

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

9th February 2026

Decent entries in all departments with 676 cattle and 1,628 sheep on offer and a strong trade prevailing throughout.

Store cattle numbers were less than the equivalent market last year with quality short finish animals in short supply.

If you have store and breeding cattle ready for sale, do not hesitate, Bakewell buyers would like the opportunity to bid at them.

Steers sold to £2,560 ave £1,606, heifers to £2,200 ave £1,337 and feeding bulls to £1,950 ave £1,029.

Trade was fantastic from start to finish and buyers were operating at all price levels. See if you can find some for next week.

In the breeding section 2 pedigree Simmental stock bulls both about 18 months old sold at £4,300 and £3,800. And whilst supplies of store cattle were limited the finished ring was particularly busy with 178 head in total.

Trade was solid with the top figures 453p/kg and £4,019 per head.

The OTM ring was also well supported with 146 on offer. Top figures 384p/kg and £3,200 per head.

The overall average indicating the general level of trade was a very healthy 257.8 pence. Just 36 calves this week with a lack of supply driving demand, bulls reached £645 and £515.

In the sheep shed there was a good turnout of 1,628.

An impressive number bearing in mind the miserable weather over the last few days making sheep sorting a particularly unwelcome activity.

There were 1,324 hoggs in total with top figures 408p/kg and £121.90 per head.

The SQQ average looked very good at 351.1 pence making a typical hogg in the 39-45kg range worth £149.53.

A smallish entry of 278 cull sheep saw trade much stronger than in recent weeks with ewes to £272 to average £148.20

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 12th February – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

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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

146 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 257.8p/kg or £1692 (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

One extra cow one penny more than last week and with two extra buyers at ringside, trade was excellent from start to finish. There is an army of feeding buyers at Bakewell at present looking for leaner cows to improve and they are interested in both suckler and B/W cows. 15 different buyers today creating 18 different accounts. This is competition at its very best, so what better way to sell your cows than to offer them to a ring full of buyers in the live ring at Bakewell.

Top price today was 384p for a pure Limousin heifer (35 mnths) from Jess & Sophie, Ashford Hall with other overage at 368 and 356p from Denly Allen and Jeff Turner respectively. Best cow today was 355p for a B Blue x from James Hodgkinson.

Results:

384p/kg	650kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
368p/kg	672kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
356p/kg	570kg	Lim	JJ Turner, Okeover
355p/kg	708kg	B Blue x, 4 yrs	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
335p/kg	542kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
334p/kg	534kg	B Blue x	PW & M Locker, Boylestone
322p/kg	548kg	Lim, 5 yrs	Clark Farms, Ringinglow
322p/kg	690kg	S Horn	Thorp Farms, Baslow
321p/kg	736kg	AA 3 1/2 yrs	DS Gregory, Glossop
320p/kg	800kg	Lim, 5 yrs	Ashford Hall Farm
316p/kg	720kg	Lim, 10 yrs	R & A White & Son, Bamford
314p/kg	666kg	Lim, 7 yrs	L Hallam, Chinley
309p/kg	826kg	Lim, 4 yrs	JT & JW Woodfine, Radbourne

Gross Prices:

£2619.36	856kg	Sim	DW Sorrell, Chesterfield
£2653.76	878kg	Lim	R & White & Son, Bamford
£2560.00	800kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
£2552.34	826kg	Lim	JT & JW Woodfine, Radbourne
£2513.40	708kg	B Blue x	H Hodgkinson & Sons, Earl Sterndale
£2496.00	650kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
£2362.56	736kg	AA	DS Gregory, Glossop
£2320.00	800kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
£2302.60	794kg	Lim	B & M Frost, Youlgreave
£2275.20	720kg	Lim	R & A White & Son, Bamford
£2268.00	756kg	B Blue x	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow

80 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 238p

Bigger entry, better prices.

