

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

16th February 2026

Another wet and windy Monday with 666 cattle and 1,627 sheep on offer.

Trade generally good with most sections close to last week's averages.

The exception was the store & breeding cattle, they looked a good price last week, but things have moved up a notch.

We appealed for entries last week and the vendors responded well with a larger turnout of 367.

Fresh buyers were operating and there was fierce competition at all price levels.

Steers sold to £2,540 average £1,703, heifers to £2,180 ave £1,472 and feeding bulls reached £2,380 to average £1,360.

In the breeding section cows r/w bull sold to £1,900 and a 56 month old Char stock bull made £3,200.

Finished cattle numbers down a bit at 127. Trade solid with the best to 478p/kg and £3,441.76.

The average for the 63 heifers was 366.1 pence, a shade less than last week.

131 OTM cattle on offer with top figures 355p/kg and £2,705 per head.

The average looked good at 250.0p and £1,652 per head.

39 calves this week with demand very keen bulls sold to £680 and heifers £630.

In the sheep section decent entry of 1,229 hoggs peaked at 421p/kg and £200.36 per head.

The SQQ average was a touch better than last week and lambs in the 39-45kg range averaged £151.47.

A larger entry of 390 cull sheep saw ewes selling to £264 to average £134.75.

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 19th February – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

We have been asked to inform you that

The Funeral of

Mick Lilley

Will be held at

St Mary's Church, Greasley

on

Tuesday 3rd March at 2pm



NSA
National Sheep Association
Central Region

NSA Central Region annual meeting

Thursday 19th February, 7pm

Come together, stay informed, have your voice heard.

Whether you are an NSA member or not, you are warmly invited to join NSA Central Region for its Annual Regional Members Meeting, an evening of insight, discussion and connection.

Hear directly from NSA Central Region about current priorities, progress and plans for the year ahead.

Katie James, NSA Communications Manager will be providing an NSA activity update, discussing key developments and current sheep sector issues.

British Wool will be presenting the latest updates and opportunities for producers.

This is an excellent chance to stay informed, meet NSA regional officeholders and connect with like-minded sheep farmers, during a relaxed, sociable evening.

Light refreshments will be available.
Please confirm your attendance by contacting
Central@nationalsheep.org.uk

Cavendish Hall, Edensor, DE45 1PJ

131 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 250.1p/kg or £1652

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

A good show of cows again and trade very similar on the week, although the average is a little less, trade was not. Obviously, there are a lot of cows about nationally at present, but they are needed and wanted with a full line up of processors and further feeders looking to own your cows. Top price today was 355 and 353p for 2 OTM heifers (31 mnths) from Graham Locker, Boylestone with other OTM heifers at 346 and 330p with the best cow at 325p for a pure Baz cow from Craig Wint, Alton with other good cows 280p plus.

Results:

355p/kg	496kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
353p/kg	512kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
346p/kg	604kg	Sim	CJ Stone, Green Fairfield
330p/kg	644kg	Hfd	E Clare, Dunham Massey
325p/kg	730kg	Baz	CM Wint, Alton
307p/kg	652kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
300p/kg	806kg	Lim	RS & EJ Longden, Chinley
300p/kg	690kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
299p/kg	904kg	AA	Marsdens Farms, Penistone
295p/kg	544kg	S Horn	Riverside Farmers, Scropton
290p/kg	834kg	AA	Marsdens Farms, Penistone
285p/kg	704kg	AA	MG & JR Jordan, Chevin

Gross Prices:

£2702.96	904kg	AA	Marsdens Farms, Penistone
£2418.60	834kg	AA	Marsdens Farms, Penistone
£2418.00	806kg	Lim	RS & EJ Longden, Chinley
£2372.50	730kg	Baz	CW Wint, Alton
£2311.20	856kg	Sim	JH Byard, Chesterfield
£2243.88	828kg	Lim	MJ Wayne, Grange Mill
£2240.00	800kg	AA	Mardens Farms, Penistone
£2125.20	644kg	Hfd	E Clare, Dunham Massey
£2117.50	770kg	AA	M Sellors, Grange Mill

