

TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2023

The weather kept fine for us today although not much sunshine on offer.

Dairies saw a much smaller trade today than last week in anticipation of next weeks Pedigree sale where a large entry has already been received.

Lambs saw a good seasonal entry with best sorts topping at 300p/kg.

Pigs, Fat pigs saw a scorching trade today topping at 243p/kg or £235.44. All sizes are in demand and it was good to see some new vendors in today.

Calves saw similar numbers to last week lots of potential buyers around the ring, the best Limousin topped at £445.

Barren cows topped at 194p/kg for W E Turnock, Leek. We have a good number of buyers in attendance each week looking for all types of clean cattle.

BARREN COWS (18);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer – Graham Watkins (07976 370894)

A small entry once again but no shortage of buyers around the ring today.

Top prices were:

194p/kg 620kg Holstein WE Turnock & Sons, Onecote

184p/kg 575kg Hereford M Salt, Hollington

172p/kg 470kg Holstein AA,WA&AFallows, Congleton

166/kg 650kg Angus MJ&VP Oliver, Congleton

Other prices included 165p/kg for a 775kg Holstein and 162p/kg for a 490kg Holstein.

Other top prices included;

160p/kg for a 740kg Holstein, 160p/kg for a Brown Swiss.

CLEAN CATTLE;

A 735kg Hereford Steer was well sold and exchanged hands for 226p/kg, £1661.

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PIGS (116);

Selling time – 9:15am

Auctioneer – Ed Groves (07964 510145)

FAT TRADE ON FIRE topping at 243p/kg or £235.44. All sizes in demand today with those best white pigs commanding a premium. Nice to see some new vendors today. Sows a serious trade topping at 128p/kg.

Porkers

Only two porkers on offer which were native bred on the leaner side realising 80p/kg from P Swinson.

Cutting Pigs

Cutters topped at 240p/kg for 84kg pigs from MC & E Beattie. Not far behind S Bailey at 239p/kg, R Watson, Frodsham sold pigs to 238p and J&B Fentem had a run to 238, 237, 236.

Bacon Pigs

Bacon pigs were the order of the day topping at 243p from Massie Farms, Sstafford who had others to 242, 241, 240x3, 238 & 237. MC & E Beattie had pigs to 239p x2. R Watson had pigs to 238 and Sam Harper had pigs to 236p.

Heavies

Top price 216p/kg for a 109kg pig from PF + PD Parsons, Sam Harper had a 114kg pig to 203p/kg.

Sows

Only two sows on offer topping at 128p for a 234kg sow from R Johnston, Derby and 112p for a 236kg sow from Marsdon & Paddock.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (2) av 80p/kg or £50.80/head

Cutting Pigs (30); av 208.19p/kg or £165.65/head

Bacon Pigs (77); av 233.20p/kg or £218.12/head

Heavy Pigs (5) av 180.21p/kg or £215.12/head

Cull Sows (2) av. 119.97p/kg or £281.92/head

DAIRIES (9);

Selling time – 11:30am

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

Just a small entry for the week before next week's Pedigree sale where a big entry has been received. A

super Pedigree newly calved Heifer for Philip Critchlow at Cubley topped today's sale at £2200 and sold to a local dairy farm.

SHEEP SECTION

Selling time 11:00am

Auctioneer – Robert Watkins (07929 946652)

SPRING LAMBS (1049);

A good seasonal entry seeing a firmer trade, in line with the modest lift in demand nationally.

Best lambs at 300p/kg, with better typed generally at 280p/kg and better. Bigger weights good to sell, with plenty at £130/head and better.

Overall average at 268p/kg and very few at less than 250p/kg.

Overall average at £112.50/head all in.

Sample prices.

289p	34kg	M Jones, Leek
286p	38kg	SFG Clowes, Leek
287p	38kg	M Siekacz, Biddulph Moor
288p	40kg	J Clulow, Leek
296p	41kg	IE M & A Wilson, Hollington
286p	41kg	S J Pace & Co, Congleton
290p	48kg	D Williams, Basford
300p	50kg	JM Robinson, Swythamley
280p	53kg	JM Robinson, Swythamley
276p	53kg	AE&K Simpson, Leek

CULL SHEEP (269);

A reasonable entry, quantity less, with a lot of lean freshly weaned ewes in the entry. Nonetheless, a solid trade throughout.

Best Texel Ewes at £165/head, with plenty of heavy ewes £140/head and better.

Overall average at £92.31

CALVES (101);

Selling time – 10:00am

Auctioneer - Oliver Hiles (07801 530899)

A smaller entry of calves met a packed ring of potential buyers with all grades well bid for.

38 Continental Bulls

Best Limousin peaked today's market at £445 with a proportion of Chanel Island X bulls bringing the overall averages back and not reflecting the true trade of the day.

14 British Blues	av £191-£318	Woodward Partners
6 Simmentals	av £231-£350	H&E Bailey & Partners
17 Limousin	av £246-£445	J Kirkham
1 Charolais	£165	R & R Moss
Overall Average £222		

31 Continental Heifers

An outstanding British Blue Heifer attracted very brisk bidding to peak at £360 with Limousins to £320.

13 British Blues av £174-£360 D & JK Mellor

11 Simmentals av £200-£270 H&E Bailey & Partners
7 Limousins av £146-£320 FE Whittaker & Sons
Overall average £177

11 Natives

Not many on offer but demand very good with the Aberdeen Angus taking the top slot in both Heifers and Bull calves.

3 Angus Bulls	av £116 to £220	KW Twemlow & Co
1 Angus Heifers	to £230	AE Allcock
5 Hereford Bulls	av £123 to £195	G&E Critchlow & S
1 Herford Heifer	£92	G&E Critchlow & Sons
1 Welsh Black Heifer	to £112	D&JK Mellor

Black & Whites

Demand good for both rearing and processing buyers with best up to £90 and an average of £48.

7 Reared Calves

Reared Calves finished the day off in style this week with plenty of buyers staying to the end.
Aberdeen Angus Steers sold to £370
Aberdeen Angus Bulls sold to £310
Aberdeen Angus Heifers sold to £300

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
