

TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023

Another busy Tuesday at Leek with a full sheep shed and the monthly Pedigree Dairy Sale.

Trade remains strong in the sheep sections, seeing more spring lambs forward, and selling up to 400p/kg or £173.88 per head. Plenty of hogs still coming forward, and the best to 336p/kg and £181.57. Ewes selling very well once again, and the best to £192.

Dairies sold on a mixed enquiry, with quality selling very well, but other qualities difficult to place. Best heifers sold up to £2320 and cows to £2180.

Pigs an excellent trade once again with 131 sold topping at 220p/kg twice. More of those best white pigs required each week.

A shortage of barrens and more required each week! Strong prices were received with the best to 208p/kg.

More calves about this week, met a ring full of buyers after stock, seeing bulls to £450 and heifers to £335.

BARREN COWS (20);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A similar trade to last week and lack of numbers for the demand on offer!! Top price of 208p/kg twice for a 560kg Friesian from DR & A Shuker & Sons, and also for a 820kg Simmental from Bottom Lane Farm, Ipstones.

A 570kg Montbeliarde realised 197p/kg for SC, FE & JA Harvey, Waterfall, who also sold a 690kg Monty for 189p/kg.

A 620kg British Blue sold for 196p/kg from G R Weston, Longsdon, and a 475kg Limousin from S Kidd Farmers, Longnor realised 194p/kg, who also sold a 545kg Blue for 188p/kg. A 690kg Hereford sold for 192p/kg from J Salmon, Werrington.

Overall average of 175.61p/kg or £1104.81 per head.

Top headage price of £1705.60 for Simmentals, Herefords to £1324.80, Montbeliarde's to £1304.10 and Ayrshires to £1267.25.

Two OTM bulls forward this week with a 1110kg Charolais selling for 163p/kg (£1809.30) from C & EJ Whilock, Werrington and a 675kg Dexter sold for 125p/kg (£843.75) from S J Booth, Lymm.

Clean Cattle;

Just one today being a 540kg Hereford heifer selling at 234p/kg from B E Wain, Siddington.

PIGS (131);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Ed Groves (07964 510145)

Once again trade remains on fire at Leek with fats topping at 220p/kg twice Averages looking incredibly healthy over 200p/kg for those prime pigs.

Fat Pigs

Porkers topped at 220p/kg from JA & B Minshull, Buxton for a 65kg pig. Others to 203p/kg from R Watson, Frodsham, who had others to 190p/kg.

Cutters were very much in demand topping at 215p/kg x3 from J&B Fentem for 85kg pigs, others from the same home realised 213p/kg & 210p/kg. PF&PD Parsons, Whitchurch also saw 215p/kg for 85 pigs.

Baconers topped at 220p/kg from DB Goldstraw, Meerbrook for 101kg pigs. S Bailey Knypersley saw 218p/kg for 89kg pigs, Massie Farms, Stafford had a run to 217p/kg for 94kg pigs others to 215p/kg x3, 214p/kg x2 and 212p/kg. MC&E Beattie, Allstock Saw 216p/kg for 100kg pigs.

Heavies topped at 193p/kg for a 110kg boar from DB Goldstraw. PF&PD Parsons saw 189p/kg for a 122kg pig. J&B Minshull had a 106kg pig to 181p/kg. Native bred Hampshire x pigs to 140p/kg for 136kg and 105kg pigs from R Watson, Frodsham.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (17)	av.200.74p/kg or £126.70/head
Cutting Pigs (20);	av 204.27p/kg or £168.02/head
Bacon Pigs (78);	av 205.68p/kg or £193.57/head
Heavy Pigs (7)	av 160.50p/kg or £180.68/head
Cull Sows (3)	av. 75.89p/kg or £199.58/head

DAIRIES (66);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

A funny trade for milkers at the May pedigree sale, no doubt not helped by the good silaging weather.

Top call for black & white's was £2320 for a Batman daughter from the Shepherd family of Bakewell, giving 32kg she went to Andrew Neville of Matlock. Another Batman daughter from the same home reached £2280 to Messrs Howell of Yarlet.

Andrew Stone, Onecote saw his Bidlea Isaac daughter reach £2240 to Messrs Sellors of Grangemill.

Cows peaked at £2180 for a second calver from the Needham family of Rushton.

In-calf heifer from Richard Lomas of Calow reached £1620 with calves topping at £290.

