

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

A quieter Tuesday following the Christmas break with less cattle forward but a full sheep shed with 1459 forward.

A solid trade for barren cattle with a mixed entry forward, topping at 188p/kg or £1449.25 per head. Clean cattle in good demand with the best to 288p/kg or £1488.30 per head.

An excellent entry of hogget's this week, seeing some strong prices up to 286p/kg twice or £157.38 per head. Cull ewes in good demand, topping at £188.

A small show of dairies sold up to £2300 for a fresh heifer.

Calves sold to a ring full of buyers with Blue Bulls to £370 and heifers to £240.

A strong trade for fat pigs and a quality entry sold up to 209p/kg for bacon pigs and some excellent prices throughout.

BARREN COWS (19);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry for the first week back, seeing a top price of 188p/kg for a 615kg Fleckvieh from Woodward Partners, Rudyard. A 775kg Simmental cow sold for 187p/kg from N & K Goddard, Glossop and a 495kg British Blue at 180p/kg from J E Archer & Sons, Hilton.

Other top prices;

159p 730kg Swedish Red - R J Clowes & Sons, Kingsley

157p 490kg Hereford - D Burton, Rough Close

153p 585kg British Blue - T B Thornley, Stanton

149p 780kg Holstein - F Yates & Son, Longford

146p 665kg Holstein - J & R Maydew, Consall

Overall average of 137.65p/kg or £837.88 per head.

Top headage price of £1449.25 for the 775kg Simmental from N & K Goddard, and Holsteins to £1162.20 from F Yates & co, £1160.70 for Swedish Reds and Fleckvieh to £1156.20.

CLEAN CATTLE;

Selling Time - Following Barren Cows

Auctioneer - Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A good trade for the cattle on offer with 288p/kg for a 470kg Limousin heifer from R P Hall, Heaton who also sold a 500kg Limousin for 281p/kg. A 615kg Angus heifer sold for 242p/kg from Home Farm, Rushton Spencer.

Black & white bulls sold well at 221p/kg for a 610kg Friesian from J E Archer & Sons, Hilton who had others at 207p/kg and 200p/kg.

Heifers sold up to £1488.30, £1405 & £1353.60 and bulls to £1348.10 and £1273.05.

DAIRIES;

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A nice entry forward for the first sale of 2023 saw a top price of £2300 for a 25kg heifer from June Sherratt of Meerbrook.

Close behind at £2240 was a sweet heifer from Messrs Phillips of Winkhill who saw their second heifer reach £2160.

Get in touch if you have stock to sell. Contact Meg Elliott on 07967 007049.

PIGS (114);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A strong entry for the first sale of 2023 with some quality pigs on offer, trade still remains strong albeit a bit less than before Christmas, top price 209p/kg for a trio of 88kg pigs J&B Fentem Alsop en-le Dale. Numerous pens over the 200p/kg mark again. Well meated sows in demand topping at 89p/kg with plainer feeding types harder to place.

Porkers in demand top price 197p/kg for 74kg pigs from J&B Fentem J&B Fentem Alsop en-le Dale, who had others to 174p/kg & 158p/kg. R Buckley, Sheffield had 75kg pigs to 173p/kg and others to 154p/kg.

Cutting pigs topped at 208p/kg for an 80kg pig from JA&B Minshull, Buxton who had others to 195p/kg, 176p/kg & 173p/kg. J&B Fentem realised 197p/kg for 83kg pigs and S Bailey, Knypersley had a pair of 85kg pigs to 195p/kg.

Bacon Pigs in very strong demand once again, top price 209p/kg for a trio of 88kg pigs J&B Fentem, who had others to 207p/kg for 92kg pigs. S Bailey had a 97kg pig to 208p/kg. Massie Farms Stafford had a run at 206p/kg, 204p/kg & 197p/kg. M R Banham, Bromsgrove had 90kg pigs to 203p/kg.

Heavy pigs a strong trade once again top price, 197p/kg for 106kg pigs from Massie Farms. R T Wilson, Oldham had 114kg pigs to 197p/kg, 115kg pigs from the same home realised 168p/kg.

Sows have picked up with a top price of 89p/kg for a 246kg sow from R T Wilson who had another to 67p/kg for a 283kg sow. M R Banham saw 58p/kg for a 184kg sow.

