

**TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023**

Another busy Tuesday at Leek on a crisp winter's morning. 120 Cattle, 1134 sheep and 141 pigs entered.

Barren cows a strong trade with only black and whites on offer topping at 185p/kg for a 635kg Holstein.

Clean cattle topped at 237p/kg for a 540kg Blue heifer.

Dairies a strong trade for the quality on offer topping at £2680, with numerous over £2000.

Pigs topped at 200p/kg those best sorts a flying trade. More plainer & coloured types on offer reflected in the averages. Sow trade steadier on the week.

Hoggs a sharp trade for those best sorts topping at 275p/kg and £140/head. Overall average £224p/kg. Cull ewes once again a strong trade topping at £170 an average of £89.50.

Less calves about this week but met with a fierce trade. Blue bulls to £365 and blue heifers to £295.

#### **BARREN COWS (16);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

Barren Cows once again a strong trade for those on offer, all black and whites cows on offer. Top price on the day 185p/kg for a 635kg Holstein cow from WG & J Clark, Bradnop. J&R Maydew, Consall had a run of 3 realising £163p/kg, 159p/kg and 158p/kg for 734kg, 705kg and 158kg Holstein and Friesian cows.

Other top prices

157p/kg 765kg Friesian – FE Whitaker & Sons, Bosely  
156p/kg 655kg Holstein – PJ&JR Boffey, Church Lawton  
149p/kg 770kg X Breed -WG & J Clark, Bradnop  
137p/kg 705kg Friesian – JC&D Hudson, Hollinsclough.  
129p/kg 605kg Holstein -WG & J Clark, Bradnop  
129p/kg 560kg Friesian – DR&A Shuker & Sons, Bosley  
128p/kg 660kg Holstein – WE Turnock & Sons, Onecote  
125p/kg 585kg Friesian -DR&A Shuker & Sons, Bosley

Overall Average 140.01p/kg or £907/head

Top Headage Price 1214.35 for the 745kg cow from J&R Maydew, Consall

#### **Clean Cattle (2);**

**Selling time – Following Barren Cows**

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

Only two on offer top price 237p/kg for a 540kg heifer from JR Johnson, Ipstones. A 585kg heifer from R&E Bennett, Whiston realised 190p/kg.

#### **DAIRIES (28);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

DAIRIES TO £2680

On a day when quality was a little short in supply, trade remained defiantly strong with numerous passing the £2000 mark.

Topping the day was a Boghill Glamour Achan daughter from the Phillips family of Winkhill at £2680 with another heifer from Messrs Platt of Bamford to £2320.

Cows reached £2120 for a second calver from Bradbury and Brookes of Field with another from Messrs Darwin of Oxspring hot in pursuit at £2100. A fourth calver from Messrs Boffey of Church Lawton reached £1900.

Dairy Shorthorn Calves reached £370 from Gary Norbury of Sproston.

Next week we have the herd dispersal on behalf of the Harrison family of Kingsley. See further details below.

#### **PIGS (131);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

**Auctioneer – Ed Groves (07964 510145)**

More fat pigs about this week, those best pigs met with strong demand. A few plainer feeding sorts harder to place, reflected in the averages. Top Price 200p/kg for an 87kg pig from PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch.

Porkers harder work with mainly plainer types on offer. Top price 70p/kg for 68kg coloured pigs from S Foxley, Wolverhampton, who had others to 70p/kg, 60p/kg & 50p/kg. J N Walker, Redditch had 70p/kg for 63kg pigs.

Cutters sold to 191p/kg twice for 83kg & 80kg pigs from J&B Fentem, Allsop en-le Dale who had others to 190p/kg, 189p/kg, and 170p/kg x2. J G Belfield, Sheen

had 82kg pigs to 190p/kg and 166p/kg for 79kg pigs. A Worth, Marton saw 176p/kg for 77kg pigs.