78 Black & White and ex dairy cows 60% of total entry ave 234p

Trade well up to scratch

3 OTM Heifers 278-318p

Better cows 250-270p

Big Holsteins 240-250p

Parlour type cows 220-240p

Plainest end 200-220p

The best today:

318p/kg	£1621	Fries, 32 mnths	EJ & VC Gilman, Congleton
290p/kg	£2122	Holst, 30 mnths	RG Emmott, Lyme Park
278p/kg	£1551	Ayr, 3 yrs	M Sellors, Grange Mill
270p/kg	£2176	D S Horn, 7 yrs	R & T Clowes & Son, Dilhorne
269p/kg	£1979	Fries, 9 yrs	G & M Limer, Taddington
267p/kg	£1708	Holst, 30 mnths	MA & WJ Joliffe, Coton
266p/kg	£1952	Fries, 5yrs	G & M Limer, Taddington
265p/kg	£2178	Norw, 7 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw

263p/kg	£2088	Fleck, 7 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
261p/kg	£2469	Norw, 7 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
260p/kg	£1996	Fleck, 6 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
259p/kg	£1947	Fries, 8 yrs	J Lomas & Sons, Brassington
250p/kg	£1985	Holst, 6 yrs	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
249p/kg	£1837	Holst, 5 yrs	VH Mellor, Chelmorton
248p/kg	£2028	Holst, 6 yrs	MA & WJ Joliffe, Coton
248p/kg	£1740	Fries, 8 yrs	A Allwood & Son, Crich
247p/kg	£2000	D S Horn, 12 yrs	J Hole & Son, Ashover
246p/kg	£1908	Mont, 5 yrs	AW Gilman & Sons, Wetton

1 OTM Bull

305p/kg	£2705	AA, 3 yrs	FH White, Shottle
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10 OTM Steers

350p/kg	£2282	B Blue, 31 mnths	E Clare, Dunham Massey
336p/kg	£2163	Hfd, 33 mnths	E Clare, Dunham Massey
311p/kg	£2145	Holst, 33 mnths	E Clare, Dunham Massey
303p/kg	£2224	B Blue, 37 mnths	MG & JR Jordan, Chevin

127 FINISHED CATTLE ave 360.5p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Less about and a solid trade throughout with the butchers heifers 'off the clock today'.

27 Young Bulls ave 350.1p/kg

Trade excellent again with all accounts catered for, but could have done with some more handy weighted, suckler bred, smart bulls. Trade peaked at 417p on 2 occasions for suckler bred Limousins for Messrs Mosley & Messrs Fearn.

Results:

417p/kg	710kg	Lim	N & B Mosley & Son, Allostock
417p/kg	648kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
415p/kg	780kg	Blond x	R Spooner, Chinley
404p/kg	696kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
392p/kg	878kg	B Blue x	JT Ottewell, Calow
390p/kg	730kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
387p/kg	486kg	Lim	Dukes Drive Farm Shop
380p/kg	782kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires

Gross Prices:

£3441.76	878kg	B Blue x	JT Ottewell, Calow
£3237.00	780kg	Blond x	R Spooner, Chinley
£2971.60	782kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2960.70	710kg	Lim	N & B Mosley & Son, Allostock
£2913.30	830kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
£2847.00	730kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2811.84	696kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2804.16	762kg	Char	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2702.16	648kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2558.78	746kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton

37 Steers ave 358.6p/kg

All shapes, sizes and ages on offer from the very best suckler to some plainer end and over 30 mnths. Denly Allen (Matt Langton) had a lovely of 4 today at 419, 416, 406 and 388p.

