

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

2nd February 2026

February 2nd is 'Candlemas' and tradition dictates that farmers should have half of their fodder left on that date.

Most would rather you did not ask, but signs are Spring are with us and January is over. Plenty of confidence apparent in the market with 691 cattle and 1,908 sheep on offer from 241 vendors.

It is also pleasing to report that trade was up on the week in virtually all departments.

There were 386 store & breeding cattle on offer with prices very satisfactory and plenty of demand for all types.

Steers peaked at £2,420 to average £1,685, heifers £2,240 ave £1,417 and feeding bulls to £1,980.

In the breeding section a 77 month old B Blue Stock Bull made £4,400.

129 finished cattle forward with trade much sharper than last week. Top figures 447p/kg and £3,947 per head.

The average for the 59 heifers was 380.5p/kg and £2,443 per head a significant increase on last week.

There was a good show of 145 OTM cows with top figures 351p and £3,381 per head.

The calf business remains very firm with bulls to £640 and heifers to £760.

A good turnout in the sheep department with a total of 1,908 on offer.

The 1,593 hogs sold on a cracking trade with the best on offer to 402p/kg and £193.83 per head.

The SQQ average emerged at a solid 330.3 pence making a typical hogg on the 39-45kg weight bracket worth £144.70.

There were 315 cull sheep with ewes selling to £240 to average £124.38 for a very mixed sample.

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 29th January – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale & sale of Store Lambs

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We have been asked to pass on the sad news that

Mick Lilley

Died on 27th December 2025

Funeral arrangements have not been finalised, but we will publicise the place and time when it is known

145 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 256.9p/kg or £1697

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

The same number as last week with the average lifting slightly by 4 pence on the week, but generally a better show of meat today. Trade peaked at 351 pence for a young Limousin cow (4yrs) from Messrs Taberner, Tutbury with a big pure Blue cow from Steven & Ashley Mills at 350p or £3381. Plenty of better bred cows or younger sorts 280-320p and less feeding cows about.

Results:

351p/kg	792kg	Lim, 4 yrs	WW Taberner & Sons, Tutbury
350p/kg	966kg	B Blue, 10 yrs	BA & SW Mills, Redmires
343p/kg	832kg	B Blue, 5 yrs	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
338p/kg	714kg	Lim, 32 mnths	RHH Parnell, Littleover
330p/kg	818kg	B Blue x, 34 mnths	HJ Archer, Scropton
330p/kg	544kg	B Blue x, 30 mnths	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
330p/kg	560kg	B Blue x, 31 mnths	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
322p/kg	870kg	Sim, 5 yrs	WW Taberner & Sons, Tutbury
319p/kg	756kg	B Blue x, 4 yrs	W, REA & WD Sessions, Trusley
304p/kg	646kg	Sim, 4 yrs	NA Birch, Monyash
304p/kg	738kg	Lim, 9 yrs	JW Blackshaw, Bakewell
302p/kg	804kg	Lim, 9 yrs	B & M Frost, Youlgreave

Gross Prices:

£3381.00	933kg	B Blue	BA & SW Mills, Redmires
£2853.76	832kg	B Blue	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
£2801.40	870kg	Sim	WW Taberner & Sons, Tutbury
£2779.92	792kg	Lim	WW Taberner & Sons, Tutbury
£2522.52	858kg	B Blue x	M Gregory, Perrydale
£2428.08	804kg	Lim	B & M Frost, Youlgreave
£2413.32	714kg	Lim	RHH Parnell, Littleover
£2411.64	756kg	B Blue x	W, REA & WD Sessions, Trusley
£2236.32	784kg	Lim	WW Taberner & Sons, Tutbury
£2243.52	738kg	Lim	JW Blackshaw, Bakewell
£2188.90	742kg	B Blue x	W, REA & WD Sessions, Trusley

