

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

12th January 2026

Full steam ahead with stock numbers looking good for the second market of the New Year. 685 cattle and 1,164 sheep sold on a solid trade throughout with OTM cattle prices well up and the demand for the store cattle at record levels.

There were 314 store & breeding cattle on offer selling to a full line up of buyers at prices that seem to have taken yet another lift.

Steers sold to £2,520 and averaged an astonishing £1,784. Heifers hit £2,600 to average a remarkable £1,578 and the 25 feeding bulls reached £2,420 to average £1,080.

So, if you have store cattle to sell, don't hesitate, give Alastair Sneddon a call on 07973 982441 and we will ensure your stock receives maximum publicity.

There was an excellent turnout of 168 finished cattle with a good solid demand.

Top figures 468p/kg and £3,882 per head.

The average for the 78 heifers looked good at 386.9p and £2,374 per head.

It is not surprising that OTM cattle numbers are up with concerns about the milk price and fodder stocks, but what is a surprise is that the trade is so good.

Top figures for the 147 animals on sale were 388p/kg and £3,220 per head.

The average was a healthy 253.9 pence and a level £1,700 per head.

Calves were a little more plentiful with 56 forward. Trade was good with bulls to £855 and heifers £660.

Over in the sheep section there was a total of 1,164 head on offer.

The 886 hoggs looked well sold on the day with lighter weights attracting the most interest. Top figures 362p/kg and £183.78.

The SQQ average emerged at 336.9 pence making a typical lamb in the 39-45 kg bracket worth £145.03.

In the cull sheep department, the entry of 278 sold well with ewes to £225 to average £140.53 for a sample that included a number of hill breeds.

DISEASE PRECAUTIONS

The authorities have asked us to pass on the message to everyone to be vigilant with regard to Bio Security.

May we respectfully ask that you use the footbaths and boot wash in order to reduce the risk

Forthcoming Fixtures

Thursday 15th January – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

147 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 254p/kg or £1700

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

A maximum number of 147 barrens and OTM's today and an explosion in the trade with the average up 11 pence on the week with a couple of extra bidders at ringside making their presence felt. 20 over 300 pence today with a high price of 388p (£3220) for a superb Limmy heifer (33 mnths) for Steven & Steff Wells, Monyash with the best cow at 358p (£3071) for a super Limmy (6 yrs) for Mark Hodgkinson, Earl Sterndale. Plenty of good cows 290-330p.

Results:

388p/kg	830kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
358p/kg	858kg	Lim	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
336p/kg	566kg	Lim	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
330p/kg	818kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
319p/kg	910kg	Lim	D Swinson, Denstone
316p/kg	652kg	Lim	H Wilton, Taddington
314p/kg	754kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
307p/kg	618kg	AA	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent
306p/kg	664kg	Hfd	JE & JM Salmon, Marchington
305p/kg	814kg	B Blue x	Mycock & Bright, Buxton
304p/kg	766kg	Lim	AR Maier, Brassington

Gross Prices:

£3220.40	830kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£3071.64	858kg	Lim	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
£2902.90	910kg	Lim	D Swinson, Denstone
£2699.40	818kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£2482.70	814kg	B Blue x	Mycock & Bright, Buxton
£2411.20	880kg	Sim	LA Renshaw & IS Brassington, Ashbourne
£2367.56	754kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
£2328.64	766kg	Lim	AR Maier, Brassington
£2184.00	728kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm

81 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 224.5p

Nicely up on the week.

1 OTM Heifer 298p

Best cows 260-275p

Bigger fleshy cows 245-255p

Parlour Holsteins 220-240p
 Leaner cows 210-220p
 Only a few under 200p

The best today:

298p/kg	£2127	Fleck, 3 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
275p/kg	£2073	Fries, 5 yrs	D & LA Critchlow, Sheen
272p/kg	£1876	Mont, 5 yrs	FA & TM Cotton, Tean
272p/kg	£1452	Fries, 3 yrs	C Shirt, Bakewell
271p/kg	£2384	Mont, 10 yrs	FA & TM Cotton, Tean
271p/kg	£2384	Norw, 4 yrs	C Beever, Alport
270p/kg	£2289	Mont, 5 yrs	FA & TM Cotton, Tean
268p/kg	£1779	Mont, 3 yrs	Sewell Farmers, Denby Village
266p/kg	£2287	Fries, 8 yrs	FJ Gould & Son, Sheen
265p/kg	£1812	Mont, 4 yrs	WH Townsend & Son, Sudbury
264p/kg	£1837	Norw, 6 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
263p/kg	£2146	Mont, 13 yrs	Sewell Farmers, Denby Village
262p/kg	£1330	Fries, 3 yrs	GJ Tideswell, Marchington
260p/kg	£1939	Fries, 7 yrs	C Beever, Alport
258p/kg	£2141	Mont, 13 yrs	Sewell Farmers, Denby Village
258p/kg	£1615	Fries, 13 yrs	J Brough & Son, Rudyard
255p/kg	£1989	Fries, 6 yrs	L Hadfield & Sons, Peak Forest
255p/kg	£2238	S Horn, 7 yrs	GE Brookes & Partner, Uttoxeter
254p/kg	£1651	Fries, 11 yrs	Wager & Son, Hartington
253p/kg	£2135	Fries, 6 yrs	WE Bennett & Sons, Somersall
252p/kg	£2031	Holst, 8 yrs	JP & SL Hotchin, Parwich
252p/kg	£1824	Holst, 10 yrs	TG & WL Langton, Aldercarr

