

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2023

A busy Tuesday sale saw the Easter Lamb Show & Sale attract an excellent entry of Spring Lambs which sold very well, with the Champion 45kg lamb achieve 980p/kg (£441). Away from the show, demand for sheep was very good, seeing hogs to 354p/kg, and cull sheep to £224.

A good entry of barren cattle sold on a solid trade, with the best to 197p/kg and plenty 180p/kg and above. Top headage price of £1503.50.

A large entry of pigs this week and prices remain over 200p/kg with the best to 205p/kg and £198.97.

A mixed entry of dairies this week with 44 forward and topping at £2000 for a second calver.

169 calves forward and a large proportion of smaller types forward however demand for all types and the best to £380 for a Blonde bull and heifers to £265.

#### **BARREN COWS (34);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A good entry sold on a solid trade selling up to 198p/kg for a 475kg British Blue from R Edwards, Freehay and 197p/kg for a 685kg Charolais cow from D G Ditchfield, Calwich. A 595kg Angus achieved 195p/kg for D Beswick, Ipstones.

Other prices include;

194p 775kg Limousin - D G Ditchfield Ltd, Calwich  
193p 665kg Hereford - D G Ditchfield Ltd, Calwich  
189p 635kg Shorthorn - G K Tunnicliffe & Son Gradbach  
189p 630kg Angus - DA & LM Moss, Heaton  
187p 660kg Friesian - Foker Grange Farm Ltd, Leek  
184p 595kg Holstein - P N Holdcroft, Brown Edge  
184p 550kg British Blue - G R Weston, Longsdon  
180p 660kg Friesian - DR & A Shuker & Sons, Bosley  
180p 795kg Friesian - R J Clowes & Sons, Kingsley

Overall average of 165.39p/kg or £1058.97/head.

Top headage prices of £1503.50 for Limousins, Frieseians to £1431, Charolais to £1349.45 and Herefords to £1283.45.

An OTM Beef Shorthorn bull (8yrs) weighing 1010kg realised 149p/kg for G K Tunnicliffe & Son, Gradbach.

#### **DAIRIES (44);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

**44 DAIRIES TOP AT £2000**

A mixed quality and a mixed trade leaves you wondering whether the 5 pence plus milk price drops are starting to impact.

Topping the day at £2000 was second calver from Bradbury & Brookes of Field with heifers peaking at £1900 from Andrew Mills.

Look out for the sale of the Procross Milking Herd from David Dashwood of Brackley, Northants at the end of the month. These are a really good herd of cows that are well worthy of inspection.

#### **PIGS (165);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

A good show of pigs again with 165 head forward, trade remains very strong particularly for those best sorts. Sows once again in demand.

Porkers were in strong demand today. Top price from JA&B Minshull, Buxton for a 70kg gilt to 190p/kg. GH Davies, Denbigh saw 74kg pigs to 189p/kg and 71kg pigs to 172p/kg.

Cutting Pigs topped at 202p/kg for 77kg pigs from GH Davies. J&B Fentem, Allsop En-Le Dale also saw 202p/kg for 82 kg pigs. PF+PD Parsons, Whitchurch had an 81kg gilt to 201p/kg. Nothing below 160p/kg.

Baconers topped at 205p/kg twice for 95kg and 92kg pigs from Massie Farms, Stafford. Who had others to 202p/kg, 198p/kg & 197p/kg. GH Davies had 91kg pigs to 200p/kg. Trade generally 180p/kg+

Heavy pigs topped at 173p/kg for a pair of 112kg pigs from JG Belfield, Sheen. J&B Fentem saw 160p/kg for a 108kg pig.

Sows Topped at 85p/kg for a 236kg sow from JW&B Bennett, Abbots Bromley, with another from the same home realising 60p/kg. A Worth, Marton has a 164kg sow to 74p/kg.

### Pig Averages.

Porkers (13);	av 177.95p/kg or £127.99/head
Cutting Pigs (34);	av 184.80p/kg or £149.64/head
Bacon Pigs (109);	av 181.71p/kg or £170.67/head
Heavy Pigs (3);	av 168.77p/kg or £186.77/head
Cull Sows (4);	av. 69.47p/kg or £135.29/head
Cull Boars (2);	av. 15.00p/kg or £46.05/head

### **SHEEP SECTION.**

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

#### **SPRING LAMBS (99);**

A good show of spring lambs for the Easter Show & Sale saw excellent buying support and a solid trade throughout.