60 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 237.1p

The average just creeping up

3 OTM Clean 288-320p

Best cows 255-275p

Big Holsteins 240-250p

Parlour Cows 220-235p

Plainest end under 210p

The best today:

320p/kg	£2195	MRI, 30 mnths	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
289p/kg	£2392	Holst, 33 mnths	E Morten & Sons, Barmoor Clough
288p/kg	£1664	Fries, 30 mnths	Moor Farmers, Flagg
275p/kg	£2486	MRI, 7 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
269p/kg	£2082	Fries, 7 yrs	SG Potter, Bonsall
264p/kg	£1837	Fries, 12 yrs	J Brough & Son, Rudyard

261p/kg	£1769	Fries, 12 yrs	A Sims, Hulland
260p/kg	£1991	Fries, 8 yrs	J Brough & Son, Rudyard
258p/kg	£1950	Holst, 8 yrs	Moor Farmers, Flagg
258p/kg	£2058	Fries, 6 yrs	L Hadfield & Sons, Peak Forest
257p/kg	£840	Fries, 7 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
256p/kg	£1858	Fries, 5 yrs	L Hadfield & Sons, Peak Forest
256p/kg	£1592	Fries, 11 yrs	R Brough & Son, Monyash
255p/kg	£1662	Holst, 6 yrs	E Morten & Sons, Barmoor Clough

5 OTM Bulls

315p/kg	£3187	AA, 34 mnths	A & A Spooner, Macclesfield
304p/kg	£2942	Lim, 6 yrs	HJ Archer & Son, Scropton

9 OTM Steers

339p/kg	£1667	Hfd, 30 mnths	A Hall & Sons, Marchington
308p/kg	£1761	L Horn, 38 mnths	M & Y Smith, Sutton on the Hill
302p/kg	£1805	L Horn, 39 mnths	M & Y Smith, Sutton on the Hill

119 FINISHED CATTLE ave 378.4p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

UP 23 PENCE ON THE WEEK!

The end of the January blues? Cattle were certainly dearer today with plenty of demand at ringside.

30 Young Bulls ave 375p/kg

Eight best over £4/kilo and up to £3947 (one of the biggest prices ever achieved at Bakewell) A joint top of 426p for Blues from Phil & Emma Watson and John Ottewell with 2 big pure Blonds from Mark Shenton at £3947 (394p) and £3720 (400p).

Results:

426p/kg	610kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
426p/kg	678kg	B Blue x	JT Ottewell, Calow
419p/kg	668kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
418p/kg	826kg	Lim	RH & DT Swinson, Denstone
415p/kg	712kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
410p/kg	702kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
402p/kg	676kg	Lim	Poplar Farming, Longford
400p/kg	930kg	Blond	CW Shenton, Handforth
394p/kg	1002kg	Blond	CW Shenton, Handforth
392p/kg	672kg	Lim	PJ Dale, Denby Village

Gross Prices:

£3947.88	1002kg	Blond	CW Shenton, Handforth
£3720.00	930kg	Blond	CW Shenton, Handforth
£3452.68	826kg	Lim	RH & DT Swinson, Denstone
£3268.76	874kg	Lim	PD & AP Stone, Middleton by Youlgreave
£2954.80	712kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2941.32	762kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2888.28	678kg	B Blue x	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2878.20	702kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2798.92	668kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse

30 Steers ave 377.7p/kg

Definitely more appetite and some quality about to suit all comers. 8 best over £4 and a high of 424p for a lovely Limmy from Charles & Sue Jeffery, Pilsley. Matt Langton had 419p for his best with a trio from Mike Turner at 416p x2 and 407p.