The special entry of Shorthorns were very well received with a heifer from Messrs Hole of Ashover topping at £2300 to Messrs Malkin of Stone. Cows topped at £1820 for a third calver from Richard Harper. Several commercial shorthorn heifers from the Hollinworth family of Ashover topped at £1110.

Youngstock from the Bailey family of Oswestry sold particularly well with a September born heifer by Tanat Valleyrun making £640 with others to £620 and £600.

SHEEP SECTION

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (238);

An increasing entry seeing another solid trade for all types on offer. Best lambs to 400p from Ian Wilson and family and also B Butterworth & Son. Best lambs generally 370p and above and a number of big lambs grossing £150 plus, topping at £173.88 from John & Gary Fryer, Horton.

Overall average at 358p/kg.

Sample prices;

400p	38.2kg	IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington
376p	37kg	T J Nicholls, Stone
400p	40kg	B Butterworth & Son, Barton
380p	42kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
380p	40kg	RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks
374p	41kg	R Brough & Son, Monyash
374p	44.4kg	IE, M & A Wilson, Hollington
378p	46kg	J & GJ Fryer, Horton

HOGGETS (689);

Numbers keep coming, and trade keeps strong for the well fed types, although not at the heights of recent weeks, in line with expectations. It is noted however an increasing proportion of the entry are 'tail end types' as to be expected.

Best sorts at 320p plus to a top of 336p/kg and £181.57 in the lump.

Overall average at 282p/kg, represents the quality more than the demand.

Sample prices;

292p	30.8kg	E Salt, Dove Holes
320p	37.1kg	I G Forrester, Trent Vale
310p	39kg	P Timmis, Stowe by Chartley
301p	37.5kg	J Forrester, Tean
332p	41kg	J Belfield & R Deakin-Gallimore, Leigh
312p	40.5kg	I G Forrester, Trent Vale
306p	41kg	C W Shenton, Wilmslow
336p	48kg	D Williams, Basford
326p	51.7kg	D Williams, Basford
320p	50kg	J Belfield & R Deakin-Gallimore, Leigh
318p	49.5kg	R Hall, Heaton
315p	51.8kg	R Hall, Heaton
327p	53.8kg	D Williams, Basford
326p	54.1kg	JM & ADJ Hayes, Alstonefield
320p	53.7kg	D Williams, Basford
311p	53.5kg	P D Brittain-Carlidge, Staden

CULL SHEEP (462);

A surprisingly large entry with vendors clearly taking advantage of being able to leave the farm after lambing etc. Best ewes well bid for at £192 and plenty at £170 plus. Best Mules to £130.

Overall average of £117/head.

CALVES (150);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

Better numbers and trade remains incredible with numerous spring purchasers around the ring and looking for numbers.

47 Continental Bulls

Wow, what a trade with calves looking well sold all day although a number of smaller Blues (whilst looking well sold) did nothing to enhance the average. 11 best bulls topped £330 with Simmentals at the top and a stunner from Angela Bailey at £450 and Andrew Huxley at £445, both selling to different Yorkshire buyers. Medium bulls £260 - £320 with a number of smaller calves, mostly blues £110 - £190.

33 Blues av £206 to £380 - D W & P Hulme
9 Sims av £341 to £450 - H & E Bailey & Partners
4 Lims av £288 to £330 - Woodward Partners
1 Blonde to £300 - B E Wain

46 Continental Heifers

Very good to sell again and plenty of new and returning purchasers looking for all shapes and sizes. 3 smart 2 month old Blues made £335 and £300 with fresh Simmentals to £285. 9 best sold over £225; mediums £170 - £210 with a number of smaller sorts under £150.
38 Blues av £144 to £335 - Robinson Partners
3 Sims av £233 to £285 - RG & AS Williamson
5 Lims av £166 to £210 - P G Beswick & Sons

32 Natives

Very good to sell again.

10 Hereford Bulls av £164 to £340 - A R Jackson

9 AA Bulls av £118 to £305 - S & J Ryder

5 Hereford Heifers av £107 to £185 - A R Jackson

5 AA Heifers av £151 to £315 - S & J Ryder

14 Black & White Bulls

Medium rearer's £70 - £90 with the smaller bulls generally £30 - £50.

11 Reared Calves

Sim Heifers (6-7mths) to £550 - G Wilson

Sim Heifers (5mths) to £500 - A Howe

AA Heifers (6mths) to £500 - G Wilson

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

Fortnightly Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Catalogues Available Online

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

Fortnightly Sale of Ewes & Hogs with Lambs at

Foot - Please advise of entries! Sale at 11am.

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am

Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am