Champion of the day went to John & Gary Fryer of Horton who showed an excellent 45kg single lamb which was purchased by Mr Daniel Hill (the Judge) on behalf of M Najib & Sons.

First price in the over 38kg pairs went to RG & AS Williamson who achieved 585p/kg for their 42kg lambs purchased by Peter Lymer of JW Ash & Son butchers of Leek. First prize in the up to 38kg class went to R Brough & Son, Monyash and was purchased on behalf of Lee Walker family butchers of Stone at 540p/kg.

Away from the prize winners, trade was very brisk for the best lambs with plenty at 450p and better with only very heavy or inside lambs at less than 350p/kg.

Overall average of 406p/kg.

#### Sample prices;

470p	32kg	C G Buckston, Sutton on the Hill
540p	38kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
540p	37kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
510p	35kg	C G Buckston, Sutton on the Hill
490p	35kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
490p	36kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
480p	39kg	C G Buckston, Sutton on the Hill
980p	45kg	J & GJ Fryer, Horton
585p	42kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
495p	45kg	IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington
380p	48kg	IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington

#### **HOGGETS (890);**

A good number of hoggs again selling on a fast trade, particularly for the best shaped and meaty sorts. Weight is the issue for the best lambs with heavies topping at 338p/kg and overweight's at 308p/kg. plenty at £150/head and better.

Best handy weights at 354p/kg and more of those required!

Overall average of 296.05p/kg.

#### Sample prices;

342p	37.8kg	S J Pace & Co, Congleton
338p	38.2kg	P J Bowers, Mow Cop
330p	38.3kg	K & A Smith, Mammerton
328p	35.3kg	T R Lomas, North Rode
354p	44.5kg	M Jones, Rudyard
352p	43.7kg	R D Machin, Horton
350p	44kg	A Mitchell & Son, Knutsford
349p	42.2kg	A Mitchell & Son, Knutsford
339p	40.1kg	S J Pace & Co, Congleton
334p	45kg	Amy Seabridge, Stone
338p	45.7kg	R Hall, Uttoxeter
336p	47.2kg	M Jones, Rudyard
336p	51kg	D Machin, Rudyard
332p	51.7kg	FS & MJ Heath, Pipe Gate
329p	49.5kg	G T Worsley & Son, Chapel en le Frith
308p	54kg	R Bassett & Son, Hulme End

#### **CULL SHEEP (280);**

A good entry selling to a top of £224 for an outstanding ewe from Jack Belfield, closely followed by Texels to £216 from Ben Vernon. Six lots from 4 vendors breaking the £200 barrier today!

Best Mules around £110 - £115 but more leaner sorts coming forward which struggle to achieve competitive bidding.

Overall average at £108/head. More of the best ewes required!

#### **CALVES (169);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A good crop of calves this week with quality thin on the ground but all sold well to a good ring of buyers.

#### **60 Continental Bulls**

The averages mean nothing this week with some very small calves out of NZ style cows. Best calves still comfortably over £300 with a high of £380 for a Blonde bull from DW & P Hulme, Basford. Most of the mediums £200 - £280 with 19 cross bred sorts under £90.

42 Blues	av £146 to £325	- J, CA & DN Tomlinson
7 Sims	av £249 to £320	- TD & DA Higginson
7 Lims	av £235 to £265	- F Yates & Son
4 Char/Blo	av £290 to £380	- DW & P Hulme

#### **61 Continental Heifers**

Just like the bulls with the quality well bid for and smaller sorts all finding new homes at appropriate prices. 5 best heifers topped £250 and up to £265 for both Charolais and British Blues. Medium heifers £160 - £220 with smaller sorts under £100.

50 Blues	av £93 to £265	- J, CA & DN Tomlinson
4 Sims	av £202 to £252	- H & E Bailey & Partners
2 Char	av £225 to £265	- D & G Tudor

**41 Natives**

Well bid for with some excellent calves on offer.

15 AA Bulls av £107 to £330 - F E Whittaker & Sons

11 AA Heifers av £53 to £250 - F E Whittaker & Sons

6 Hereford Bulls av £92 to £170 - JA & HE Warrington

8 Hereford Heifers to £86 - D I Ball & Son

**2 Reared Calves**

British Blue heifers at 5 months old at £420 for J  
Barker, Baddeley Edge.

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**SATURDAY 15TH APRIL**

**Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries Close this Weekend**

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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**

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