Results:

419p/kg	568kg	Lim	DG Allen, Derby
416p/kg	632kg	Lim	DG Allen, Derby
406p/kg	658kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Derby
388p/kg	600kg	Lim	DG Allen, Derby
380p/kg	626kg	Lim	Meadow Place Farms, Youlgreave
380p/kg	652kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Buxton
380p/kg	686kg	S Horn	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
376p/kg	652kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Buxton
374p/kg	662kg	Hfd	Moor Farmers, Flagg

Gross Prices

£2671.48	658kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
£2629.12	632kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
£2627.00	710kg	S Horn	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
£2606.80	686kg	S Horn	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
£2603.04	816kg	Hfd	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2556.12	714kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
£2541.00	726kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Buxton
£2509.20	680kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
£2505.60	696kg	Linc Red	PJ Blackshaw, Pilsley
£2491.20	692kg	AA	CPR & JM Mycock, Friden
£2489.76	684kg	Saler	N & B Mosley & Son, Allostock
£2486.24	758kg	Lim	P Brennand, Little Hayfield

63 Heifers ave 366.1p/kg

A grand show of heifers and at the top end trade was outstanding. Ben Langton showed all the others how to perform with a lovely homebred Limousin at 15 months topping the day at 478p/kg with a stronger Blond from James Mellor, Chinley at 462p, both selling to Rob Foster, AKA The Frustrated Farmer for his butchers shops in Retford & Bakewell.

Results:

478p/kg	510kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
462p/kg	570kg	Blond x	J Mellor, Chinley
430p/kg	542kg	Blond x	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
408p/kg	680kg	Blond x	DM Potter, Bonsall
404p/kg	628kg	Cont	K Harrop, Alport
400p/kg	634kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
400p/kg	608kg	Char	RM Hadfield Ltd, Castleton
400p/kg	652kg	Lim	C & D Jeffrey, Pilsley
396p/kg	566kg	Lim	P Brennand, Little Hayfield
393p/kg	744kg	Blond x	DG Mycock, Bonsall

Gross Prices:

£2923.92	744kg	Blond x	DG Mycock, Bonsall
£2804.60	740kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapmoor
£2778.08	716kg	Blond x	J & H Turnock, Tideswell

£2774.40	680kg	Blond x	DM Potter, Bonsall
£2732.88	708kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2671.68	726kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2633.40	570kg	Blond x	J Mellor, Chinley
£2628.12	724kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2616.96	696kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2608.00	652kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley

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

A good turnout of 367 store & breeding cattle as vendors responded to the call for entries. They were rewarded with fantastic prices right through the sale with all types finding a ready market.

The sale commenced with a run of suckler cows that had ran with the bull. These attracted plenty of interest.

Sample prices:

£1900	Lim x Cow, 162 mnths, r/w Bull	H Savage Ltd, Ridgeway
£1640	Char Cow, 69 mnths, r/w Bull	H Savage Ltd, Ridgeway
£1580	Char Cow, 43 mnths, r/w Bull	H Savage Ltd, Ridgeway
£3200	Char Stock Bull, 56 mnths	S Boam, Flagg
£2500	Sim Stock Bull, 21 mnths	JJ Bradley Wainwright, Addington

58 Feeding Bulls

A particularly large entry of 58 feeding bulls generated fierce competition.

Sample Prices:

£980	AA x	7-8 mnths	A & A Spooner, Macc Forest
£2050	Lim x	13 mnths	P Redfearn, Marple Bridge
£1400	Fries	9 mnths	P Redfearn, Marple Bridge
£1880	S Horn x	11 mnths	J & D Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1400	Lim x	8-9 mnths	I Rowe, Chestnut View
£1480	Lim x	8 mnths	GCG Robinson, Longnor
£2380	Lim x	18 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1660	Stab	9 mnths	H Gray, Dungworth
£1450	L Horn	12 mnths	DL Batterbee, Doveholes
£1560	B Blue x	10 mnths	DBR Farming Services, Meir Heath
£1310	Sim x	9 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
£2000	Char x	11 mnths	GF Wheelhouse, Rotherham
£1360	Lim x	9 mnths	B Wild & Sons, New Mills
£1080	Holst	9 mnths	B Wild & Sons, New Mills
£1060	AA x	13 MNTHS	EA Cooper & Son, Taddington

138 Steers ave £1703

A phenomenal trade from start to finish with weaned calves setting the tone and stronger cattle hitting the highlights. The overall average at £1,703 tells its own story.

If you have stores to sell, do not hesitate - Bakewell buyers would love the chance to bid at them.

Any questions, speak to Alastair Sneddon on 07973 982441.