OTM Clean 264 & 280p

Best end & fed cows 250-275p

Big Holsteins 240-250p

Parlour type cows 225-240p

Smaller or leaner types for feeding 210-230p

Only a handful of plain cows under 200p

The best today:

280p/kg	£2088	Mont, 34 mnths	GE Smith, Quarndon
275p/kg	£2260	Fleck, 6 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
264p/kg	£1430	Fries, 30 mnths	Brooklyn Farm Products, Leek
262p/kg	£1917	Fleck, 6 yrs	Moor Farming, Flagg
259p/kg	£2030	Holst, 8 yrs	P Furness, Monyash
259p/kg	£2020	MRI, 8 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
259p/kg	£1885	Fleck, 5 yrs	Gilmans Ltd, Thorpe
258p/kg	£1646	Fries, 5 yrs	C Beever, Alport
256p/kg	£1761	Holst, 5 yrs	Gilmans Ltd, Thorpe
256p/kg	£1751	Holst, 4 yrs	Gilmans Ltd, Thorpe
254p/kg	£2138	Holst, 7 yrs	P Furness, Monyash
253p/kg	£1659	Fleck, 5 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
252p/kg	£2046	Holst, 10 yrs	JR Johnson & Son, Leek
250p/kg	£1440	Holst, 30 mnths	JB Drabble, Tideswell Moor
250p/kg	£1505	Fries, 8 yrs	D Fotherby & Sons, Tunstead
248p/kg	£2395	Holst, 5 yrs	JJ Furness, Elton

5 OTM Bulls

£3200	B Blue	8 yrs	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£3053	Char	7 yrs	CS Edge, Ballidon
319p/kg	£2494	Lim	L Hallam, Chinley

7 OTM Steers

315p/kg	£1839	L Horn, 40 mnths	M & Y Smith, Sutton on the Hill
311p/kg	£1797	L Horn, 34 mnths	M & Y Smith, Sutton on the Hill

178 FINISHED CATTLE ave 363.6p/kg

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Massive numbers again on the back of an excellent trade last week and a full line up of buyers ensured trade was strong again.

36 Young Bulls ave 353.7p/kg

Some big bulls on offer today and a new order at ringside led to a strong trade for all. Trade peaked at 451p (£3409) for a posh and strong Limousin from Charlie Boden, Mellor who had another Limmy at 426p and a massive Charolais at £4019 (388p).

Results:

451p/kg	756kg	Lim	Boden & Davies Ltd, Mellor
434p/kg	680kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
426p/kg	792kg	Lim	Boden & Davies Ltd, Mellor
426p/kg	646kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
420p/kg	828kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
418p/kg	686kg	Lim	AE & B Smith & Sons, Denstone
400p/kg	682kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires

Gross Prices:

£4019.68	1036kg	Char	Boden & Davies Ltd, Mellor
£3477.60	828kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3409.56	756kg	Lim	Boden & Davies Ltd, Mellor

£3408.60	874kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3373.92	792kg	Lim	Boden & Davies Ltd, Mellor
£2951.20	680kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2867.48	686kg	Lim	AE & B Smith & Sons, Uttoxeter
£2751.96	646kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£2728.00	682kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2704.56	708kg	Lim	R Brough & Son, Monyash
£2678.04	774kg	Char	R Prue & Son, Alfreton

60 Steers ave 362.1p/kg

Big numbers and tremendous quality at the top end as well as a number of leaner types but plenty of interest in all sorts. John Grummett had a lovely pen of cattle with his only steer peaking at 438p (£2882) with other quality sorts 390p+.

Results:

438p/kg	658kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
426p/kg	620kg	B Blue x	MJ Turner, Grindon
408p/kg	662kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
405p/kg	646kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
401p/kg	638kg	Lim	Hazlewood Hall Farm
401p/kg	630kg	Lim	Hazlewood Hall Farm
400p/kg	606kg	Lim	G Evans, Edwinstowe
400p/kg	608kg	Lim	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
398p/kg	628kg	B Blue x	DG Allen, Smalley
390p/kg	640kg	Sim	Atkin Bros, Barrow on Trent