Bacon Pigs topped at 200p/kg for an 87kg pig from PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch, others from the same home realised 198p/kg, 197p/kg and 194p/kg for 90kg, 88kg and 90kg pigs. G H Davies, Denbigh achieved 194p/kg for 87kg pigs. P J Bowers, Mow Cop had 93kg pigs realise 191p/kg. Numerous pens 185p/kg+

Heavy pigs topped at 150p/kg for 114kg pigs for G Davies, Denbigh. H Kelsall, Wilmslow had a 131kg pig releasing 140p/kg and 124kg to 120p/kg.

Two clean gilts at 60p/kg for a 200kg & 215kg clean gilts from PJ Saunders, Litchfield.

Sows were a struggle this week topping at 40p/kg for a 230kg sow from G Davies, Denbigh. PJ Saunders, Litchfield saw 40p/kg twice for 287 and 278kg sows. PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch also had 40p/kg for a 217kg sow.

Two Cull boars sold to 34p/kg for a 212kg boar from PJ Saunders, Litchfield and 20p/kg for a 280kg boar from G Davies, Denbigh.

#### Pig Averages.

Porkers (22);	av 59.73p/kg or £39.50/head
Cutting Pigs (41);	av 166.9p/kg or £134.86/head
Bacon Pigs (53);	av 169.0p/kg or £154.81/head
Heavy Pigs (6);	av 129.2p/kg or £149.82/head
Cull Sows (5);	av 38.00p/kg or £97.04/head
Cull Boars (2)	av 26.03p/kg or £64.04/head

#### **SHEEP SECTION.**

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

#### **HOGGETS (825);**

A strong entry met with a strong trade, in line with national trends and the previous days trading. To be fair, there was a higher proportion of leaner under finished hoggs forward, which were all sold, but had an impact on the average.

Big sorts still adding up to £140/head, and best shaped meated hoggs 260p/kg-275p/kg.

Overall Average 224p/kg

#### Sample Prices:

275p	37.8kg	RS Bailey, Cloudside
261p	38.9kg	SJ Pace & Co, Congleton
250p	37.9kg	Messers Greasley, Kedleston
266p	42.7kg	AJ Gilman, Elkstones
264p	43.0kg	SJ Kirkham, Buxton
261p	40.6kg	J Gilman, Bosley
265p	46.0kg	RS Bailey, Cloudside
260p	46.8kg	KW&AM Minshull, Bosley
252p	50.0kg	SJ Kirkham, Buxton
224p	61.0kg	H White, Snelston
220p	54.0kg	J Gilman, Bosley

#### **CULL SHEEP (309);**

Another Strong entry selling to £170 for best continental ewes from Ben Vernon, Marston, with heavy ewes generally £130 plus. Mules a similar trade with the very best around £100, but meated sorts generally £75-£85.

Overall average: £89.50

#### **CALVES (74);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A very short day in the calf shed but a remarkable trade throughout.

#### **20 Continental Bulls**

A solid price for the bulls, with the early spring rearing men starting to appear and wanting good rearers. The four best topped at £320 and up to £365 for messers Heath, Stone. Mediums £230 to £300 with a few smaller under £200.

12 Blues av. £265 to £365 HW Heath + Son

6 Sims av. £171 to £265 DG + JA Ball

3 Lim av. £274 to £300 GR Spink

#### **24 Continental Heifers**

Just like the bulls and possibly better sold. Simmentals on the day at £295 from MN Bailey. With the top 6 over £235. Mediums £170 to £200 with a few smalls under £150.

14 Blues av. £174 to £270 AJ+T Myatt

6 Sims av. £235 to £295 MN Bailey

3 Lim av. £164 to £180 JC + D Hudson

#### **20 Natives**

Always good to sell at Leek.

4 Hereford bulls av. £129 to £200 Rowland Partners

4 Aberdeen Angus av. £161 to £218 PE Holmes + Son

2 Hereford to £86 Rowland Partners

2 Aberdeen Angus to £218 PE Holmes + Son

#### **10 Black and White Bulls**

Stronger money, Friesians to £96, heifers to £78 and a Monty to £135

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#### **SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

**Catalogued Sale of Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Including In-Lamb Sheep**

**Entries Close Friday 3rd February**

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#### **SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am**

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#### **SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries Close Friday 10th February**

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