BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT
Monday 16th December

A smaller market in the wind down to Christmas with 394 cattle and 1,525 sheep on offer.
Those who did choose to sell stock were rewarded with an outstanding trade in all sections with finished cattle averaging over 310p/kg and the finished lambs SQQ at 320p.
The store & Breeding cattle section had 187 head forward, a decent show for this time of year. Prices were up yet again with steers to £1860 average £1209, heifers to £1630 average £1101 and feeding bulls to £1690 ave £1057.
In the breeding cattle section cows and calves reached £1620 and in calvers to £1520.
The next Monday market is on Monday 30th December. If you are planning to bring store cattle, please **text** Alastair Sneddon on 07973 982441 who will them inform buyers accordingly.
91 finished cattle – a decent entry with plenty of demand and tremendous prices achieved. Top figures 378p/kg or £2439 per head.
The heifer average for the 41 animals was an outstanding 317.4 pence and £1810 per head.
The steer average for 35 animals was 314.6 pence and a remarkable £2021 per head.
Talk to Oliver Hiles on 07801 530899 if you are planning to sell on Monday 30th December.
82 OTM cattle on offer with trade just as strong.
Top figures 278p and £2102 per head. The average looked good at 182.0 pence.
34 calves on offer with bulls to £360 and heifers £300.
In the sheep shed there were 1100 lambs forward which sold on a remarkable trade with top figures 378p/kg and £194.30 per head.
The SQQ average was an excellent 320.9 pence. This is demonstrated by the per head average for 39-45kg lambs which was an outstanding £137.64.
In the cull sheep section, there was a decent turnout of 409 head with ewes to £218 to average £127.63.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Thursday 19th December: Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

82 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 182.1p/kg or £1183
(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Very, Very Dear

An unreal trade again with all commentators suggesting that cows were dearer on the week, while the average shows them 1 penny less. It was obvious down to the overall quality of the entry and a number of leaner B/W's on offer. Quality as always sells well and a young Char cow (30 mnths) topped the day at 278p (£1673) with another younger Blond at 236p. Top cows today were 235 & 228p for 2 big cows from Messrs Else, Lea. Trade looks to be on the rise. If you have any cows to sell, give me a call on 07801 530899.

Results:

278p/kg	602kg	Char	FW Hall & Sons, Sutton on the Hill
236p/kg	524kg	Blond x	SJ Thompson, Kilburn
235p/kg	850kg	Lim	JF & ME Else, Lea Moor
228p/kg	892kg	B Blue x	JF & ME Else, Lea Moor
228p/kg	922kg	Char	DG Ditchfield, Calwich
227p/kg	548kg	Hfd	SJ Thompson, Kilburn
226p/kg	636kg	Sim	FW Hall & Sons, Sutton on the Hill
224p/kg	712kg	Stab	SJ Buckley, Doveholes
222p/kg	666kg	Lim	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest
216p/kg	646kg	AA	TG Adams & Son, Calwich
213p/kg	862kg	B Blue x	MJ Webster, Barton under Needwood
212p/kg	784kg	Hfd	Marston Park Farm

Gross Prices:

£2102.16	922kg	Char	DG Ditchfield, Calwich
£2033.76	892kg	B Blue x	JF & ME Else, Lea Moor
£1997.50	850kg	Lim	JF & ME Else, Lea Moor
£1836.06	862kg	B Blue x	MJ Webster, Barton under Needwood
£1673.56	602kg	Char	FW Hall & Sons, Sutton on the Hill
£1662.08	784kg	Hfd	Marston Park Farm
£1638.00	840kg	Hfd	C & FM Percival, Youlgreave
£1594.88	712kg	Sim	D Jones, Blackwell in the Peak
£1501.00	790kg	Blond x	J & B Cotton, Swadlincote
£1478.52	666kg	Lim	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest

34 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 1606.4p
Unreal! With the best 5-10p more.

