

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

23rd February 2026

A welcome improvement in the weather ensured decent stock numbers with 727 cattle and 1,469 sheep on offer from a total of 243 vendors. Trade was strong in all sections with price increases for finished cattle, OTM's and finished hogs in particular.

The store & breeding cattle remain at very high prices with plenty of highlights. It was good to see the section well supported with 413 head on offer. Steers sold to £2,380 ave £1,684, heifers to £2,580 ave £1,565, feeding bulls to £2,400 ave £1,353. In the breeding section cows and calves sold to £2,300 with in calvers to £2,200.

There were 124 finished cattle with trade noticeably better than last week. Top figures 478p and £3,080. The overall average for the 71 heifers was a hefty 385.0 pence and the per head figure £2,406.

Another good show of 134 OTM cattle also saw improved returns with top figures 352p and £3,242 with the average looking good at 256.9 pence and £1,653 per head. It was better weather for selling calves and there were more about with 56 on offer. Bulls sold to £650 and heifers £560.

In the sheep section there was more good news, the 1,038 hogs were in strong demand with top figures 440p/kg and £204.12 per head. The SQQ average was a tremendous 376.9 pence making a typical lamb in the 39-45 range bracket worth £160.84. There were 415 cull sheep with ewes to £224 average £112.11 for a sample that included a good many 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 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



Property of the Week



 3+2  2+1  3+1  E+E  4.86ac

The Promised Land Fruit Farm
Bent Lane, Darley Dale, Matlock, DE4 2HN

A delightful opportunity to acquire a spacious 3 bedroom dwelling together with a detached holiday cottage and surrounding gardens, land and woodland all extending to approx.4.86 acres. The property enjoys a private position boasting breathtaking rural views whilst offering the convenience of amenities close-by. The property is subject to an Agricultural and Local Occupancy Condition.

Guide Price £775,000

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**134 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 256.9p/kg or £1653
(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)**

UP 7 PENCE ON THE WEEK

Trade is getting better and was very fast from start to finish. Feeding buyers out in force and a lot of cows today, once again these were purchased for further feeding. Top price was 352p and 350p for 2 overage blue heifers from Graham Locker, both selling to 'go on' to 2 different AFU men. Best cow was 334p (£2217) for a Limmy from Lillian Hallam with the better end all over £3.

Results:

352p/kg	514kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
350p/kg	476kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
334p/kg	634kg	Lim	L Hallam, Chinley
331p/kg	524kg	B Blue x	S Ward & Sons, Marsh Lane
329p/kg	828kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
310p/kg	654kg	Lim	MJ Litchfield, Burton on Trent
305p/kg	876kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
304p/kg	656kg	Blond x	WR & KJ Harvey, Stoke on Trent
303p/kg	670kg	Lim	B & M Frost, Youlgreave
300p/kg	686kg	B Blue x	MG & JR Jordan, Chevin

Gross Prices:

£2691.22	818kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2671.80	876kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2651.88	902kg	Blond x	Scriveton Manor Holdings
£2587.20	880kg	Blond x	Scriveton Manor Holdings
£2534.56	868kg	Blond x	Scriveton Manor Holdings
£2420.18	826kg	Stab	S Burley, Loxley
£2338.02	838kg	AA	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£2270.40	860kg	B Blue x	MD Webster, Atlow
£2181.20	820kg	Holst	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
£2117.56	634kg	Lim	L Hallam, Chinley
£2102.10	770kg	Sim	CW & BM Hudson, Barrow Moor

72 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 234p

Excellent to sell again.