Results:

424p/kg	640kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
419p/kg	648kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
416p/kg	552kg	Lim	MJ Turner, Grindon
416p/kg	574kg	Lim	MJ Turner, Grindon
407p/kg	608kg	B Blue x	MJ Turner, Grindon
404p/kg	648kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
400p/kg	672kg	Lim	RH & DT Swinson, Denstone

Gross Prices

£2715.12	648kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
£2713.60	640kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2693.60	640kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2690.08	782kg	B Blue x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2688.00	672kg	Lim	RH & DT Swinson, Denstone
£2653.50	870kg	AA	FJ Knibb Farms, Derby
£2633.40	684kg	Lim	G Evans, Edwinstowe
£2617.92	648kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
£2574.24	744kg	B Blue x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2569.44	636kg	Blond x	C Molley, Hucknall
£2514.72	676kg	AA	R Walker, Ashgate

59 Heifers ave 380.5p/kg

The highest average for a while and some excellent prices and cattle on offer. 4 best over 440p for John Grummett 447 and 446p. Ben Langton had 446p and Matt & Denly Allen at 441 and 435p. Plenty of quality saw all the best comfortably over £4.

Results:

447p/kg	564kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
446p/kg	514kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
446p/kg	540kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
441p/kg	560kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
435p/kg	630kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
430p/kg	620kg	Blond x	K Harrop, Alport
424p/kg	684kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
420p/kg	596kg	Blond x	CW Shenton, Handforth
419p/kg	640kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
418p/kg	622kg	Lim	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
415p/kg	632kg	Char	A Mosley & Son, Matlock
414p/kg	674kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

Gross Prices:

£2900.16	684kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2818.08	684kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2790.36	674kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

£2743.92	666kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2740.50	630kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
£2720.00	680kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2708.16	672kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2697.80	658kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2696.96	784kg	B Blue x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2681.60	640kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2680.32	698kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2676.32	688kg	B Blue x	RE, D & D Priestley, Castleton

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

Another good turnout of store & breeding cattle with 386 head in total.

Demand strong right through the sale indicating that confidence is running high regardless of the deadweight buyers' attempts to pull back the price.

All types keenly sought with a packed ring of buyers operating and fierce competition from start to finish.

The sale commenced with a nice sample of 21 breeding cattle which included:

£4400	Ped Lim B Blue Stock Bull, 77 mnths	K Harrop, Alport
£1960	B Blue x Cow, 96 mnths, i/c	K Sharpe, Lowdham
£1920	Lim x Cow, 81 mnths, i/c	K Sharpe, Lowdham

32 Feeding Bulls

Sample Prices:

£1280	Lim x	9-10 mnths	M Foster, Whaley Bridge
£820	Hfd x	5 mnths	TG Adams & Son, Calwich
£510	Fries	5 mnths	TG Adams & Son, Calwich
£1980	B Blue x	21 mnths	SJ Gibson, Thorpe
£1100	Sim x	6 mnths	CJ Stone, Buxton
£1390	Char x	8 mnths	D Byard, Press
£1400	Mont x	17 mnths	L Marsden & Son, Fulwood
£1320	AA x	17 mnths	L Marsden & Son, Fulwood
£1340	Lim x	7 mnths	K Sharpe, Lowdham
£840	Lim x	1 mnths	CH Ede & Son, Alkington

165 Steers ave £1685

Great prices achieved at all levels of age, size and quality.

Plenty of interest in the younger end with weaned calves selling very well.

Short finish cattle definitely dearer than last week with outstanding prices achieved.

Sample Results:

£840	B Blue x	6 mnths	S & D Green, Selston
£1360	Lim x3	10 mnths	HE Reddish, Pleasley
£1180	Lim x	7 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1420	Lim x	8 mnths	RJ & WJ Wigley, Middleton
£1190	Sim x	6 mnths	CJ Stone, Fairfield
£1350	Lim x	7-9 mnths	PJ Chappell, Alton
£1720	Char x3	10-11 mnths	T Metcalfe, Grindon