2 young UTM (1 calf) Cows 216-245p
2 very best fed cows 205 & 208p
Good fed B/W's 186 – 197p
Big Holsteins 170 -180p
Leaner Cows 150 – 165p
Plainest end under 150p

The best today:

245p/kg	£1357	Holst, 24 mnths	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
216p/kg	£1105	Holst, 26 mnths	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
208p/kg	£1718	Holst, 7 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
205p/kg	£1939	Norw, 6 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
197p/kg	£1189	Mont, 3 yrs	Riverside Farmers, Scropton

193p/kg	£1505	Fries, 4 yrs	P Furness, Monyash
192p/kg	£1413	Fries, 4 yrs	C Shirt, Bakewell
191p/kg	£1474	Holst, 4 yrs	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
189p/kg	£1330	Fries, 4 yrs	RR Mason, Hulland
188p/kg	£1323	D Short,3 yrs	J Hole & Sons, Ashover
188p/kg	£1128	Holst, 3 yrs	WJ Adams & Son, Mackworth
187p/kg	£1338	Fries, 4 yrs	P Furness, Monyash
186p/kg	£1372	Fries, 10 yrs	P Furness, Monyash

1 OTM Bull

178p/kg	£1285	Hfd	R Bessant, Ashbourne

3 OTM Steers

224p/kg	£1648	Holst, 33 mnths	RW Ardern & Sons, Buxton

91 FINISHED CATTLE ave 310.1p
(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

We smashed it, for the first time over £3 average for all and an unreal trade throughout. Yes, cattle are at record levels and have been for some time. Looking forward and in to my crystal ball, I suspect that with numbers tight they will remain good as we go into the New Year and hopefully beyond. Weight is not an issue here at Bakewell with the processors requiring well fed cattle regardless of their size. Many thanks for your support and cattle throughout 2024. HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

15 Young Bulls ave 280.9p/kg

Very good to sell today with David Goddard finishing the year at 338p or £2264 with his 4 over 320p. Dairy Shorthorns to 236p for James Hole.

Results:

338p/kg	670kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
336p/kg	686kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
335p/kg	642kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
328p/kg	708kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
328p/kg	652kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
320p/kg	692kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires

Gross Prices:

£2322.24	708kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2304.96	686kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2264.60	670kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2230.88	764kg	Lim	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
£2214.40	692kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2150.70	642kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2138.56	652kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires

35 Steers ave 314.6p/kg

A new record average and a cracking good day in the clean ring. PJ Blackshaw sold just 1 today and topped the bullocks at 378p (£2192) with a trio from Clive Bacon at 372, 354 & 348p (all over £2200).

Results:

378p/kg	580kg	B Blue x	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
372p/kg	614kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
354p/kg	642kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
348p/kg	650kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
340p/kg	556kg	Lim	JW Blackshaw, Bakewell

337p/kg	586kg	AA	Belper Skip Hire Moorwood Moor
336p/kg	726kg	AA	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
333p/kg	672kg	Lim	GT Rowlinson, Denstone
330p/kg	600kg	Lim	JW Blackshaw, Bakewell
328p/kg	608kg	B Blue x	Easom & Sons, Furnace

Gross Prices:

£2439.36	726kg	AA	Meadow Place Farm, Youlgreave
£2284.08	614kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2272.68	642kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2263.68	786kg	Lim	GT Rowlinson, Denstone
£2262.00	650kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2259.20	706kg	Lim	G Blackshaw, Bakewell
£2254.00	700kg	Lim	JW Blackshaw, Bakewell
£2237.76	672kg	Lim	GT Rowlinson, Denstone
£2192.40	580kg	B Blue x	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
£2113.92	734kg	Lim	GT Rowlinson, Denstone
£2108.00	680kg	AA	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike

41 Heifers ave 317.5p/kg

Unbelievable the level of trade today with the wholesalers all working hard to get cattle processed before the Christmas shut down. 4 best handy weight heifers from Nigel Birch and Don Lownds topped 350p (up to 357p). 8 Angus averaged 313p and sold to 336 with 2 Hereford up to 310p.

Results:

357p/kg	572kg	B Blue x	NA Birch, Monyash
354p/kg	524kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
350p/kg	604kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
350p/kg	532kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
348p/kg	630kg	Lim	IP Carrington, Kniveton
348p/kg	602kg	Lim	MT Sweetmore, Hollinsclough
336p/kg	600kg	AA	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
334p/kg	580kg	Lim	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
331p/kg	584kg	Lim	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
330p/kg	580kg	Lim	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
330p/kg	570kg	AA	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor

Gross Prices:

£2406.00	602kg	Lim	MT Sweetmore, Hollinsclough
£2308.62	706kg	Blond x	MT Sweetmore, Hollinsclough
£2192.40	630kg	Lim	IP Carrington, Kniveton
£2145.08	658kg	B Blue x	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2114.00	604kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2094.96	602kg	Lim	MT Sweetmore, Hollinsclough
£2093.04	646kg	B Blue x	CH Leeson & Son, Ipstones
£2054.28	636kg	AA	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2042.04	572kg	B Blue x	NA Birch, Monyash
£2016.00	600kg	AA	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
£2009.78	634kg	B Blue x	CH Leeson & Son, Ipstones

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE – (Auctioneers Alastair Sneddon & Meg Elliott)
A seasonal entry of 187 sold on a cracking trade with outstanding prices from start to finish.
The sale commenced with a few breeding animals which included:

£1500	Char Cow, 73 mnths, i/c	A & E Howe Cressbrook
£1520	Lim x Cow, 105mnths, i/c	R & G Fretwell, Penistone
£1620	Ped Lim Cow, 81 mnths & Hfr Calf	CG Buckstone, Sutton on the Hill
£1640	Lim x Cow, 99 mnths - empty	Mrs A Shaw, Marchington
£1600	Hfd x Cow, 99 mnths – empty	Mrs A Shaw, Marchington

Feeding Bulls
Then followed a handful of feeding bulls with examples as follows:

£750	Lim x	10 mnths	KD Barlow & Son, Rugeley
£1690	Lim x	29 mnths	P Brittain, Staden
£860	Lim x	7 mnths	P Evans, Werrington
£850	AA x	4-7 mnths	P Evans, Werrington
£870	S Horn x	5-6 mnths	E Smith, Rushton
£1430	Hfd x	21 mnths	A & SG Stevenson, Alfreton
£1140	Galloway	19 mnths	RT Adams, Alstonefield

79 Steers ave £1209
Some fine cattle in the entry, but also some of the better variety, but all found a ready market at scarcely believable prices.

Sample Results:

£760	Hfd x	8 mnths	Longacre LLP, Oakwood
£740	AA x	5 mnths	Longacre LLP Oakwood
£1060	AA x	8-9 mnths	AE & VJ Parkinson, Osliston
£950	S Horn x	9-10 mnths	RF & HE Hinchliffe, Whaley Bridge
£1220	Char x	13 mnths	ID & J Hammersley, Offcote
£940	Fries	15 mnths	R Gratton, Buxton
£1600	Char x	19 mnths	D & LA Critchlow, Sheen
£1170	S Horn x	21 mnths	D & LA Critchlow, Sheen
£1150	Fries	20 mnths	D & LA Critchlow, Sheen
£880	Hfd x	10 mnths	RP Lawley, Draycott
£1260	Char x	16 mnths	Riverside Farmers, Scropton
£1340	B Blue x 4	17-18 mnths	GS & L Wheeldon, Atlow
£1590	B Blue x	21 mnths	DR Gould & Son, Grange Mill
£1400	AA	20-21 mnths	JG & JM Belfield, Sheen
£1580	Lim x	20 mnths	Red Lion, Dayhills
£1450	B Blue x	20-22 mnths	Red Lion, Dayhills
£1370	B Blue x	18 mnths	Mrs EJ Mottram, Gratwich
£1320	Sim x	15-19 mnths	D & VM Wardman, Overton
£1260	Hfd x	18-22 mnths	D & VM Wardman, Overton
£1600	B Blue x	25 mnths	Green Dales, Ashleyhay
£1860	Lim x	24 mnths	Green Dales, Ashleyhay
£1130	AA x	28-29 mnths	DG Ditchfield, Calwich
£1360	AA x	26 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£1590	B Blue x	26-28 mnths	JT Flint, Ible
£1210	B Blue x	21-29 mnths	L Marsden & Son, Fulwood
£1780	AA x	22-23 mnths	JC Vickers, Taddington
£1580	AA x	28 mnths	J Brough & Son, Rudyard

80 Heifers ave £1101
A mixed selection with buyers operating at all price levels and some excellent results achieved.

Sample Results:

