

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**A pleasant July day saw a good trade for all in Leek.**

**Dairies saw a quieter day in comparison to last week but still a good number of buyers and still a third of the total entry at £1900 and above.**

**Lambs Trade still competitive throughout, topping at 380p/kg returning an average of 305p/kg Hoggs slowing down in numbers, seeing a top of 250p/kg. Best Ewes to £170/head, with some second quality Ewes being £20-£30 up on the week.**

**Pigs getting dearer each week, cutting pigs to 238p/kg and bacon pigs to 239p/kg many more needed!**

**Calves remain a buoyant trade with 162 sold, with second quality being the best sold on the day.**

**Barren cows topped at 215p/kg (£1643), for a Black and White, from W E Turnock & Sons, Leek Similar types sold weekly.**

#### **BARREN COWS (35);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A few more forward seeing another very strong trade and again more could have been sold to vendors advantage. Black & White top the day for a 31-month-old from W. E. Turnock. & Sons, Leek at 215p (£1643) with Limousin cows at 209p from Keith Burton. Top headage at £1643 for a British Blue cow. More cows wanted each week! Overall average at 165p/kg with an entry again dominated by cows straight from the parlour.

#### **CLEAN CATTLE (5);**

No best cattle forward, but a strong trade for those Presented, all Hereford's and all Dairy breeds. Top price at 245p/kg for a 555kg steer, to gross £1359.75, with heifers at 238p (£1309/head)

#### **PIGS (126);**

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

An entry short of requirements with trade exceptional throughout with many more able to be sold to vendor advantage.

#### **Porkers**

Not enough saw a top of 239p/kg for 68kg from C. Blackshaw and a top headage of £173.85

#### **Cutting Pigs**

Massive demand, topping at 238/kg (twice), from J & B Fentem. Good 8 pens at 230p or better.

#### **Bacon Pigs**

Four pens at 239p/kg; three from Massie Farms and one from C. Blackshaw and a further six pens at 238p/kg. Top headage at £236.61

#### **Heavies**

Top headage at £261/head from PF & PD Parsons for 113kg at 231p/kg  
Bottom book for fat pigs at 198p/kg!

#### **Sows**

Best Sow at 100p/kg (£280) and a big old Boar at 48p (£139.68).

Look at these Pig Averages!

Porkers (12); av. 232.91/kg or £170.36/head  
Cutting Pigs (36); av 231.94/kg or £186.77/head  
Bacon Pigs (76); av 234.17/kg or £220.36/head  
Heavy Pigs (5) av 212.80/kg or £237.91/head

#### **DAIRIES (24);**

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

After the big numbers of last week, a quieter day but buyers for everything and still a third of the total entry at £1900 and above.

Top call £2100 for a pedigree Holstein Heifer sold, giving 26kg from Robert Hayes at Pilsley, Chesterfield which went to Newcastle with Andrew Huxley. Friesian type heifers were definitely wanted with John Kirby at Oakham receiving £2040 for a December 2021 newly calved pedigree Friesian to Dave Clowes at Kingsley.

Another entry from the Mayer family topped at £2040 for a 2018 born Cow, sold giving 32kg to Steven Biddulph at Hilderstone.  
In-calf heifers due the Blonde attracted keen interest to top at £1560 and £1540 for Abbots Bromley vendor Geoff Forrester.

Warranted bulling Heifers as follows:  
Fresian (Born Dec 2021) £800  
Shorthorn (Born Mar 2022) £700

## **SHEEP SECTION**

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

### **LAMBS (623);**

Charity Lambs, kindly donated by the Williams Family of Basford sells to 580p/kg, (£284.20), with proceeds going to “Len’s Light”.

Less numbers forward, no doubt as a result of the drop in trade last week, saw a much-improved demand.

Best lambs highly sought after, with plenty at 330p and better.

Second quality also seeing a lift, with corn fed quality lambs generally 280p-300p.

Best big lambs £150/head plus.

Overall average returned at 305p/kg or £127/head.

Sample Prices:

380p	42.5kg	D Williams, Basford
366p	43.6kg	CG Buckston, Derbyshire
364p	42kg	CG Buckston, Derbyshire
354p	39.2kg	J M Robinson, Swythamley
354p	42.5kg	J L Morris, Cresswell
352p	46.25kg	CG Buckston, Derbyshire
351p	38.25kg	IE M & A Wilson, Hollington
336p	47.25kg	S R Chesters, Withington
310p	55kg	AP Leason, Ashbourne

### **HOGGETS (71);**

Just 71 old season lambs in the entry, seeing a top of 250p or £151.90/head.

### **CULL SHEEP (164);**

An entry well short of requirements, selling on a very bright trade, with best ewes to £170/head (three times).

Second quality ewes by far the dearest on the day, with some being £20-£30 up on the week. Horned ewes to £97, and strong mules at £127.

Overall averages at £116.87.

### **CALVES (162);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

Super numbers again and a very large collection of buyers led to an improved trade with the second quality looking best sold on the day.

### **60 Continental Bulls**

A lot more on offer and a very good price throughout. The best are always good to sell with the top 10 all over £350 but the second quality without doubt look best sold, between £230 and £300.

31 Blues av. £240 to £400 to GV Matkin, & D W & P Hulme

15 Simmental av. £310 to £375, H & J Smith & Sons

12 Limousin av. £279 to £375, W H Townsend & Son

2 Blonde av. £295 to £350, C J Tams

### **40 Continental Heifers**

A fantastic price for all with many up £50/head on the week. Three stronger, better sorts over £300 with a high of £345 for a British Blue for GV Matkin, Kirk Ireton. Best £240-£345, medium £185-£230 with just a few under £170.

20 Blues av. £193-£345, GV Matkin

10 Simmental av. £206-£265, H & J Smith & Sons

8 Limousin av. £204-£320, WH Townsend & Son

2 Blonde av. £200-£205, EJ & VC Gilman

### **22 Natives**

A few less Angus and Herefords but they always look well sold at Leek.

6 Hereford Bulls to £210, JR Maydew

9 Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £335, K W Twemlow & Co

6 Aberdeen Angus Heifers to £175, KW Twemlow & Co

### **13 Black & White Bulls**

Nearly all sold for rearing at appropriate prices; Friesians to £165, Holstiens to £62 and Montbeliarde to £92.

### **23 Reared Calves**

British Blue Heifers (5mths) £240, P & A Farming

Limousin Heifers (3mths) £300, G & B Thompson

Holstien Bulls (3mths) £135, HS & A Calwood

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### **SATURDAY 8TH JULY**

#### **Fortnightly Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries close Friday 30th June**

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### **SATURDAY 8TH JULY**

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

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

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### **SATURDAY 22ND JULY**

#### **Fortnightly Sale of Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Entries close Friday 14th July**

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### **SATURDAY 22ND JULY**

**Sale of Early Lambing Breeding Sheep**

**Entries Close Friday 14th July**

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