

TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

A buoyant trade throughout in Leek seeing some excellent entries and plenty of buyers.

The Barren trade is comparing well with national trends, seeing the market top at 176p/kg.

784 Lambs on offer seeing some good quality and a very solid trade throughout.

The Dairy section topped at £1800 for a Friesian Heifer from the Howe Family of Litton.

Similar number of pigs to last week but a dip in trade overall.

A marvellous calf trade with plenty of eager buyers.

**Note to Vendors: All Cattle consigned to the Market must have two Ear Tags.**

#### BARREN COWS (41);

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A large entry and trade comparing well with the national trends topping at 176p/kg for a 580kg Shorthorn from Don Burton and an 860kg Simmental Cow for Renshaw & Brassington achieving 168p/kg.

Other top prices as follows:

Hereford 690kg to 166p/kg BW Swindells

Friesian 635kg to 164p/kg R Turner

Galloway 680kg to 160p/kg J Elliott

Hereford 765kg to 158p/kg BW Swindells

Charolais 585kg to 158p/kg G Goodwin

Top headage price was £1444.80 for a Simmental Cow for Renshaw & Brassington and £1230.65 for a Holstien for HW Heath & Sons of Stone. A 765kg Ayrshire Bull from D & JK Mellor of Onecote achieved 128p/kg.

#### CLEAN CATTLE

A small entry but plenty of competition seeing a 655kg Limousin for AP Freeman of Rugeley achieving 226p/kg at 32 months of age.

A 720kg Limousin Steer from the same vendor sold to 198p/kg and a 670kg Limousin Steer in need of further breeding achieved 180p/kg.

Top headage price was £1480.30.

#### PIGS (155).

**Selling time – 9:15am**

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

Similar numbers to last week but trade significantly less. Top price 200p/kg for fats and sows topping at 84p.

Porkers topped at 191p from J Sheard, Congleton with others to 170p from RA Hughes, Ilkeston.

Cutters sold to 184p from S Bailey and 180p. J&B Fentem sold pigs to 190p, 172p, 170px2. and R&L Vernon Sold pigs to 174p.

Bacon Pigs topped at 200p x2 from Massie Farms, who sold others to 198p, 194p x2, 192p x2. PF+PD Parsons sold pigs to 193p x2

Sows sold to 84p twice from RA Watson and R Rowlinson.

11 Store Pigs from JLR Ball sold to £74/head.

Pig Averages.

Porkers (3) av 184.52p/kg or £133.47/head

Cutting Pigs (34); av 156.79p/kg or £128.29/head

Bacon Pigs (105); av 171.31p/kg or £158.96/head

Sows (2) av 84.00p/kg or £228.48/head

#### DAIRIES (24)

**Selling time – 11:30am**

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

The Howe Family of Litton topped the day on Tuesday at £1800 for a Friesian Heifer giving 28kg to JC & D Hudson of Wetton.

Other Heifers reached £1720 from David Brailsford of Chesterfield to Mrs A Bailey of Brown Edge.

#### SHEEP SECTION

**Selling time 11:00am**

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

#### LAMBS (784).

A better show of quality forward generally, seeing a very solid trade throughout, seeing an improved trade on the week.

Best sorts at 300p/kg plus, topping at 310p/kg from Rob and Andy Williamson of Wetley Rocks, closely followed by Ben Robinson at 303p/kg. Best big lambs very well bid for with top headage at £160/head.

Overall average at 266p/kg or £116/head.  
More required each week, thank you for your continued support.

Sample prices:

303p 38.5kg JM Robinson, Swythamley  
302p 40kg JM Robinson, Swythamley  
295p 41.7kg JM Robinson, Swythamley  
289p 42.3kg SFG Clowes, Rudyard  
295p 43.8kg Bagshaw (Caxterway) Ltd  
290p 45kg JM Robinson, Swythamley  
302p 47kg JM Robinson, Swythamley  
290p 47.2kg M Wright, Hartington  
310p 49.5kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks  
308p 51.8kg RG & AS Williamson, Wetley Rocks

**CULL SHEEP (348)**

Another strong entry, selling up to a solid trade, topping at £158 for Texels from George Peach.  
Mules generally £100-£105 for the better end and £75-£90 for half meated sorts.  
Overall average up on the week at £95/head.

**CALVES (126);**

**Selling time – 10:00am**

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

A marvellous trade this week with a big line up of buyers wanting their numbers.

**35 CONTINENTAL BULLS**

Very strong money this week with buyers present for the best as well as the second quality. Three super Bulls topped £400 with Andrew Hulmes British Blue at £430: Andy Williams British Blue at £410 and James Maydew with a Limousin at £405. Eleven best over £325, medium £250-£310 with a few smaller Bulls a bit less.

19 Blues av £238 to £430	DW & P Hulme
7 Sims av £283 to £355	JW Campbell
8 Lim av £289 to £405	J & R Maydew
1 Char av to £365	D & G Tudor

**29 CONTINENTAL HEIFERS**

A good bit dearer with buyers looking for numbers. British Blues led the way with Messrs Wilson's run to £305, £285, and £280. Medium Heifers £170 - £200 with small British Blues from £140-£160.

20 Blues av £197 to £305	PWJ & S Wilson
1 Sim to £180	RJ Clowes & Sons
7 Lim av £164 to £215	S Moss
1 Char to £290	D & G Tudor

**35 NATIVES**

Lots of Bulls today and trade on fire.  
24 Angus Bulls av £177 to £285 FR & VA Sims  
5 Angus Heifers av £76 to £160 FR & VA Sims  
4 Here Bulls av £125 to £155 CH & JW Witham  
1 Here Heifer to £128 GE Critchlow  
1 Lincoln Bull to £140 Birch Bros

**10 BLACK AND WHITE BULLS**

Dearer all through with a Montbeliarde realising £135 with the smaller Bulls £34 to £66.

**17 REARED CALVES**

2 Blue Steers £450 3-4mths	GE Brooks & Partners
Blue Heifer £295 3mths	GE Brooks & Partners
Blue Heifer £325 6mths	CP Wardle

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**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Store & Breeding Cattle Sale**

**Closing Date for Entries Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Sale of 80 Holstein Friesians on behalf of DN Carter & Co, Olde Farm, Willoughby, Rugby.  
Herd average 10,000kg+ 4.65% F, 3.57% P  
Currently averaging 29.7kg daily.**

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**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Store & Breeding Cattle Sale**

**Closing Date for Entries Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

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**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

**Store & Breeding Cattle Sale**

**Closing Date for Entries Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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**Veterinary Attestation Rule for Farmers to be introduced on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**If you are Red Tractor Farm Assured, you do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. However, if you are not Red Tractor Farm Assured you need to contact your vet to obtain a signed declaration that you have received a vet's visit to your farm within the last 12 months.**

**One way to achieve this is to enrol on the Government's Animal Health & Welfare Pathway Scheme which provides funding for a vet's visit to your farm.**

**Alternatively, your vet may be prepared to sign a declaration when attending the farm to do TB tests.**

**If you have any questions, please speak to our Market Office who will be pleased to help.**