Gross Prices

£3049.56	788kg	Lim	S Hambleton, Bradley
£2882.04	658kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2804.40	738kg	Blond x	K Harrop, Alport
£2782.26	754kg	Char	DFE Holland, Glutton
£2700.96	662kg	Lim	DG Allen, Smalley
£2677.84	716kg	B Blue x	K Harrop, Alport
£2668.54	778kg	S Horn	S Hambleton, Bradley
£2664.18	722kg	Lim	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2655.68	772kg	AA	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2641.20	620kg	B Blue x	MJ Turner, Grindon
£2628.16	764kg	Char	DFE Holland, Glutton

82 Heifers ave 369.5p/kg

Once again, a large show of heifers and trade was as strong as ever with the butcher types on best form. John Grummett had 453, 450 and 449p for his trio with locals Alan Maier and Steven & Steff Wells both at 440p and Philip Hooley at 438p.

Results:

453p/kg	574kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
450p/kg	602kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
449p/kg	580kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
440p/kg	550kg	Lim	AR Maier, Brassington
440p/kg	554kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
438p/kg	610kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Wildboarclough

434p/kg	614kg	Blond x	K Harrop, Alport
430p/kg	624kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
430p/kg	560kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Reapsmoor
420p/kg	626kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
414p/kg	604kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
408p/kg	706kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley

Gross Prices:

£3117.60	866kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2880.48	706kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2862.24	712kg	Lim	S Hambleton, Bradley
£2720.80	716kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2714.04	718kg	Lim	J Butler, Calow
£2709.00	602kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2683.20	624kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2671.80	610kg	Lim	PJ Hooley, Wildboarclough
£2664.76	614kg	Blond x	K Harrop, Alport
£2655.24	654kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2649.20	716kg	Hfd	AB Massie & Son, Ockbrook
£2649.20	716kg	Lim	G Evans, Edwinstowe

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

A respectable entry of 316, but we could certainly have sold a lot more, had they been available.

Do give Alastair Sneddon a call on 07973 982441 if you need advice on any aspect of the store & breeding cattle section.

Just a reminder to all to ensure that you book in before 12 noon on Friday. We have had one or two vendors 'miss the advertising boat' in recent weeks and whilst their stock sold well on the day it is so much better for prospective buyers to see them on the list.

The early warning list works really well, please help us to keep it that way.

The sale started with breeding cattle which included 2 pedigree Simmental stock bulls from 2 different vendors, the results being:

£4300	Ped Sim Stock Bull, 17 mnths	Barlow Bros, Croston
£3800	Ped Sim Stock Bull, 19 mnths	I Cherry, Wardlow
Other breeders included 10 cows r/w bull		
£1980	Char x Cow, 143 mnths	H Savage Ltd, Spinkhill
£1880	Lim x Cow, 117 mnths	H Savage Ltd, Spinkhill
£1860	Lim x Cow, 70 mnths	H Savage Ltd, Spinkhill
£1680	Char x Cow, 153 mnths	H Savage Ltd, Spinkhill
Others		
£1950	Sim Cow, 62 mnths & Calf	JP Webster, Foolow
£1750	Lim Cow, 61 mnths & Calf	J Walker, Ashover

40 Feeding Bulls

Sample Prices:

£1820	Char x	9 mnths	B Savage, Ridgeway
£1750	Char x	12 mnths	B Savage, Ridgeway

£1380	Mont x	17 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1950	Lim x	11 mnths	E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
£780	Holst	8-10 mnths	TW & JA Foster, Duffield
£1450	AA x	7 mnths	I Woodward, Duffield
£1040	B Blue x	10 mnths	EA Cooper & Son, Taddington

112 Steers ave £1606

We could have done with a few more in order to make any kind of impression on the demand, particularly some strong short finish types.

