

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

A last Tuesday for February saw some good entries forward with 171 cattle and 1244 sheep forward.

A strong trade for barren cattle as they continue to be in demand, with the best to 225p/kg and £1383.75.

The dairy shed met a mixed trade and quality, but heifers up to £2200 and cows for £2040.

A large entry of pigs sold on a fantastic trade, with numerous pens £2 and above! Top prices of 215p/kg twice for bacon pigs and sows to £99p/kg.

Hogg's sold to a good enquiry and best lambs selling very well, up to 292p/kg and heavies to £148.41/head. Cull ewes sold up to £174 and plainer ewes harder to place.

Demand for calves is still high with the current beef sales, seeing the best qualities to £415 for Blue bulls and heifers to £310.

BARREN COWS (32);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A good entry sold on a solid trade, seeing the best at £2/kilo! Top price of 225p/kg for a 615kg Charolais from S Kidd Farmers, Longnor and a 500kg Hereford at 208p/kg from D & E A Jeffery, Roston.

Other cows sold to 197p/kg for a 615kg Limousin from D & EA Jeffery and 196p/kg for a 490kg British Blue from J & D Kidd, Flash.

Other top prices include;

191p 520kg Hereford - B W Swindells, Onecote
185p 640kg Hereford - B W Swindells, Onecote
185p 575kg Hereford - B W Swindells, Onecote
183p 730kg Holstein - E Morley & Sons, Kirk Langley
180p 700kg Friesian - WG & J Clark, Bradnop
180p 730kg Charolais - H G Nutter, Grindon
178p 620kg British Blue - E T Simpson, Winkhill
177p 650kg Limousin - H G Nutter, Grindon

Overall average of 163.96p/kg or £1022.73 per head.

Top headage price of £1383.75 for Charolais with Holsteins to £1335.90; Friesians to £1325.25; other Charolais to £1314.

DAIRIES (36);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

DAIRIES TO £2200

Trade continues to be unpredictable which probably wasn't helped by the mixed quality on offer.

Topping the day at £2200 was a Montbeliarde X Heifer from the Pearson family of Peak Forest with cows peaking at £2040 for a second calver from the Darwin family of Sheffield.

Further details will be out shortly for the Herd Dispersal on behalf of the Gosling family on 14th March.

PIGS (138);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer –Ed Groves (07964 510145)

Trade once again flying high in the pig shed today. Those best pigs are easily sold and met with fierce demand. Top price 215p/kg x2 from Massie Farms, Stafford for 95kg pigs and from JA & B Minshull, Buxton for 93kg pigs. Those best meated sows on fire topping at 99p/kg for a 207kg sow from R Watson, Fenny Bentley.

Porkers topped at 181p/kg for 69kg pigs from J&B Fentem, Allsop En-Le Dale, who had others to 178p/kg and 170p/kg for 75kg pigs and 69kg pigs. JG Belfield, Sheen had a 75kg pig to 179p/kg. A few coloured leaners sorts on offer this week were harder to place which were reflected in the averages.

Cutters topped at 213p/kg for 84kg pigs from J&B Fentem, Allsop En-Le Dale, who had others 210p/kg, 204p/kg for 78kg pigs & 79kg pigs. JG Belfield, Sheen as 83kg pigs to 209p/kg. R&L Vernon, Marston Montgomery has 84kg boars to 194p/kg.

Baconers were once again on fire with over 10 pens over the 200p/kg mark. Top price 215p/kg x2 from Massie Farms, Stafford for 95kg pigs, who had others to 214p/kg, 212p/kg, 210p/kg, 208p/kg & 206p/kg. JA & B Minshull, Buxton also had 215p/kg for 93kg pigs. S Bailey, Knypersley saw 213p/kg for an 86kg pig.

Heavy pigs topped at 191p/kg for W Hurley, Macclesfield for a 113kg pig. PF + PD Parsons had a trio of 105kg pigs to 172p/kg.

Best Meated Sows topped at 99p/kg for a 207kg sow from RA Watson, Fenny Bentley, who had another to 96p/kg for a 246kg sow.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (12);	av 147.77p/kg or £99.25/head
Cutting Pigs (31);	av 176.87p/kg or £144.74/head
Bacon Pigs (71);	av 197.02p/kg or £184.62/head
Heravy Pigs (6);	av 167.23p/kg or £183.11/head
Cull Sows (3);	av 76.81p/kg or £166.93/head

SHEEP SECTION.

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

HOGGETS (900);

An increased entry met a solid trade throughout, and a gain the best lambs in very strong demand throughout.

Best sorts to 292p/kg and plenty at 270p/kg and above. Heavy lambs adding up well for the best at £148.41.

Overall average at 239p/kg.

Sample prices;

289p	37.1kg	CC & W Harding, New Chapel
280p	38kg	G & A Peach, Clifton
292p	39.4kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
280p	45kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
280p	41.6kg	H Hodgkinson & Son, Earl Sterndale
280p	44.3kg	R & S Bailey, Cloudside
291p	51kg	H Hodgkinson & Son, Earl Sterndale
243p	54kg	G A Titterton, Milwich
240p	55.5kg	N E Goodwin & Son, Upper Hulme

CULL SHEEP (344);

A good entry sold at £174/head for best Texel's from R & S Bailey. Best Mules at £110. Every plain ewes hard to sell.

Overall average at £89.62.

CALVES (102);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A few less but trade continues to be strong, even better this week than last weeks levels.

28 Continental Bulls

Buyers in town for the best and second quality today with a good show of calves on offer. 8 better bulls topped £330 with a high of £415 for Graham Myatt's Blue with Andy Williamson at £390 and Stephen Johnson at £370. Mediums bulls £250 - £300 with a few smaller bulls under £200.

17 Blues av £289 to £415 - G W Myatt & Partners

3 Sims av £218 to £330 - C Dale

8 Lims av £224 to £340 - F E Whittaker & Sons

25 Continental Heifers

Not the quality overall of the bulls this week but a solid price. 10 better sorts topped £200 with a high of £310 for a lovely Blue from K W Cresswell, Yeaveley, mediums £140 - £190.

19 Blues av £174 to £310 - K W Cresswell

5 Lims av £132 to £205 - F Yates & Son

17 Natives

Some good calves and good money today.

4 Hereford Bulls av £251 to £335 - G R & D Hawkins

6 AA Bulls av £107 to £220 - T Swinson & Partners

3 Hereford Heifers av £128 to £170 - J & W Knight

3 AA Heifers av £101 to £205 - T Swinson & Partners

30 Black & White Bulls

Friesians to £120; Monty to £158 with the smaller Holsteins generally £30 - £50 today.

2 Reared Heifers

The best Limy x Angus heifer (3mths) at £350 from D J Gregory, Drointon.

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

Sale of 540 Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

Retirement Dispersal of Workshop Equipment

Including Woodwork Equipment, Tools,

Memorabilia & Collectables

Sale Starts at 11am at Leek Auctions

Catalogue Available on our Website!

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am

Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am

Peak Farmers Group

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 Dunsa 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