3 OTM clean 289-320p

Best end cows 255-274p

Big Holsteins 240-250p

Leaner cows for feeding 215-235p

Smaller older cows 200-220p

The best today:

320p/kg	£1817	Mont, 34 mnths	J & J Walton & Sons, Tideswell
298p/kg	£1734	Holst, 30 mnths	GE Brookes & Partners, Lower Loxley
289p/kg	£2034	Holst, 6 yrs	JS, CE & A Hitch, Stainsby
274p/kg	£2274	Norw, 7 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
266p/kg	£2181	Holst, 5 yrs	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
265p/kg	£1839	Fries, 4 yrs	EF Chadfield & Son, Darley Moor

264p/kg	£2148	Norw, 6 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
264p/kg	£1832	Fries, 7 yrs	C Beever, Alport
263p/kg	£2161	Holst, 7 yrs	R & P Ratcliffe, Sudbury
263p/kg	£2156	Fleck, 6 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
258p/kg	£2151	Holst, 7 yrs	GE Brookes & Partners, Lower Loxley
258p/kg	£2038	Norw, 10 yrs	EF Chadfield & Son, Darley Moor
256p/kg	£1950	Fries, 5 yrs	EF Chadfield & Son, Darley Moor
254p/kg	£2092	Fries, 5 yrs	C Beever, Alport

4 OTM Bulls

290p/kg	£2465	Ayr, 35 mnths	D & JK Mellor, Onecote
289p/kg	£2705	Char, 6 yrs	MP Elliott, Eyam
281p/kg	£3242	Hfd, 5 yrs	R & P Ratcliffe, Sudbury

2 OTM Steers

317p/kg	£2390	B Blue, 37 mnths	MG & JR Jordan, Chevin
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124 FINISHED CATTLE ave 376.3p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

UP 16 PENCE ON THE WEEK

Are numbers starting to tighten up as trade takes a leap forward with some astonishing returns.

13 Young Bulls ave 343.7p/kg

Only a few but David Goodard returned to the top at 388p (twice) with Herefords (£3072 and £2910).

Results:

388p/kg	£750kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
388p/kg	792kg	Hfd	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
385p/kg	800kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
382p/kg	718kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
370p/kg	746kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
364p/kg	528kg	Fries	T Bingham, Notts

Gross Prices:

£3080.00	800kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3072.96	792kg	Hfd	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2910.00	750kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2760.20	746kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
£2742.76	718kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton
£2244.80	736kg	Holst	AB Massie & Son, Ockbrook

40 Steers ave 371.7p/kg

Some better sorts about but more trade from the best to the feeding end. Nigel Birch found a couple of superstars today with his bullock at 419p (£2597) with big Blonds from Sue Jeffery at 409p (£2928).

Results:

419p/kg	620kg	Lim	N Birch, Monyash
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409p/kg	716kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
404p/kg	598kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
400p/kg	564kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
399p/kg	684kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
397p/kg	646kg	Sim	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent
396p/kg	662kg	Lim	AD Holland, Glutton
393p/kg	758kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
386p/kg	648kg	Blond x	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
384p/kg	672kg	AA	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent

Gross Prices

£2978.94	758kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2928.44	716kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2781.86	734kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
£2758.80	726kg	Lim	AD Holland, Glutton
£2729.16	684kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
£2621.52	662kg	Lim	AD Holland, Glutton
£2604.40	766kg	B Blue x	Green Dales Farm, Alderwasley
£2597.80	620kg	Lim	NA Birch, Monyash
£2584.20	730kg	Hfd	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2580.48	672kg	AA	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent
£2564.62	646kg	Sim	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent
£2554.68	698kg	Char	DG Allen, Smalley

71 Heifers ave 385.1p/kg (Up 19 pence)

Wow, what a trade and prices to make the vendors (and auctioneer) smile. Last week's record price of 478p was equalled today with a smart red Limousin from David Goddard and his other at 458p. Nigel & Julie Birch also in the money again at 476p (£2779) with various other better sorts 420-440p, a total of 34 heifers (48% of the entry) over £4/kilo.