£600	AA x	5 mnths	Longacre LLP Oakwood
£860	Hfd x	11 mnths	TA & DE Spooner, Leek
£810	Hfd	8 mnths	Eyam Woodland Estate
£660	S Horn x	6 mnths	E Smith, Rushton Spencer
£760	S Horn x	10 mnths	RF & HE Hinchliffe, Whaley Bridge
£950	Char x	11 mnths	ID & J Hammersley, Offcote
£1550	Lim x	16 mnths	R Gratton, Buxton
£1620	B Blue x 5	16-19 mnths	Furness & Taylor, Wormhill
£1280	Hfd x	14-15 mnths	VH Mellor, Chelmorten
£1330	Lim x	16-20 mnths	P Evans, Werrington
£1260	Lim x	20 mnths	JG & JM Belfield, Sheen
£1240	B Blue x	17-18 mnths	Mrs EJ Mottram, Gratwich
£1460	B Blue x	21 mnths	Cubley Cottage Farm
£1570	Sim x	21 mnths	Cubley Cottage Farm
£1510	Hfd x	22-24 mnths	Green Dales, Ashleyhay
£1260	Char x	19 mnths	DG Ditchfield, Calwich
£1340	AA x	28 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£1630	AA x	27 mnths	CA Heathcote, Atlow
£1200	B Blue x	18 mnths	L Marsden & Son, Fulwood
£1590	AA x	23 mnths	JC Vickers, Taddington
£800	Sim x	9-10 mnths	S Downing & Partners, Little Eaton

34 CALVES (Auctioneer Ivor Lowe)
A reduced entry in the run up to Christmas but no let up in trade, plenty of potential purchasers present for all shapes and sizes.
Tops today of £260 for a Limousin bull being closely followed by a Blue at £340, whilst heifers peaked at £300 and £285.
Second quality equally as dear as recent weeks and many more calves could have been sold to vendors' advantage.

Bulls

Lim	£360	RTF & P Marshall & Son, Tansley
B Blue	£340	SG Salt & Son, Burton
B Blue	£325	TN Palfreyman & Son, Flagg
B Blue	£300	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
AA	£228	SG Salt & Son, Burton

Hfrs

B Blue	£300	TN Palfreyman & Son, Flagg
Lim	£285	RTF & P Marshall & Son, Tansley
Char	£265	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale

1100 LAMBS, 409 EWES & RAMS & 16 STORE SHEEP
(Auctioneer Peter Oven)
A very good pre Christmas entry of 1525 head of sheep included 1100 lambs. Demand for the best butchers lambs very good with very brisk bidding to fill the fridges for the Christmas trade. Best butchers lambs to 364p/kg with best heavy butchers lambs to 378p/kg and overweights to 328p/kg with a top gross of £194.30/head. Overall average 320.92p/kg.

Leading Prices: -

28.5kg	320p/kg	CS & FA Burgess
33.1kg	348p/kg	M & C Hambleton
33.6kg	340p/kg	CS & FA Burgess
35.9kg	350p/kg	M & C Hambleton
37.0kg	338p/kg	RJ & JA Hancock & Sons
38.8kg	338p/kg	P Bennett & Son
39.3kg	348p/kg	P Bennett & Son
41.8kg	348p/kg	DM Elliott & Son
42.0kg	360p/kg	R Swift & Sons
42.6kg	358p/kg	G Blackshaw
43.1kg	364p/kg	J & J Spillane
45.2kg	348p/kg	J & J Spillane
45.7kg	378p/kg	R Brough & Son
46.0kg	364p/kg	JB Drabble
47.5kg	335p/kg	R Swift & Sons
49.5kg	367p/kg	JB Drabble
53.6kg	328p/kg	M Hambleton
61.0kg	304p/kg	RS & EJ Longden & Sons
67.0kg	290p/kg	JJ Turner

Averages:

Standard	To 350p/kg	Average 317.86p/kg
Medium	To 364p/kg	Average 322.63p/kg
Heavy	Top 378p/kg	Average 319.43p/kg
Overweight	To 328p/kg	Average 307.66p/kg

409 Cull Sheep
(Auctioneer M Elliott & H Swift)
A greater entry and trade slightly better with plenty of flesh about and some correct ewes forward.
Best Texels to £218 and £212 for the Truemans and the Hadfields respectively with David Wartig receiving £191 per head in the last pen of the day.
The Mules saw even runs of secondary weighted ewes but well fleshed £117 plus, with the bigger types well over £120. Generally, the Mules were better to sell than the last 2 weeks.
No very best Suffolks at all but plenty of white faced crossbred ewes £160 - £179 per head and a strong trade.
Only a few horned types in the entry this week with small Scotties around £50.
In the slaughter rams Texels to £180 and £160 with an older Suffolk only half fleshed at £112

Ewes to £218 **Ave £127.63**
Rams to £180 **Ave £141.1**