£800	Hfd x4	5 mnths	AC Lowe, Holmesfield
£1560	Lim x	8 mnths	Conway & Mellor, Pike Hall
£1240	Hfd x3	8-9 mnths	D & DM Turner, Rainow
£1340	B Blue x	8-9 mnths	V Tabbenor & Brassington
£1540	AA x3	8-10 mnths	BG Mosley, Shottle
£1600	S Horn x	11-12 mnths	CS Edge, Ballidon
£1740	Lim x5	10-11mnths	Amy Seabridge, Stone
£1740	Lim x	12 mnths	WS Hudson, Ilam
£2360	Lim x	17 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£2040	Lim x	16 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1770	S Horn x	18 mnths	B Ainley, Mercaston
£1690	B Blue x	9-11 mnths	B Ainley, Mercaston
£2080	Char x	17 mnths	L Boam, Flagg
£1550	B Blue x	14-15 mnths	Mrs M Sellors, Grange Mill
£1410	AA x6	18-21 mnths	N Williams, Longnor
£1100	B Blue x4	17 mnths	Miss L Woodward, Duffield
£2040	Hfd x	22 mnths	RA Frith, Thorpe
£1900	Lim x4	13-21 mnths	F Potter & Son, Yeaveley
£1800	AA x4	16 mnths	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest
£1890	B Blue x	17 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£2040	Lim x	19 mnths	GH Ball, Hilderstone
£2120	Char x	13 mnths	M Gregory, Peak Forest
£2260	B Blue x	24-25 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Grange Mill
£2010	AA x	22 mnths	V Tabbenor & Brassington
£2280	B Blue x	33 mnths	MJ Burnett, Rowsley
£2460	Lim x4	21 mnths	MJ Burnett, Rowsley
£2120	B Blue x	21 mnths	FJ Wragg, Brackenfield
£1820	AA x	17 mnths	Bateson Trailers, High Lane
£2500	AA x	20 mnths	M Webster, Ashbourne
£1880	Holst 5	18-22 mnths	M Webster, Ashbourne
£2360	B Blue x	24 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£1880	AA x	21 mnths	CF Edge & Partners, Alsop
£2200	AA x5	21-24 mnths	BG & CJ Adams, Brailsford
£2540	AA x	22 mnths	FD Stubbs, Tissington
£2150	Holst	23 mnths	FD Stubbs, Tissington
£1900	Hfd x	28 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£2060	B Blue x	29-30 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

156 Heifers ave £1472

A wonderful average for a mixed selection, but buyers present to deal with all eventualities and a great day's trade.

Level bunches definitely commanding a distinct premium.

Match them up if you can.

Sample Results:

£660	Hfd x3	5 mnths	AC Lowe, Holmesfield
£980	Sim x	6 mnths	CJ Stone, Buxton
£1380	Lim x	8 mnths	Conway & Mellor, Pike Hall
£1070	Hfd x	9 mnths	D & DM Turner, Rainow
£1150	B Blue x	9 mnths	V Tabbenor & Brassington
£1650	Lim x3	8-9 mnths	I Rowe, Chesterfield

£1260	AA x3	9-10 mnths	BG Mosley, Shottle
£1140	Lim x	10 mnths	PJ Chappell, Alton
£1890	B Blue x	11 mnths	WS Hudson & Son, Ilam
£1590	Lim x	11-12 mnths	WS Hudson & Son, Ilam
£1900	Lim x	16-17 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1780	Lim x	16-20 mnths	F Potter & Son, Yeaveley
£1380	B Blue x	15 mnths	Mrs M Sellors, Grange Mill
£1400	Hfd x	18 mnths	C Matthews & Son, Castleton
£1590	AA x	16-18 mnths	C Matthews & Son, Castleton
£1090	AA x3	7-8 mnths	I Woodward, Duffield
£1840	Hfd x	21-22 mnths	RA Frith, Thorpe
£1880	Lim x4	15-16 mnths	F Potter & Son, Yeaveley
£1750	AA x4	16-17 mnths	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest
£1900	B Blue x	20 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£1720	Lim x	19 mnths	GH Ball & Partners, Hilderstone
£2050	Lim x	19 mnths	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2000	Lim x	20 mnths	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£1810	Hfd x	19 mnths	SW Jennings, Peover
£1960	Cont x	23 mnths	Miss J Bonsall, Atlow
£1630	AA x3	17 mnths	D & DC Green, Whiston
£2100	B Blue x	24 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Buxton
£2000	Lim x	20 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Buxton
£1640	AA x	17 mnths	Bateson Trailers, High Lane
£1640	Char x	18-22 mnths	RJ & JA Hancock, Foolow
£2180	B Blue x	24 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2090	AA x	24 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£1870	AA x	25-28 mnths	AW Gilman & Son, Wetton
£1950	B Blue x	23 mnths	CF Edge & Partners, Alsop
£1880	AA x	21 mnths	CF Edge & Partners, Alsop
£1880	AA x	25 mnths	L Webster & Co, Tissington
£1860	Lim x	27 mnths	DA & AM Campeau, Crowdicote
£1920	B Blue x	29 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