What we did have were unbelievably dear with sample prices for a rather mixed lot as follows:

£1350	B Blue x	9 mnths	W & EI Handford, Birch Vale
£1280	B Blue x	8-10 mnths	W & EI Handford, Birch Vale
£1240	AA x	8-9 mnths	GHW Dakin, Matlock
£1980	Char x	10 mnths	MP Elliott, Eyam
£1420	Lim x	9 mnths	A & AA Riddle, Ecclesfield
£1680	Lim x	9-10 mnths	R & P Beardsley, Morley
£960	L Horn x	9 mnths	MD Shimwell, Middleton
£1500	Lim x	12 mnths	R & J Butler, Whaley Bridge
£1320	S Horn x	10 mnths	RF & HE Hinchliffe, Whaley Bridge
£1660	S Horn x6	10-11 mnths	J & D Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£990	B Blue x	8-9 mnths	RP Lawley, Draycott
£930	Holst	8 mnths	RP Lawley, Draycott
£1160	AA x	10-12 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1940	Fries	27 mnths	P & J Cantrell, Haddon Grove
£1900	Fries	28 mnths	L Bethell, Bakewell
£1700	Hfd x	21 mnths	SR Hinchley, Ashover
£1250	AA x	14 mnths	I Woodward, Duffield
£1830	Sim x	17 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1540	Holst	17 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1690	AA x5	16-17 mnths	N & S Peak Forest
£1680	Hfd 4	10-17 mnths	DA & F Brown, Brassington
£1660	AA x	17 mnths	Bateson Trailers, High Lane
£1970	B Blue x	19 mnths	RA Tatlow, Ashbourne
£2280	Lim x	18 mnths	JA Hall, Longnor
£2120	AA x	20-22 mnths	JA Hall, Longnor
£2000	Char x	14 mnths	EE & CJ Woodward, Coxbench
£2360	Blond x	20 mnths	DW Shirt, Edale
£2560	Lim x	21 mnths	AP Pugh, Pilsley
£2260	B Blue x	24 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2340	B Blue x	22 mnths	N Rickards, Slaley
£1710	AA x	19 mnths	JG & JM Belfield, Sheen
£2100	Hfd x	20-22 mnths	GW Smith & Co, Aldwark
£2280	Lim x	18-21 mnths	W & P Charlton, Brassington
£2400	Char x	18 mnths	B Armstrong, Matlock
£2240	Char x	18 mnths	B Armstrong, Matlock
£2200	B Blue x	23 mnths	FJ Wragg, Brackenfield
£2480	Hfd x	28 mnths	Marston Park Farm, Alstonefield
£1940	B Blue x	32 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

141 Heifers ave £1337

A good many small and young cattle in the entry, but all types finding a ready market as these results will demonstrate.

Sample Results:

£920	B Blue x	6-10 mnths	W & El Handford, Birch Vale
£1280	AA	8 mnths	A & A Spooner, Macc Forest
£1240	Hfd x3	8 mnths	A & A Spooner, Macc Forest
£2200	B Blue x	16 mnths	GHW Dakin, Matlock
£1040	Hfd x	11-13 mnths	Eyam Woodlands, Grindleford
£1420	Lim x3	9 mnths	A & AA Riddle, Ecclesfield
£1520	Lim x	9 mnths	R & P Beardsley, Morley
£1320	Lim x	10 mnths	R & J Butler, Whaley Bridge
£1000	S Horn x	10 mnths	RF & HE Hinchliffe, Whaley Bridge
£1720	Char x5	11-15 mnths	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£1580	AA x	11-21 mnths	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£1580	Hfd x	21-22 mnths	Cubley Cottage, Ashbourne
£1650	B Blue x5	16-18 mnths	H Young, Peak Forest
£1480	AA x	16-17 mnths	Bateson Trailers, High Lane
£1320	AA x	17 mnths	D & L Wain, Ilam
£1740	Char x3	18-19 mnths	D Smith, High Green
£1980	Char x	21 mnths	EE & CJ Woodward, Coxbench
£1800	Blond x	19 mnths	DW Shirt, Edale
£1650	AA x	17 mnths	DW Shirt, Edale
£1910	B Blue x	21 mnths	A & L Worthington, Marthall
£2090	B Blue x	24-25 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£2060	Lim x	21 mnths	CC Etches & Son, Tissington
£1790	AA x	22 mnths	JG & JM Belfield, Sheen
£1680	Lim x	18 mnths	W & P Charlton, Brassington
£2070	AA x	25 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£1940	Hfd x	25 mnths	FH White, Shottle
£1450	Char x	21 mnths	G Webster, Fenny Bentley
£1250	Fleck x3	21-24 mnths	NJ Kirk, Brinsley
£1900	Lim x	21 mnths	G & GW Green, Wessington
£1470	Hfd x	21-22 mnths	JH Dickinson, Home Farm
£2070	B Blue x	22-24 mnths	MG Mosley & Son, Rivelin
£1830	Char x	18 mnths	B Armstrong, Matlock
£2190	B Blue x	23 mnths	FJ Wragg, Brackenfield
£1800	B Blue x	30 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