£1160	Holst	13 mnths	JH Avery, Yeaveley
£980	B Blue x6	7-9 mnths	JH Avery, Yeaveley
£1680	Lim x	9-10 mnths	MI Mosley & Co, Stannington
£1020	L Horn x	8 mnths	MR & ER Glover, Measham
£1690	Lim x4	9 mnths	A & AA Riddle, Ecclesfield
£1700	Lim x	10 mnths	TJ & CC Eades, Alstonefield
£1280	Lim x	6 mnths	SR Hinchley, Ashover
£1180	Sim x	9-12 mnths	HC Gilbert, Edale
£1750	B Blue x	14 mnths	NA Birch, Monyash
£1620	Mont x	13-15 mnths	Furness & Taylor, Wormhill
£1750	Lim x	18 mnths	A Sharpe, Lowdham
£1720	B Blue x		A & DJ Gregory, Litton
£1740	AA x	17 mnths	S Bateson, Marple
£1580	Hfd x	15 mnths	P Furness, Monyash
£1770	AA x	16 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£1790	Blond x	21 mnths	A Brown & Son, Bonsall
£1530	Hfd x	17 mnths	HG Wild, Chinley
£2200	Lim x	12-17 mnths	F Potter & Son, Yeaveley
£1580	Fleck x	20 mnths	DJ Webster, Worrall
£1550	B Blue x	18-20 mnths	K Hollinrake, Peak Forest
£1740	Char x	18 mnths	D Smith, High Green
£2200	Char x	17-21 mnths	EE & CJ Woodward, Coxbench
£2020	Char x	14 mnths	Thorp Farms, Baslow
£2080	AA x	20 mnths	Thorp Farms, Baslow
£1980	Lim x	18-21 mnths	HJ Archer, Scropton
£2240	AA	25 mnths	J & P Riley, Hartington
£2420	Blond x	20 mnths	DW Swift, Edale
£1820	AA x	25-26 mnths	SM Fletcher, Heathcote
£1920	Sim x	16-21 mnths	CE & EN Latham, Sudbury
£1960	Lim x	19 mnths	KCR Lomas, Brassington
£2180	B Blue x	23 mnths	Red Lion Inn, Dayhills
£2180	AA x	28 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£2420	Lim x	21 mnths	J & J Mellor, Kniveton
£2360	Lim x	19-21 mnths	J & J Mellor, Kniveton
£2300	Hfd x	26 mnths	FJ Wragg, Brackenfield
£2080	Lim x	23 mnths	JG & JM Belfield, Sheen
£2280	B Blue x	26 mnths	GH Prince, Roston

168 Heifers ave £1417

A good trade for both individuals and bunches with plenty of demand on display. If you have cattle ready to sell – do not hesitate, Bakewell buyers would like the chance to bid at them.

Sample Results:

£900	B Blue x	6-7 mnths	S & S Smith, Selston
£1280	Lim x	9-11 mnths	HE Reddish, Pleasley
£1280	Lim x	7 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1300	Lim x	8 mnths	RJ & WJ Wigley, New Mills
£1350	Lim x	7-10 mnths	PJ Chapell, Alton
£1180	Lim x	9 mnths	AJ & GH Bland, Mottram
£940	Blond x	8 mnths	P Marsden, New Mills