39 CALVES (Auctioneers Natasha Hall & Ivor Lowe)

A similar entry of calves this week but strong money for all classes and breeds.

TN Palfreyman & Son led the way with their British Blue bull topping at £680 followed by F Mycock & Sons with a British Blue bull at £640. Heifers dearer on the week with a British Blue at £630 and £625 from TN Palfreyman & Son.

A super trade for B/W's topping at £255 and a reared steer at 4 months old achieved £465.

A small entry of reared calves topping at £760 for a 4 month old British Blue steers from J Elkin.

Bulls

B Blue	£680	TN Palfreyman & Son
B Blue	£640	F Mycock & Sons
B Blue	£620	TN Palfreyman & Son
AA	£575	JE & CM Fletcher & Co
Hfd	£455	D Fotherby & Sons

Hfrs

B Blue	£630	TN Palfreyman & Son
B Blue	£625	TN Palfreyman & Son

B Blue	£560	TN Palfreyman & Son
Lim	£520	JB Drabble
Hfd	£385	D Fotherby & Sons

1229 LAMBS, 390 EWES & RAMS & 8 STORE SHEEP (Auctioneer Peter Oven)

A total of 1627 sheep on offer today included 1229 lambs. Demand very good throughout with only the big lambs hard to sell. Best butchers lambs peaked at 421p/kg with 7 pens over 400p/kg to average 352.64p/kg, up slightly on last week.

Leading Prices

30.2kg	382p/kg	B Jones
34.5kg	410p/kg	B Jones
35.0kg	396p/kg	B Jones
35.1kg	404p/kg	E Long
35.8kg	389p/kg	BE & TR Robinson
37.2kg	396p/kg	E Long
38.1kg	409p/kg	B Jones
39.4kg	421p/kg	B Jones
39.8kg	410p/kg	B Jones
43.2kg	392p/kg	JE & JM Salmon
44.1kg	397p/kg	JB Drabble
44.7kg	394p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.5kg	394p/kg	R Swift & Sons
46.1kg	394p/kg	JB Drabble
47.2kg	394p/kg	RP Hall
48.6kg	405p/kg	G Ford
49.1kg	398p/kg	R Wartigg
53.8kg	372p/kg	R Swift & Sons

Averages

32.1 - 39.0kg	To 410p/kg	Average 359.64p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 421p/kg	Average 351.4p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 405p/kg	Average 345.24p/kg
52kg+	To 372p/kg	Average 286.82p/kg

390 Ewes & Rams

Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift)

Good numbers but a very varied entry with a good show of well fleshed ewes at the top end but perhaps a higher proportion of horned types when compared to the last 2 Mondays.

Generally, the trade strong particularly for the best end. Top price for Les Hadfield at £264 with a smart Texel with the Jones family and Harry Young all with £250 and above for their dearest pens. The top 8 pens averaged £231 per head.

There were runs of Mules forward but in fairness virtually no heavy framed biggest types. Medium Mules in the £140 mark.

The weather is telling now on the plain old ewes and lack of flesh obviously affects price.

In the rams a good number of 30 forward with spirited bidding. Better Texel tups £189-£207, plainer light weight Texels £95-£120.

Ewes average £135.81	100% clearance
Rams average £148.71	100% clearance