Results:

478p/kg	588kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
476p/kg	584kg	B Blue x	NA Birch, Monyash
458p/kg	580kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
440p/kg	532kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
440p/kg	652kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Wildboardclough
436p/kg	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
426p/kg	632kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
425p/kg	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
423p/kg	698kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
422p/kg	568kg	Lim	M Ludlam, Moorwood Moor
421p/kg	626kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Wildboardclough
421p/kg	660kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

Gross Prices:

£2952.54	698kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2868.80	652kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Wildboardclough
£2845.92	726kg	B Blue x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2825.28	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2810.64	588kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2808.96	672kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

£2786.92	722kg	B Blue x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2779.84	584kg	B Blue x	NA Birch, Monyash
£2778.60	660kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2754.00	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2748.64	656kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2746.20	690kg	Blond x	SG Potter, Bonsall
£2743.92	666kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

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

A pleasing entry of 413 on offer, but still not enough to dent demand.

Tremendous trade again with plenty of highlights and very fierce competition for well matched bunches.

The sale commenced with a variety of breeding cattle which included:

Sample prices:

£2200	B Blue Cow, 33 mnths & Hfr Calf	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£2300	S Horn x Cow, 54 mnths & Bull Calf	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£2000	S Horn x Cow, 48 mnths, i/c	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£2070	B Blue x Cow, 87 mnths, i/c	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£2000	B Blue x Cow, 88 mnths, i/c	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£2200	Char Cow, 60 mnths, r/w bull	H Savage Butchers, Harthill
£2180	Char Cow, 48 mnths, r/w bull	H Savage Butchers, Harthill
£1980	Char Cow, 71 mnths, r/w bull	H Savage Butchers, Harthill

Feeding Cows

£1920	Lim x, 37 mnths	G Walker, Ashover
£1900	Lim x, 28 mnths	G Walker, Ashover

49 Feeding Bulls

Feeding bull numbers seem good with 49 this week.

Sample Prices:

£2400	Sim	16 mnths	RA & CW Bentley, Church Broughton
£1720	Lim	8 mnths	AH & T Carr, Waterfall
£1980	B Blue x	22 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1700	Hfd x	10 mnths	DL Batterbee, Doveholes
£1100	Lim x	9-12 mnths	H Jones, Hulland Ward
£1380	Sim	7-9 mnths	J Wainwright, Adlington
£1150	Blond x	12 mnths	G Walker, Ashover
£1780	Lim x	10 mnths	CF Wheelhouse, Rotherham
£1300	Holst	12 mnths	R Fletcher, Windley
£2200	Lim	10 mnths	L Stanhope, Barlow
£2180	Lim x	10 mnths	L Stanhope, Barlow
£1870	Lim x	13 mnths	DAW Clarke, Walsall
£1840	Lim x	10-20 mnths	DAW Clarke, Walsall

162 Steers ave £1684

A good selection of steers all well bid for. The lift in finished prices should help maintain confidence amongst buyers of short keep cattle and that certainly seems to be the case at present.