4 OTM Bulls

310p/kg	£2808	Lim, 4 ½ yrs	AJ Parker & Sons, Ticknall
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7 OTM Steers

334p/kg	£2104	Lim, 31 mnths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
330p/kg	£2032	Sim, 31 mnths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave

168 FINISHED CATTLE ave 372p/kg

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Exactly the same number as this week last year but the average is some 50 pence more than 2025.

Plenty of trade and demand at ringside with handy weight shop heifers being 'trade of the day'.

44 Young Bulls ave 357.1p/kg

Good numbers and plenty of demand with some special bulls about today. 12 best over 407p and 10 over £3000, with a run of pure Blonds from Mark Shenton at 450p (£3312), 430p (£3732), and 413p (£3882). Steven Wells had 441p (£3228).

Results:

450p/kg	736kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
441p/kg	732kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash

430p/kg	868kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
426p/kg	748kg	Lim	RS & JT Shaw, Stanley
424p/kg	740kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
419p/kg	680kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
416p/kg	730kg	Lim	PJ Dale, Denby Village
415p/kg	820kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
413p/kg	940kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
409p/kg	726kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
407p/kg	834kg	Blond x	R Spooner, Chinley

Gross Prices:

£3882.20	940kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
£3732.40	868kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
£3403.00	820kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3394.38	834kg	Blond x	R Spooner, Chinley
£3312.00	736kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
£3228.12	732kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£3186.48	748kg	Lim	RS & JT Shaw, Stanley
£3137.60	740kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£3036.80	730kg	Lim	PJ Dale, Denby Village
£3024.60	710kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow

46 Steers ave 363.1p/kg

A better average than last week but some better sorts on offer. Phil & Emma Watson had 448p to top the steers with all the best over 400p. 14 Natives had Angus to 390p and Herefords to 350p.

Results:

448p/kg	556kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
439p/kg	664kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Ashover
425p/kg	658kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
418p/kg	678kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
410p/kg	686kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
408p/kg	654kg	Lim	SJ Wainwright, Poynton
408p/kg	590kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
404p/kg	674kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
400p/kg	772kg	Lim	S Hambleton, Bradley

£3088.00	772kg	Lim	S Hambleton, Bradley
£2914.96	664kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2834.04	678kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
£2833.92	768kg	Lim	SJ Wainwright, Poynton
£2812.60	686kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2796.50	658kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
£2722.96	674kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2706.48	756kg	Char	DFE Holland, Glutton
£2668.32	654kg	Lim	SJ Wainwright, Poynton
£2664.42	734kg	Char	DFE Holland, Glutton
£2644.20	678kg	AA	K Harrop, Alport
£2600.64	756kg	Char	DG Allen, Smalley

78 Heifers ave 386.9p/kg

The same average as last week with the top 30 all over 400p/kg including some with plenty of weight. Phil & Emma Watson had a red-letter day topping both the steers and heifers with their best at 468p for a smart handy weight Limmy. Michael Wynne had 457p and 450p, Steven & Steff Wells had 455p, Ben Langton at 454p and Marcus Jones (first time vendor) at 448p. 10 Natives had Angus to 376p.

Results:

468p/kg	534kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
457p/kg	566kg	Lim	M Wynne, Snitterton
455p/kg	578kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
454p/kg	562kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
450p/kg	600kg	Lim	M Wynne, Snitterton
448p/kg	576kg	Lim	M Jones, Leek
425p/kg	620kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
424p/kg	660kg	Lim	MH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
417p/kg	688kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
417p/kg	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

Gross Prices:

£2871.20	740kg	Lim	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2868.96	688kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2798.88	686kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2798.40	660kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2796.20	682kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2758.08	676kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2747.00	670kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2744.00	686kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2739.00	660kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2730.78	702kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE – (Auctioneers Alastair Sneddon & Meg Elliott)

A much healthier entry of 314 forward met an exceptional trade which saw steers top at £2520 and heifers £2600.

Only a handful of in calf cows and heifers forward in the breeding section which saw a Friesian in calf heifer to £1680.

25 Feeding Bulls

A mixed selection of bulls forward, however, an exceptional 19 month old Blue from Carrie Sharpley of Macclesfield reached £2420. Other much younger sorts reached £1540 for a 13 month old Blue.

