

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

The Easter Tuesday sale with good entries forward. A busy morning in the sheep shed attracted a good entry and a fast trade in all sections with spring lambs to 439p/kg, hogs reaching 371p/kg, and cull ewes reaching crazy heights of £251.

A shortage of barren cattle saw a strong trade with the best to 189p/kg and £1513.35.

A nice entry of milkers saw heifers to £2020. Don't forget to check out the pedigree dairy catalogue online over the weekend.

The pig shed saw a good entry selling on a strong trade, with the best cutters topping at 220p/kg and 214p/kg for bacon pigs.

Calves sold well for the quality on offer saw the best continentals to £405 for a Simmental bull and heifers to £250.

BARREN COWS (13);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

Only a small entry for the bank holiday Tuesday and a very strong trade! Top price of 189p/kg for a 550kg Charolais cow from G R Weston, Longsdon with a 540kg British Blue at 186p/kg from R W Radford, Longnor. A 570kg Beef Shorthorn sold for 180p/kg from GG Hall & Son, Croxden.

Black & white's sold to 177p/kg twice for a 635kg Holstein from A & JE Goldstraw, Waterhouses and for a 685kg Holstein from S & M Huxley. 173p/kg for a 610kg Holstein from W E Turnock & Sons, Onecote who also sold a 885kg Holstein at 171p/kg.

Overall average of £176.39p/kg or £1068.85 per head.

Two overage steers topped at 230p/kg for a 640kg Hereford and a 630kg Hereford for 210p/kg, both from Home Farm, Rushton Spencer.

Top headage price of £1513.35 for Holsteins with others at £1212.45, £1123.95 and Charolais to £1039.50 and Beef Shorthorns to £1028.50.

CLEAN CATTLE;

A small entry sold to 250p/kg for a 600kg Simmental heifer from Home Farm, Rushton and a 545kg Charolais at 242p/kg from the same home.

DAIRIES;

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A reduced entry saw a top price of £2020 for a pretty heifer from Andrew Armett of West Leake to Messrs Robinson of Rudyard.

A second calver giving 31.5kg from Bradbury & Brookes of Field reached £1940 and went for Ed Clowes of Kingsley.

Some nice entries already in for the Pedigree sale next week with the herd sale of Procross on the 25th April.

PIGS (111);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Ed Groves (07964 510145)

Once again, a strong show of pigs with some real quality of on offer, a few less in today totalling 111 head. Trade remains on fire for those best pigs with no fats below 140p/kg today, topping at 220p/kg for 82kg gilts from D Goldstraw, Meerbrook. Only one sow on offer selling to 50p/kg. Long may this trade continue the averages speak for themselves.

Cutting Pigs

Cutters a solid trade topping at 220p/kg for 82kg gilts from D Goldstraw, Meerbrook, Boars from the same home realised 194p/kg for 84kg pigs. Other top prices include 216p/kg for an 84kg gilt from S Bailey, Knypersley. JA&B Minshull, Buxton had 78kg pigs to 213p/kg. Multiple pens past 200p/kg, trade generally 185-195p/kg.

Bacon Pigs

Baconers topped at 214p/kg for 94kg pigs from Massie Farms, Stafford who had a run to 213p/kg, 212p/kg x3, 211p/kg & 208p/kg. D Goldstraw, Meerbrook had an 89kg gilt to 214p/kg. J&B Fentem Allsop En-Le Dale had an 89kg trio to 208p/kg. PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch saw 204p/kg for an 87kg trio. Trade generally 190p/kg+ with headage prices well over the £200 Mark on several occasions.

Heavy Pigs

Heavies topped at 180p/kg or £295 for a 164kg gilt from B E Wain, Siddington. PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch saw 150p/kg for 106kg pigs and RA Watson, Fenny Bentley Saw 146P/kg for a 166kg boar.

Cull Sow

One cull sow from RA Watson, Fenny Bentley topped at 50p/kg for a 228 kg sow.

Pig Averages.

Cutting Pigs (38); av 189.01p/kg or £152.50/head
Bacon Pigs (67); av 198.01p/kg or £185.17/head
Heavy Pigs (4) av 158.67p/kg or £213.89/head
Cull Sows (1) av. 50.00p/kg or £114.00/head

SHEEP SECTION.

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (39);

A quality entry sold on a fast trade with all types in demand which can be seen in the prices achieved. Top price of 438p/kg and £168.92 per head!

Overall average of 409.56p/kg and £154.37/head.

Sample prices;

388p 31kg AW & RA Mycock, Flagg
438p 35.5kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
435p 35kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
430p 38kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
430p 38kg IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington
428p 39.4kg IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington
418p 40kg IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington

HOGGETS (810);

What a trade!! Buyers were out in force and with a strong entry forward, an overall average of 313.3p/kg! Top prices of 371p/kg for 36.1kg hogs for R Challinor and plenty over 350p.

Heavies sold up to 358p/kg for a pen of 55.8kg hogs from Jack Belfield.

Sample prices;

371p 36.1kg R Challinor, Dilhorne
370p 38.4kg R Challinor, Dilhorne
363p 38.3kg R Challinor, Dilhorne
356p 41.8kg D Machin, Horton
352p 41kg S Bailey, Knypersley
352p 44.1k D Machin, Horton
364p 48.9kg J Belfield & R Deakin-Gallimore, Leigh
349p 47kg G W Myatt & Partners, Endon
346p 48.8kg D Williams, Basford
336p 49.7kg C W Shenton, Wilmslow
358p 55.8kg J Belfield & R Deakin-Gallimore, Leigh
334p 56kg R G Hall, Congleton
328p 55kg R G Hall, Congleton

CULL SHEEP (188);

Cull sheep on fire and dearest we've seen in a long time with the whole entry averaged an incredible £139.58 per head!! Lots of pens over £200 with the best to £251 for a pen of 9 from EF & JE Beswick, Grindon and other top prices of £238, £233, £224, £221, £220 etc.

CALVES (123);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A very good entry for the post bank holiday market with buyers for every category and generally trade stronger.

Continental Bulls

The best a very fast trade with more customers out for the second and third class good than last week.

Top call £405 for a Simmental (26 days) from Mark Bailey at Biddulph Moor. The best 10 continental bulls averaged £312.

31 Blues av £157.88 to £310 - W E Turnock & Sons
6 Sims av £321.17 to £405 - M Bailey
11 Lims av £257.55 to £295 - J Kirkham

Continental Heifers

A lot of potential buyers around the ring. The top 10 continental heifers averaged £232.

33 Blues av £128.57 to £240 - W E Turnock & Sons
7 Sims av £226.14 to £250 - S & M Huxley & Son
6 Lims av £177.83 to £225 - J Kirkham

29 Natives

Plenty of interest with Herefords particularly well sold and only a few small type Friesian bulls forward.
Friesian Bulls to £62
Shorthorn Bulls to £60 - M Berrisford, Betley
Montbeliarde Bulls to £128 - Woodward Partners
Hereford Bulls to £180 - M Berrisford, Betley
Angus Bulls to £175 - MA & WJ Jolliffe, Milwich
Hereford Heifers to £172 - Rowland Partners
Angus Heifers to £128 - C S & J Prine

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

**Sale of 619 Store & Breeding Cattle
Catalogues Available Online**

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**First Fortnightly Sale of Ewes & Hogs with Lambs
at Foot - Please advise of entries! Sale at 11am.**

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**Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am
Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am**