£1000	Lim x5	8 mnths	HM Dowey, Woodhead Pass
£1450	Lim x	9 mnths	R & P Beardsley, Morley
£1740	Char	9-10 mnths	D Smith, High Green
£1390	Char x4	9 mnths	J & CJ Hammersley, Offcote
£1380	Lim x	9 mnths	A & AA Riddle, Ecclesfield
£1730	AA x4	9-10 mnths	HG & RJ Potter, Stannington
£1680	S Horn x6	11-12 mnths	CS Edge, Ballidon
£1640	B Blue x3	11-3 mnths	JW & AE Faulkner, Radbourne
£1600	B Blue x	10 mnths	O Pilkington, Mayfield
£1320	Hfd x	12-13 mnths	AP Critchlow, Wheston
£1420	Lim x	17 mnths	J Witham, Clifton
£1780	B Blue x	17 mnths	PJ Bailey, Grindon
£2220	Lim x	12-14 mnths	B Savage, Ridgeway
£2020	Char x	10 mnths	B Savage, Ridgeway
£1480	AA x	15-20 mnths	MJ Brewin, Newtown
£1980	Hfd x5	13-17 mnths	KE Sessions, Foston
£2000	Char	22 mnths	T Lee, South Wingfield
£1510	Char	9-11 mnths	T Lee, South Wingfield
£1680	Sim x	12 mnths	R Bowler, Wirksworth
£1160	Holst 5	15-16 mnths	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest
£1920	B Blue x	21 mnths	M Gregory, Peak Forest
£1880	Char 4	14-17 mnths	M Langton, Horsley
£1780	AA x	17 mnths	S Bateson, Marple
£1860	Lim x	16-18 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£2040	AA x	14-16 mnths	MD Webster, Ashbourne
£2260	AA x	16 mnths	MD Webster, Ashbourne
£2270	B Blue x	24 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Harpur Hill
£1900	Char x	13 mnths	Riverside Farmers, Scropton
£1790	B Blue x	19 mnths	Red Lion Inn, Dayhills
£2000	B Blue x	21 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1770	S Horn x	22 mnths	E Hancock, Foolow
£2080	Lim x	17 mnths	JJ Turner, Okeover
£2000	Pied x	21 mnths	RA & CW Bentley, Church Broughton
£2340	Hfd x3	19 mnths	PW & JA Mansfield, Hyde
£1650	Lim x	18-19 mnths	DA & AM Campeau, Crowdicote
£1960	Lim x	21-22 mnths	JS Bramall, Totley
£2380	AA x	23 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2010	AA x	23 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2000	B Blue x	18-21 mnths	CF Edge, Alsop en le Dale
£2080	AA x4	24-26 mnths	JG Jackson, Wardlow
£2000	Hfd x4	26 mnths	A Allwood & Son, Crich
£1740	Hfd x	24 mnths	TJ Jackson, Mayfield
£1640	Fries	27 mnths	P & J Cantrell, Haddon Grove
£1730	Fries	29 mnths	L Bethell, Haddon Grove
£2190	Sim x	24-29 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
£2300	Lim x	26 mnths	J Gibbs, Hartington
£2050	Hfd x	28 mnths	J Gibbs, Hartington

170 Heifers ave £1565

Somer very fine specimens in the entry, but all shapes and sizes in great demand. As ever well matched bunches attracted the strongest bidding with excellent results.

Sample Results:

£1100	Lim x	9-10 mnths	M Foster, Whaley Bridge
£1410	Lim x	8-9 mnths	R & P Beardsley Morley
£1420	Lim x	5-10 mnths	A & AA Riddle, Ecclesfield
£1120	L Horn x	11 mnths	MD Shimwell, Middleton
£1080	Hfd x8	9-10 mnths	D Holt, Marple
£1200	AA x6	11-13 mnths	PR & PM Atkin, Snake Pass
£1310	Blond	12 mnths	G Walker, Ashover
£1380	AA x	12-13 mnths	O Pilkington, Mayfield
£1960	Sim x	23 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1560	B Blue x	17 mnths	PJ Bailey, Grindon
£1780	AA x3	20 mnths	MJ Brewin, Newtown
£2160	Hfd x	17-19 mnths	KE Sessions, Foston
£1300	Char x	10 mnths	T Lee, South Wingfield
£1440	AA x	16-17 mnths	D & DC Green, Whiston
£1600	B Blue x	15 mnths	Mrs EJ Mottram, Gratwich
£1960	B Blue x5	16 mnths	Easom & Son, Oakerthorpe
£1890	B Blue x5	15-18 mnths	Easom & Sons, Oakerthorpe
£1680	AA	17-18 mnths	S Bateson, Stockport
£1530	AA x4	18 mnths	Hall Partnership, Litton
£1740	Hfd x7	19-21 mnths	JD Wood, Derwent
£1670	Hfd x6	18-21 mnths	JD Wood, Derwent
£1760	AA x	16 mnths	MD Webster, Ashbourne
£2050	B Blue x	19 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Buxton
£2000	Lim x3	18-25 mnths	PK & C Heathcote, Buxton
£2250	B Blue x	18 mnths	DW Bown & S Dronfield, Ashover
£1940	AA x3	18 mnths	MG Mosley & Son, Rivelin
£1970	B Blue x	22 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£2070	AA x	20 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£2010	Lim x	22 mnths	P Redfearn, Marple Bridge
£2040	B Blue x	22-24 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2080	Hfd	25 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2370	Lim x	32 mnths	MJ Burnett, Rowsley
£2270	Lim x4	21 mnths	MJ Burnett, Rowsley
£2000	AA x	22 mnths	CF Edge & Partners, Alsop
£2320	B Blue x	22 mnths	MJ Turner, Grindon
£2280	Lim x	19 mnths	MJ Turner, Grindon
£1740	Hfd x3	26 mnths	A Allwood & Son, Crich
£1900	Sim x	24 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
£2580	Salter x	28 mnths	D Gadsby, Darley Bridge

