

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023

A good days trading at Leek Auctions on Valentine's Day! A better entry on barrens sold on a strong trade, topping at 205p/kg and £1711.05.

A mixed quality entry in the dairy shed saw a mixed trade. The best continue to thrive, topping at £2400 for a second calver. Look out for next weeks Pedigree Sale catalogue online shortly.

An uplift in prices in the sheep shed and a seasonal entry. Topping the day at 288p/kg was a pen of 42kg lambs and heavies to £137.34/head. Cull ewes in strong demand up to £170 and average of £104!

Fat pigs sold well again, seeing the best to 192p/kg for bacon pigs.

A good entry of calves this week and seeing the best to £395 for a British Blue bull and heifers to £300.

BARREN COWS (38);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A much improved entry to last week seeing a strong trade, selling up to 205p/kg for a 775kg Limousin cow from J Heath, Cheadle, who also sold a 705kg Hereford at 179p/kg. A 560kg British Blue realised 180p/kg for JH Thornhill, Disley who sold a 560kg Hereford for 179p/kg.

Black & white's sold up to 187p/kg for a 915kg Holstein from RJ & DJ Clement, Ball Green.

Other top prices;

176p 655kg Friesian - R Cooper & Son, Church Lawton

174p 545kg Friesian - J Brough & Son, Rudyard

173p 670kg Simmental - Norman & Coupe, Stone Edge

172p 790kg Holstein - S J Hooley, Butley

171p 650kg Ayrshire - D & J Moseley Ltd, Caverswall

168p 755kg Shorthorn - EB & BM Sutton, Moreton

168p 680kg Monty - Woodward Partners, Rudyard

Overall average of 149.34p/kg or £967.36/head.

Top headage price of £1711.05 for the 915kg Hosltein from RJ & DJ Clement, with Limousins to £1588.75, other Holsteins at £1444.80 and £1358.80; Shorthorns to £1268.40 and Herefords to £

A 995kg Beef Shorthorn bull sold well for 168p/kg from Bottom Lane Farm, Ipstones, to gross £1671.60.

A 615kg Simmental OTM steer sold for 196p/kg from EB & BM Sutton, Moreton to gross £1205.40.

Clean Cattle;

Selling time – Following Barren Cows

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry and a lack of butchers quality, seeing a top price of 198p/kg for a 610kg Friesian, with a 590kg Shorthorn at 190p/kg from P Shaw, Burton on Trent.

DAIRIES (76);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A good entry forward saw the lesser end more difficult to sell but the best a very strong trade.

Top price of £2400 went to Bradbury and Brookes of Field for a second calver giving 34kg to A Myatt of Blythe Bridge. He also went on to take a stylish heifer from Derek Davenport of Sandbach at £2300.

Andrew Mills of Ratcliffe on Wreake saw his British Friesian heifer reach £2200 to Ed Clowes of Kingsley.

There is already a superb entry for the Pedigree Sale next week with well over 60 entered and more expected. In addition we have good numbers already forward for the commercial section including 5 fresh cows from the Richardson's who continue their herd dispersal. Also a very genuine group of 10 Swedish Red X, Montbeliarde X and British Friesian X youngstock aged 6-12mths.

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

PIGS (98);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer –Ed Groves (07964 510145)

A reduced entry from last week, those best fat pigs still very much in demand on the day with averages across the board very pleasing. Top price 192p/kg for 87kg pigs PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch. Sows a sharp trade topping at 72p/kg for a 240kg sow from JA&B Minshall, Buxton.

Porkers topped at 181p/kg for 75kg pigs from J&B Fentem, Alsop en-le Dale. A Scott, Knutsford sold to 168p/kg for 73kg pigs. Robinson Partners, Tatenhill sold 69kg pigs to 168p/kg. J&B Fentem, Alsop en-le Dale 75kg pigs realised 155p/kg.

Cutters sold to 188p/kg for 79kg pigs from S Bailey, Knypersley. J&B Fentem, Alsop en-le Dale saw 183p/kg twice for 84kg & 80kg pigs, others from the same home to 182p/kg & 176p/kg for 83kg & 82kg pigs.

Bacon Pigs topped at 192p/kg for 87kg pigs from PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch, others from the same home realised 190p/kg & 186p/kg for 87kg & 95kg pigs. Others at 190p/kg for 97kg pigs from DB Goldstraw, Leek, who had others to 170p/kg for 92kg boars. J&B Fentem, Alsop en-le Dale had 89kg pigs to 186p/kg.

