

TUESDAY 25th JULY 2023

A quiet day in Leek today saw a slight dip in trade.

Dairies, 51 on offer today, reaching a top price of £2300 for a third time calver, giving 55kg to L Neville of Tansley.

Lambs, we saw a smaller entry today, probably as a result of the recent wet weather, best price at 289p/kg and a top headage of £142.80 for big lambs.

Pigs, smaller numbers again this week with Porkers topping at 242p/kg for 70kg pigs from EA Cooper, Taddington.

Calves saw a slight dip in numbers with 120 sold, Native bred Heifers best sold on the day.

Barren cows topped at 164p/kg for MM & CJ Sutton, Longsdon and GG Hall & Son, Croxden.

BARREN COWS (20);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A smaller selection on offer today with more numbers needed.

164p/kg was realised for a 635kg Friesian for MM & CJ Sutton of Longsdon, a 685kg and a 640kg Shorthorn for GG Hall & Son, Croxden.

A 695kg Hereford sold at 160p to G Goodwin, Wetley Rocks and a 720kg Holstien realised 158p/kg for WE Turnock, Onecote.

Other top prices include 155p, 152p X 2, 149p and 145p. An overall average of 141p/kg or £875/head.

CLEAN CATTLE;

A 650kg Simmental Heifer realised 258p/kg, £1677/head from Home Farm, Rushton with an Aberdeen Angus from the same vendor reaching 203p/kg. NA Bonsall, Stanshope reached 220p/kg and 196p/kg for Shorthorn Steers whilst a 480kg Aberdeen Angus Heifer reached 197p/kg for D & EA Jeffery, Roston.

PIGS (127);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Ed Groves (07964 510145)

Fats remain a serious trade perhaps slightly less than last week but none the less a serious trade topping at 242p/kg, a few plainer types on offer today reflected in the averages. Sows a serious trade topping at 136p/kg.

Porkers a serious trade topping at 242p/kg for 70kg pigs from EA Cooper, Taddington. J&B Fentem had pigs to 234 and 229p/kg.

Cutting Pigs topped at 235p/kg for 77kg pigs from J&B Fentem. Who has others to 230p/kg. JR Mosedale, Long Lane saw 224p/kg for 80kg pigs.

Bacon Pigs topped at 230p/kg x3 from JG Belfield, Sheen & Massie Farms, Stafford. Massie farms had pigs to 229, 228 227, 226x2, 225x3. MC&E Beattie, Allstock saw 229, 228x2 & 227.

Heavies topped at 208p/kg for 110kg pigs from EA Cooper. R Wilson, Hollington saw 158p/kg, 130p/kg for 106 and 110kg pigs.

A 153kg heavy clean gilt from R Watson Chester topped at 138p/kg.

Sows were in good demand best sorts to 136p/kg from A Worth, Marton, leaner sorts 60-80p/kg.

2 pens of stores achieved £60 for Duroc x and £34 for 12kg white weaners.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (6)	av. 233.56p/kg or £169.72/head
Cutting Pigs (14)	av 203.29p/kg or £160.17/head
Bacon Pigs (79)	av 214.15p/kg or £203.60/head
Heavy Pigs (11)	av 129.18p/kg or £157.48/head
Cull Sows (4)	av. 104.14p/kg or £240.57/head

DAIRIES (51);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

THIRD CALVER TO £2300

After a fantastic trade last week things were a little easier with the dry weather no doubt taking some buyers out of the equation.

The Easom family of Oakerthorpe topped the day at £2300 for a third calver giving 55kg to L Neville of Tansley.

Close behind at £2260 was a heifer from Phillip & Marilyn Critchlow of Cubley also going to the same home.

Stock Bulls from the Bennett family of Stockport sold well with a Pedigree Limousin to £3850 and a British Blue X Limousin Bull to £2380.

Next week we have the Dispersal of 102 Holsteins on behalf of Messrs Sherwin of Sproston. Plenty of choice to go at!

SHEEP SECTION

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

LAMBS (711);

A smaller entry after an awful few days of weather saw a reduced trade, in line with expectations.

Best lambs today at 275p plus, to a top of 289p/kg and a top headage of £142.80 for big lambs.

Commercial quality lambs dominated the entry, selling at 245-260p depending on weight and finish.

Overall average at 265.5p/kg or £108.28

Sample Prices

289p 40kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks

285p 41.67kg DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer

280p 41.8kg DJ & P Smith, Rushton Spencer

278p 43.6kg C E Smith, Longford

276p 45.7kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks

264p 50kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks

255p 56kg SD Preece, Edingale

CULL SHEEP (297);

A seasonal entry saw another solid trade. No very best Texel Ewes today, but Blue Texels topped at £150 and heavy ewes generally £130 plus. Best makes generally £105-£120 and an overall average at £98/head.

CALVES (120);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A smaller entry of 120 calves saw demand a shade easier on the week with Native bred Heifers looking best sold on the day.

46 Continental Bulls

The Best Blues topped once again at £390 with plenty of bidders for all types.

22 British Blues av £250 top £390 DW & P Hulme

1 Charolais £275 PJ Davies

18 Simmental av £257 top £350 S & M Huxley & Son

4 Limousin av £250 top £280 DG & JA Ball

1 Blonde £145 Woodward Partners

Overall average £254

36 Continental Heifers

19 British Blues av £185 top £250 JT & J Forrester

8 Simmentals av £196 top £285 RG & AS Williamson

5 Limousin av £184 top £230 J Kirkham

4 Blondes av £180 top £255 EJ & VC Gilman

21 Natives

Plenty of farmer buyers operating with Hereford Heifers looking as dear as ever.

Hereford Bulls av £123 top £132 C Heath & Son

Hereford Heifers av £142 top £195 GA Waller

Aberdeen Angus Bulls av £152 top £220 PF Gilman

Aberdeen Angus Heifers £65 G Hatton

12 Dairy

Demand very good for stronger types with farmer rearers out in force.

Friesian to £105 I & GE Gregson

Holstien to £90 J & R Maydew

5 Reared Calves

Reared calves on offer this week attracted very brisk bidding.

Angus Steers to £375

Hereford Heifers to £345

NEW TB RULES FROM THE 1ST AUGUST 2023

If your farm holding has a 12 monthly herd TB test, then cattle purchased onto that holding from a high-risk area (as mapped at <https://tbhub.co.uk/>) must be Post-Movement Tested. I.e. Cattle must be Post-Movement tested 60 to 120 days after purchase on your holding. For more details, please speak to our Market Office.

Customers selling Livestock at Leek Auctions must have fully completed movement forms which declare what TB-test interval takes place on your holding so that we can pass this information onto the purchasers.

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

Fortnightly Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries close Friday 4th August

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Sale of Store & Breeding Pigs - 10.30am

Sale of Store & Breeding Goats - 11am

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Sale of Early Lambing Breeding Sheep

Entries Close Friday 4th August

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST

Fortnightly Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle

Entries close Friday 18th August