Sample Prices:

£2420	B Blue	19 mnths	Miss C Sharpley, Wildboarclough
£1540	B Blue	13 mnths	J Nickisson, Stockport
£1420	Lim	10 mnths	JW Walker, Alfreton
£1100	Lim	9-10 mnths	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
£910	Sim	5-7 mnths	SE Greenall, Tansley
£910	AA	4-8 mnths	M Wilson, Starkholmes

149 Steers ave £1785

A good quality selection forward saw a proper 19 month old Blue bullock from GM Grinsey of Hartington reach £2520 and another, a 19 month old Limousin from Joe Austin of Parwich make £2500.

Sample Results:

£2520	BB	19 mnths	GM Grinsey & Sons, Hartington
£2500	Lim	19 mnths	JP Austin, Parwich
£2480	Lim	22 mnths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£2380	AA	24 mnths	G & R Gould, Elton
£2400	Char	19 mnths	W Ford Ward, High Peak
£2170	Hfd	20-22 mnths	JS Bramall, Totley
£1980	BSH	17 mnths	W Ford Ward, High Peak
£1960	AA	16-17 mnths	T Mountford, Gayton
£1600	Lim	11 mnths	C & M Wainwright, Denstone
£1950	BB	13-16 mnths	P Furness, Monyash
£1780	Lim	13 mnths	AJ Parker & Sons, Ticknall
£1520	Lim	9-11 mnths	HJ Burton & Son, Brailsford
£1020	Sim	7 mnths	HC Gilbert, Edale

134 Heifers ave £1578

Some tremendous heifers shown topping at £2600 for a 22 month old Limousin from Messrs Ede of Youlgreave.

Sample Results:

£2600	Lim	22 mnths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£2520	Lim	22 mnths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£2380	BB	18 mnths	GM Grinsey & Sons, Hartington
£2140	Blond	24 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£2240	AA	25 mnths	AE & VJ Parkinson, Osliston
£1800	BSH	21 mnths	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell Moor
£2340	Lim	18 mnths	A & J Bowler, Wirksworth
£1960	Char	19 mnths	W Ford Ward, High Peak
£1770	BB	15-18 mnths	A & DJ Gregory, Litton
£1620	Lim	10-11 mnths	JA Mosley & Son, Stannington

56 CALVES (Auctioneer Natasha Hall)

An increased entry of 56 calves this week with an AA bull topping the ring from JW Brandrick & Son, closely followed behind with a British Blue from WEJ & HJ Neville at £600.

Topping the heifers was a Lim at £530 and £510 from D Fotherby & Sons.

A small entry of weanlings with 5 month old bulls topping at £855 twice for some B Blues and a B Blue heifer at 660 from J Elkin.

Bulls

AA	£620	JW Brandrick & Son
B Blue	£600	WEJ & HJ Neville
AA	£580	J Elkin
Lim	£545	D Fotherby & Son
AA	£530	JW Brandrick & Son

Hfrs

Lim	£530	D Fotherby & Sons
Lim	£510	D Fotherby & Sons

B Blue	£485	WEJ & HJ Neville
B Blue	£440	WEJ & HJ Neville

886 LAMBS AND 278 EWES & RAMS

(Auctioneer Peter Oven)

A smaller entry of 1164 sheep included 886 lambs. Demand very good throughout, especially for the lighter weight sorts. Best butchers lambs sold to 360p/kg with lighter weight butchers lambs to 353p/kg and heavy weight butchers lambs to 362p/kg. Overall average 336.94p/kg.

Leading Prices

32.0kg	346p/kg	MJ Burnett & Son
34.5kg	353p/kg	E Cooper
36.0kg	340p/kg	RS Hall
37.0kg	342p/kg	SR Lomas
38.2kg	345p/kg	E Cooper
39.7kg	355p/kg	J & J Mellor
41.6kg	359p/kg	JP Blackshaw
42.8kg	354p/kg	R Wartig
43.1kg	354p/kg	R Wartig
44.5kg	358p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.5kg	356p/kg	R Swift & Sons
46.0kg	358p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.0kg	362p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.5kg	338p/kg	S & D Fearn
50.5kg	340p/kg	PJ Blackshaw
52.7kg	338p/kg	JG Jackson

Averages

32.1-39.0kg	To 353p/kg	Average 335.32p/kg
39.1-45.5kg	To 360p/kg	Average 337.16p/kg
45.6-52kg	To 362p/kg	Average 327.68p/kg
52kg+	To 338p/kg	Average 308.12p/kg

278 Ewes and Rams

(Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift)

Nearly 300 ewes and rams and bidders for everything all breeds and styles.

Top price £225 for Texels from Neville Palfreyman & Family at Flagg with other strong Texels £217, £246 and £203 from the Hadfields and Jeffereys.

Only a few strong Suffolks forward today with the top 8 pens averaging a strong £205.88.

Medium Mules good to sell to over £150 but no really heavy Mules forward.

The better end Gritstones over £120 and looked well sold on the day.

Fewer leaner ewes forward this week but plenty of buyers to mop them up.

In the rams a good sample to a top of £206 for Margaret Heath and Family for a Texel with others at £199.

Ewes ave £140.53

Rams ave £161.28

Overall average £150.91