36 CALVES (Auctioneer Natasha Hall)

A slightly smaller entry of calves this week with trade just as strong. A Blond x topped the bulls at £645 from SG Potter and heifers at £515 for a B Blue from TN Palfreyman & Son.

B/W's topped at £445 for a 3 month old from S Pearson & Son, followed by a 1 month old at £202.

Bulls

Blond x	£645	SG Potter
B Blue x	£550	TN Palfreyman & Son
AA	£515	G & L Belfield
Lim	£450	TN Palfreyman & Son
Lim	£450	S Pearson & Son

Hfrs

B Blue x	£515	TN Palfreyman & Son
Lim	£455	S Pearson & Son
B Blue x	£435	SG Potter
B Blue x	£370	GW & WL Neville
B Blue x	£360	GW & WL Neville
AA	£360	G & L Belfield
Hfd	£335	D Fotherby & Sons

1324 LAMBS, 278 EWES, RAMS & GOATS & 26 STORE SHEEP**(Auctioneer Peter Oven)**

Another good show of 1628 head of sheep saw a total clearance in all sections. A very good entry of 1324 lambs saw several runs of well fed sorts which attracted brisk bidding throughout to a top of 408p/kg twice. Smaller sorts were very well bid for but overweight types still hard to place and worth not much more money per head. The overall average 351.17p/kg.

Leading Prices

31.2kg	394p/kg	E Long
31.58kg	368p/kg	M & C Hambleton
33.0kg	362p/kg	J & J Walton & Sons
35.0kg	404p/kg	EL Helliwell
35.2kg	402p/kg	B Jones
37.8kg	388p/kg	GM Brown
38.1kg	359p/kg	J Marshall
39.0kg	398p/kg	E Long
39.6kg	386p/kg	JW Blackshaw
40.0kg	398p/kg	Hawksworth Farmers
41.2kg	390p/kg	G Blackshaw
42.7kg	408p/kg	A & B Simpson
43.09kg	385p/kg	J & J Spillane
44.0kg	382p/kg	H Pearson

Averages

25.0 – 32.0kg	To 394p/kg	Average 353.8p/kg
32.1 - 39.0kg	To 404p/kg	Average 352.39p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 408p/kg	Average 350.93p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 408p/kg	Average 342.8p/kg
52kg+	To 348p/kg	Average 291.34p/kg

26 Store Lambs sold to £95 ave £91.31**278 Ewes, Rams & Goats****(Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift)**

A few less ewes with some pristine shape in places but not many particularly big sorts forward and some ewes showing the effects of the recent continuous days of wet weather. Generally, all sections better bid for this Monday, top price of £272 for plums from the Jones family at Alton, with other Texels at £267 and £248. All the better goods £203 plus with the top 10 pens averaging £232.60. Strong Mules £140 - £156.

Virtually no strong horned ewes and those forward showing the weather. Some medium horned ewes £80 - £90 per head and the best to £134.

Best fleshed tups good to sell to a top of £210 for a Texel from Richard Gould with others at £208 and £207.

Goats a strong trade to a top of £186.

100% clearance on the ewes to average £148.20

25 Rams average £140.20

3 Goats average £128.67