Pig Averages.

Pork Pigs (14)	av 177.57p/kg or £127.34/head
Cutting Pigs (20);	av 180.51p/kg or £149.19/head
Bacon Pigs (67);	av 180.78p/kg or £169.53/head
Heavy Pigs (10);	av 184.12p/kg or £206.95/head
Cull Sows (4);	av 62.58p/kg or £144.72/head

SHEEP SECTION;

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

HOGGETS (1108);

A strong entry of lambs for the post-Christmas sale and prices back but a good demand throughout.

Top price of 286p/kg twice from H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale for 43kg and 44kg lambs. Heavy lambs to 258p/kg for a 61kg lamb from the same home.

Overall average of 236.2p/kg.

Sample prices;

268p	30kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
274p	39kg	J Belfield & R Deakin-Gallimore, Leigh
270p	37kg	M S Lancaster, Congleton
268p	38.6kg	KW & AM Minshull, Bosley
286p	43.7kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
286p	44.3kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
280p	41kg	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
280p	42.5kg	D Williams, Basford
278p	42kg	M Jones, Rudyard
278p	48kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
278p	46.8kg	J Gilman & Partners, Bosely
269p	41.1kg	Mosley & Son, Wormhill
268p	50kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
258p	61kg	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
256p	56kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
255p	57kg	O Wardrobe, Horton

CULL SHEEP (351);

A strong demand for ewes this week, seeing a top price of £188, £182, £180 for strong ewes with plenty of meated ewes at £120 plus.

Overall average of £92.70 per head.

CALVES (77);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A short entry for the first sale of the new year but a good ring of buyers ensured that all calves looked well sold.

29 Continental Bulls

A very good trade this week with some good sorts about that had benefitted from an extra weeks milk. 11 better sorts topped £280 with a high of £370 for Andrew Hulme with a Blue. Mediums £180 - £260 with smaller, plainer or younger bulls less.

22 Blues av £222 to £370 - DW & P Hulme

3 Sims av £158 to £265 - Woodward Partners

2 Lims av £235 to £310 - N E Goodwin & Son

1 Char to £355 - D & G Tudor

17 Continental Heifers

Just a shame that were not more about with a super trade with buyers keen to fill the pens. 5 best over £200 and up to £240 for Peter Gilman with mediums £150 - £190 and a few smalls under £100.

15 Blues av £151 to £240 - P F Gilman

25 Natives

Generally better sold like all calves today.

2 Hereford Bulls to £255 - C Heath & Sons

13 AA Bulls to £180 - P E Holme & Son

1 Hereford Heifer to £90 - B E Wain

8 AA Heifers to £130 - T Swinson & Partners

6 Black & White Bulls

Generally £29 - £45 today.

1 Reared Hereford Steer (4mths) sold at £370 for

Messrs Gregory, Drointon.

SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY

Sale of 230 Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

Next Sale: Saturday 21st January

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY

Catalogued Sale of Store & Breeding Sheep

Including In-Lamb Sheep

Also, Derbyshire Diamond Texel In-Lamb

Show & Sale

Entries Close Friday 6th January

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2022

Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am

Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am

News from The Farming Life Centre

Farm for the Future

The next round of the Prince's Countryside Fund 'Farm for The Future' programme has begun! If you have not yet signed up there is still time to do so, participants from last time may take part again. Please get in touch to join.

Our first event will be taking place in January starting with an Environmental Workshop from Chris Seabridge of Seabridge Associates on how policy changes will affect your farm, tools and advice for moving forward, plus financial and practical opportunities within ELMs. There are two dates and venues for this talk: The Bentley Brook Inn at Fenny Bentley at 7pm on 12th January 2023 or The George Inn at Tideswell at 7pm on 18th January 2023.

Contact Alice on 07904 691 457 or email alice@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk to join the programme or book your place at the above event.

Low Carbon Agriculture Show

We will be running free coach transport and entry to the Low Carbon Agriculture 2023 show at the NAEC Stoneleigh on Wednesday 8th February (Pick-up and drop off Buxton Market Place and Ashbourne Market Place). The event will help you explore ways to make on-farm improvements through renewable energy, low carbon technology and carbon and environmental land management. If you would like to book a place please call 07483 373 435 or email

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