56 CALVES (Auctioneers Natasha Hall & Ivor Lowe)

Another excellent trade for an increased entry with tops of £650 for B Blue bulls and £560 for heifers.

A packed ringside of potential purchasers ensured a competitive trade for all on offer with all looking well sold.

B/W's particularly dear to a top of £260 and averaging £172.

Bulls

B Blue	£650	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
B Blue	£620	G & R Waller, Bollington
B Blue	£560	WEJ & HJ Neville, Tansley
Angus	£475	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
Hfd	£410	SG Potter, Bonsall
Holst	£260	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale

Hfrs

B Blue	£560	GW & WL Neville, Tansley
B Blue	£560	G & R Waller, Bollington
Angus	£430	G & R Waller, Bollington
Hfd	£350	JP & SR Slack, Taxal

1038 LAMBS, 413 EWES & RAMS & 16 STORE SHEEP

(Auctioneer Peter Oven)

Another excellent entry of 1038 lambs. The best butchers lambs sold to 440p/kg with 12 pens 400p/kg plus. A run of 51 from Philip Langton averaged 400.75p/kg. Demand in general very brisk throughout with all weights in demand, only the 51kg plus harder to place.

The overall average 376.95p/kg, up almost 25p on last week. Top gross of £204.12.

Leading Prices

28.4kg	414p/kg	M & C Hambleton
34.0kg	398p/kg	BE & TR Robinson
35.1kg	389p/kg	J Lomas & Sons
36.5kg	409p/kg	R Henshall
37.1kg	408p/kg	R Henshall
42.8kg	410p/kg	A & B Simpson
43.08kg	410p/kg	P Langton
44.0kg	440p/kg	GA & SM Wainwright & Sons
44.7kg	416p/kg	R Wartigg
45.5kg	402p/kg	R Swift & Sons
46.3kg	407p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.2kg	380p/kg	A & B Simpson
48.0kg	378p/kg	SW frith
50.0kg	382p/kg	AV Marsden
50.2kg	388p/kg	R Wartigg
54.0kg	378p/kg	SW Frith

Averages

25.1 – 32.0kg	To 414p/kg	Average 398.1p/kg
32.1 - 39.0kg	To 409p/kg	Average 382.68p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 440p/kg	Average 376.3p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 407p/kg	Average 360.15p/kg
52kg+	To 378p/kg	Average 344.49p/kg

415 Ewes & Rams

Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift)

A very good entry with a larger proportion of horned ewes forward. Best ewes £190 plus with both Suffolks and Texels £220 and above.

Top price Texels from Paul Harrison at Priestcliffe with Philip & Alison Hill at £220 for pure Suffolks.

The best of the Mules £140-£150 and some smaller framed Gritstones towards £115,
Generally, bidders for all categories with a few feeding customers about this week.

A few more big strong Texels could have been well sold to the vendors advantage.

In the rams a very mixed run in line with the time of year, a Dutch spotted topped the day at £278 (2T) for the Allens at Taddington. Suffolks to £170 with half meated Texels £139-£151.

Ewes to £224	Ave £112.11
Rams to £175	Ave £124.60