£1200	Char x	10 mnths	T Metcalfe, Grindon
£1240	B Blue x	12 mnths	D Byard, Press
£990	Hfd x	10-12 mnths	D Byard, Press
£1280	Lim x	11 mnths	TJ & CC Eades, Alstonefield
£960	Lim x	6-7 mnths	SR Hinchley, Ashover
£1360	Lim x	8-11 mnths	K Sharpe, Lowdham
£1500	Lim x	16-18 mnths	NA Birch, Monyash
£1680	Lim x	17-18 mnths	D Sims & Son, Fenny Bentley
£1590	Lim x	14 mnths	A & DJ Gregory, Litton
£1550	AA x	14 mnths	A & DJ Gregory, Litton
£1480	AA x	16-17 mnths	S Bateson, Marple
£1650	Blond x	12-15 mnths	A Brown & Son, Bonsall
£1600	AA	17-21 mnths	N & S Pearson, Peak Forest
£1400	Hfd x5	16-17 mnths	HG Wild, Chinley
£1970	Lim x	17-23 mnths	F Potter & Son, Yeaveley
£1900	AA x	25 mnths	J & P Riley, Hartington
£1860	B Blue x5	22-25 mnths	J & P Riley, Hartington
£1640	Sim x	18 mnths	SM Fletcher, Heathcote
£1800	Sim	17-21 mnths	CE & EN Latham, Sudbury
£1560	AA x	22 mnths	CE & EN Latham, Sudbury
£1740	Lim x	12 mnths	KCR Lomas, Brassington
£2080	AA x	33 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£2200	B Blue x	21-22 mnths	CC Etches, Tissington
£1860	Sim x	23 mnths	Campion Bros, Stretton
£1960	AA x6	23-24 mnths	Campion Bros, Stretton
£1820	AA x8	19-24 mnths	Campion Bros, Stretton
£2240	Sim x	26 mnths	FJ Wragg, Brackenfield

41 CALVES (Auctioneer Natasha Hall)

An increased entry of calves today with trade strong for the best. Bulls topped at £640 for a B Blue from BD Hudson and heifers topped at £525 for a B Blue from GW & WL Neville.

B/W's topped at £160.

A 6 month old Sim from SW Frith Ltd topped at £760.

Bulls

B Blue	£640	BD Hudson
B Blue	£505	Welbeck Estates Co Ltd
B Blue	£465	WEJ & HJ Neville
B Blue	£450	WEJ & HJ Neville

Hfrs

B Blue	£525	GW & WL Neville
B Blue	£435	GW & WL Neville
Hfd	£410	DJ Metcalfe & Co
B Blue	£395	Welbeck Estates Co Ltd
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1593 LAMBS AND 315 EWES & RAMS

(Auctioneer Peter Oven)

An increased entry of 1908 sheep included 1593 lambs, with lamb numbers well up demand stayed very good throughout with best butchers lambs selling to a top of 402p/kg and a

further 16 pens 380+p/kg. Best heavy lambs grossed at £194/head. A larger proportion of hill bred lambs was reflected in the overall average at 330.36p/kg.

Leading Prices

33.3kg	350p/kg	L Wright
36.7kg	358p/kg	P Langton
37.0kg	380p/kg	R Henshall
37.1kg	386p/kg	D Simpson
40.5kg	384p/kg	N Beswick
41.4kg	389p/kg	P Langton
42.0kg	388p/kg	R Swift & Sons
42.3kg	402p/kg	RP Hall
43.8kg	393p/kg	R Swift & Sons
44.4kg	380p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.2kg	382p/kg	M Jones
47.4kg	374p/kg	R Swift & Sons
48.0kg	380p/kg	RP Hall
48.7kg	398p/kg	B Ford
48.9kg	387p/kg	RP Hall
51.6kg	370p/kg	RP Hall
53.4kg	362p/kg	B Ford

Averages

32.1-39.0kg	To 386p/kg	Average 308.56p/kg
39.1-45.5kg	To 402p/kg	Average 336.68p/kg
45.6-52kg	To 398p/kg	Average 324.35p/kg
52kg+	To 362p/kg	Average 276.97p/kg

315 Ewes and Rams (Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift)

A bigger entry and the best style a good trade but the crossbred seconds harder to place today.

Mules steadier as well but the best meated horned ewes good to sell.

Top call £240 for Texels with others at £212 and £200 for Micheal Wainwright.

Stronger crossbred ewes £165 plus with £176 for the Hallam Family at Warslow.

Generally, very few real lean ewes, but with wet backs and wet fields these were harder to place.

Best slaughter rams a strong trade but plainer sorts were harder to move.

Top price £236 for a Texel. Medium tups £139-£147 dependant on finish and the weather and the end of season is definitely now showing.

Ewes 100% clearance ave £125.22

Rams 100% clearance ave £137.60