Sows a much sharper trade topping at 76p/kg for a 240kg sow from JA&B Minshull, Buxton. RA Watson, Fenny Bentley, Saw 70p/kg for a 240kg sow, a clean gilt from the same home realised 52p/kg weighing 257kg.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (16);	av 160.98p/kg or £112.58/head
Cutting Pigs (20);	av 175.40p/kg or £141.28/head
Bacon Pigs (59);	av 157.26p/kg or £151.55/head
Cull Sows (3);	av 65.68p/kg or £161.35/head

SHEEP SECTION.

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

HOGGETS (656);

A seasonal entry selling on a solid trade with a notable lift on the week and in line with expectations. The overall average at 240p/kg is however above expectations and pleasing to note.

Best sorts to 286p/kg and plenty of pens at 260p and better. More best sorts could be sold each week. Best big lambs to £137.34. SQQ average at 243.91p/kg and overall at 239.92p/kg.

Sample prices;

280p	38.6kg	C C & W Harding, New Chapel
276p	37.8kg	C C & W Harding, New Chapel
269p	38.8kg	D B Goldstraw, Meerbrook
265p	37.8kg	G & A Peach, Clifton
286p	42.1kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
273p	41kg	C E Leese, Eccleshall
267p	39.1kg	R & L Vernon, Rocester
266p	43kg	J A Hine, Biddulph Moor
266p	42.1kg	G H & M Torr, Bradnop
260p	50.3kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate

CULL SHEEP (242);

A slightly reduced entry seeing a solid trade with best ewes at £170 and heavy ewes again £140 plus.

Overall average a solid £104/head.

CALVES (150);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A lovely entry of calves this week although quality at times is not up to the usual Leek high standards.

36 Continental Bulls

More trade all the way through although a lot of plainer sorts on offer. 10 best topped £305 (mostly Blues) with a top of £395 for R & T Clowes & son, Dilhorne. Mediums £225 - £290 look well sold with smalls under £200.

28 Blues av £230 to £395 - R & T Clowes & Son

4 Sims av £180 to £288 - R Cooper & Son

3 Lims av £191 to £325 - F E Whittaker & Sons

37 Continental Heifers

Just like the bulls with buyers starting to look for good spring rearing calves. Two smart Blues sold at £300 each from Andrew Cotton, Tean and Andy Hulme, Basford. Better sorts generally £210 - £235; mediums £130 - £180 with smaller sorts under £100.

23 Blues av £136 to £300 - Two Vendors

9 Sims at £95 to £178 - S & M Huxley & Son

5 Lims av £161 to £220 - R & T Clowes & Son

45 Natives

Good money for the natives today.

10 Hereford Bulls to £214 - S J Hooley

13 AA Bulls to £202 - FA & TM Cotton

14 Hereford Heifers to £235 - S J Hooley

8 AA Heifers to £80 - O R Prince & Partners

7 Black & White Bulls

Only smaller sorts today.

25 Reared Calves

AA Bull (10 weeks) at £365

BB Heifers (9 weeks) at £360

3 British Blue Heifers (10 weeks) at £290

3 Monty Heifers (10 months) at £325

3 Monty Heifers (8-9 months) at £280

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am

Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Sale of 601 Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Monthly Pedigree Dairy Sale

60 HOLSTEINS, SHORTHORNS & BRITISH FRIESIANS

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

TREMENDOUS ENTRY already received from:

Alsopdale (3), Alsopdale (3), Bentygrange (3),

Braemarhouse (2), Brundcliffe, Chardan (5 – In-calf

Heifers), Chasmar (4), Coxongreen, Deanbank (5),

Emarbeth, Field (2), Leisure (3), Meldamar (4),

Shieldhouse (7), Sternmoor

Incl a Pedigree Dairy Shorthorn Stock Bull (2yrs)

Peak Farmers Group

February

Our next meeting will take look at how genetic data can help give your farm the edge and will take the form of a farm walk and talk led by genetics expert Marco Winters, AHDB Head of Animal Genetics.

Join us to learn more about: How and why data is analysed for breeding characteristics, indexes and what goes into them (including the new Envirocow which supports environmental efficiency), new traits such as TB advantage, genomics and carcass traits.

This will take place on Tuesday 28th February from 10am - 12.30pm, followed by lunch, at Old House Farm, Friden, Hartington, SK17 0DY.

March

For our March event we will be exploring the benefits of the Annual Health and Welfare Review which is now open for expressions of interest. Charlie Mays of LLM Farm Vets and Farm Manager David Howlett will be helping us get to grips with what the new scheme entails and the benefits it will bring. This will take place at Duns Farm, Chatsworth on Wednesday 15th March, 10am-12.30pm, closing with lunch and followed by an optional farm walk at 1pm.

To book a place at either event please call 07483 373435 or email info@peakfarmersgroup.co.uk