughout, which is encouraging after mixed reports of trade over the preceding few days.

A solid trade for the best meated sorts and more could be sold to the vendors advantage. Heavy weights also good to sell and plenty adding up to £120 - £140/head. SQQ average at 245p/kg but included a number of under finished light weight lambs which are difficult to place.

Normal market next Tuesday and lambs are likely to be in good demand.

Sample prices;

268p	38.7kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
266p	35.7kg	M Jones, Rudyard
260p	37.3kg	A Shaw, Sturston
259p	33.9kg	S Rushton, Freehay
270p	45.1kg	Mosley & Son, Wormhill
269p	43kg	M Baskerville, Chatcull
268p	39.6kg	Red Earth Farms Ltd, Rudyard
267p	41kg	G & A Peach, Clifton
265p	45.8kg	D & CJ Redfern, Church Broughton
264p	46.7kg	M Baskerville, Chatcull
249p	54g	D & CJ Redfern, Church Broughton
247p	57.7kg	D & CJ Redfern, Church Broughton

CULL SHEEP (372);

Another good entry seeing best Texel ewes to £172 from Richard Harrison and other heavy ewes at £150 plus. Best Mules generally £100 - £115 and very good horned ewes at £80/head.

Overall average at £88.16 which is very pleasing given the varied entry.

Again ewes are expected to be wanted next week.

BREEDING SHEEP (44);

A short notice dispersal on in-lamb ewes seeing plenty of interest with 2-3 year sold Mules at £128/head.

CALVES (85);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

Short of numbers or a very cold day with trade 'up and down'.

25 Continental Bulls

2 posh Blue bulls made £375 for Ed Clowes and £350 for Andrew Hulme with others better calves £220 - £312. Smaller or younger bulls £120 - £180 look value for money if you have got the shed space and fodder needed.

19 Blues av £186 to £375 - R & T Clowes & Son

2 Sims av £253 to £258 - P N Holdcroft

4 Lims av £176 to £250 - J & R Maydew

20 Continental Heifers

Looks better sold than the bulls with additional buyers and orders. Brian Goodwin had £268 and £245 for a smart couple of Blues with other better sorts £180 - £225. Mediums £100 - £160 with a few smaller sorts under £100.

17 Blues av £126 to £268 - N E Goodwin & Son

3 Sims av £195 to £225 - H & E Bailey & Partners

17 Natives

Less numbers but trade for the goods.

5 Hereford Bulls to £170 - FW & JF Brookes

6 AA Bulls to £198 - S & J Ryder

1 Hereford Heifer to £80 - J, CA & DN Tomlinson

5 AA Heifers to £112 - S & J Ryder

14 Black & White Bulls

Generally smaller calves to £10 - £28.

9 Reared Calves

£300 - Limousin Bulls (6 mths) - M Renshaw

£250 - Simmental Steer (3 mths) - M E Cawser

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale: Saturday 7th January

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Monthly Pedigree Dairy Christmas Show & Sale

90 HOLSTEINS, SHORTHORNS & JERSEYS

Fully Catalogued Sale from some of the Leading Herds in the Midlands and Surrounding Counties. A

TREMENDOUS ENTRY already received from:

Alsopdale (14), Amberhead, Bentygrange (2), Braemarhouse (5), Broomhouse (4), Brundcliffe, Collycroft (2), Coxongreen, Field (2), Hollyhurst (4), Honeycroft, Kennco (2), Leisure (3), Meldamar (6), Millhurst (2), Moreben (3), Overseal (4), Rownall (2), Shieldhouse (9), Sternmoor (3), Twemlow, Weaverdale (2), Whitecroft, Incl 14 Well Bred Youngstock from the Alsopdale Herd of Messrs Bunting & a Ped Blonde Stock Bull

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER - 10AM

Sale of Christmas Dressed Poultry

Entries of Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens etc

Please Advise of Entries
