

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

13th April 2026



A catch up market following the Easter Bank Holiday with a capacity entry in the store cattle section and plenty happening in all the other departments. Total entries 851 cattle and 1,542 sheep.

The international situation is very concerning with the price and availability of fuel becoming even more serious.

We include this photograph of Stuart Elliott's cattle being driven in to Hope market in the 1990's.

Let us hope that things do not deteriorate to such an extent that stock has to arrive on foot.

The store & breeding section was very well supported with 567 head on offer.

Highlight of the day was the consignment of Pedigree Limousin maiden heifers from Clark Farms of Ringinglow, aged from 16-19 mnths they sold exceptionally well with notable prices £3,750, £3,750, £3,600 and a bunch of 3 Charolais x heifers, 17 mnths made £3,800. 3yo Ped Lim stock bulls sold at £3,200 and £4,100.

In the regular stores trade was strong right through the sale and whilst concerns about the deadweight prices of finished cattle were regularly voiced prices for stores still looked good particularly for the younger cattle.

Steers sold to £2,440 ave £1,694

Heifers sold to £2,330 ave £1,266

Feeding Bulls sold to £2,120 ave £1,266

There were 139 finished cattle on offer with trade solid, but heavier cattle harder to sell.

This was in contrast to smart young heifers which sold to 477p, top gross price £3,304.

To give an idea of trade, the average for the 68 heifers was 380.3 pence and £2,432 per head.

A good turnout of 112 OTM cattle sold well with top figures 325p and £3,226 per head.

The average looked very respectable at 260.5 pence and £1,801 per head.

Only 33 calves, which remain very dear indeed with bulls to £810 and heifers £735.

In the sheep shed we had 43 Spring lambs, these sold to 540p/kg and £222.60 per head.

The SQQ was 507.9 pence and a typical lamb in the 39-45kg weight range made £212.

Next came 1,062 hogs with the best on offer to 485p and £225 per head.

The SQQ was 408.8 pence making a typical hogg in the 39-45 kg range worth £178.

A better show of 433 cull sheep included ewes to £280 ave £167.04

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 16th April – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

The Funeral for Henry Rickards

Will be held on
Monday 20th April at 10.30am
at St James Church, Bonsall
Burial at
Sunnyside Farm, Slaley
Afterwards at
Spinney Farm, Slaley DE4 2BB

Anyone wishing to attend is very
welcome.

112 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 260.5p/kg or £1801

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

More on offer after last week's Bank Holiday sale and cows actually dearer on the week with an extra buyer at ringside. Cows are certainly wanted and the live market is not witnessing any of the drop that we hear about. Better cows still nicely 280p+ with the top 12 over 300p and up to 325p for a 10 year old Limousin from PW Lomas, Flagg that sold for feeding.

Results:

325p/kg	772kg	Lim, 10 yrs	PW Lomas, Flagg
315p/kg	510kg	W Blk, 30 mnths	MH Howe, Moorwood Moor
312p/kg	866kg	Lim, 10 yrs	RM & DC Calcott, Tamworth
308p/kg	684kg	Lim, 6 yrs	BA & SW Mills, Redmires
308p/kg	676kg	Lim, 6 yrs	AH & T Carr, Waterfall
307p/kg	692kg	Sim, 3 yrs	BE & TR Robinson, Abney
307p/kg	752kg	AA, 33 mnths	DW & K Salt, Thorpe
304p/kg	586kg	W Blk, 30 mnths	MH Howe, Moorwood Moor
300p/kg	502kg	Sim, 35 mnths	LH Powell & Son, Hundall
£2701.92	866kg	Lim	RM & D Calcott, Tamworth
£2509.00	772kg	Lim	PW Lomas, Flagg
£2485.14	854kg	AA	A Wilson, Carsington
£2433.60	936kg	Holst	GE Brookes & Partners, Loxley
£2363.80	892kg	Others	Wilshees Farming, Bretby
£2538.18	794kg	B Blue x	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£2345.20	820kg	Linc Red	M Hallam, Wetton
£2308.64	752kg	AA	DW & K Salt, Thorpe
£2306.32	908kg	Fleck	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2278.78	794kg	Lim	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£2258.84	758kg	Sim	NJ Morris, Swadlincote
£2241.36	792kg	B Blue x	J & J Mellor, Kniveton

65 B&W Cows overall ave 242.1pence

A big lift but some better cows about.

Best fed cows 260-270p

Big Parlour Holsteins 240-250p

Plainer Holsteins 220-240p

The lesser end under 210p

The best today

301p/kg	£1980	Holst, 30 mnths	NG, JMH & H Mellor, Earl Sterndale
294p/kg	£1987	Holst, 30 mnths	WJ Nadin & Partners, Earl Sterndale
282p/kg	£1883	Holst, 30 mnths	WJ Nadin & Partners, Earl Sterndale
270p/kg	£1495	Holst, 35 mnths	WJ Adams & Son, Mackworth
268p/kg	£1956	Holst, 6 yrs	WJ Adams & Son, Mackworth
268p/kg	£2117	Fleck, 5 yrs	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
267p/kg	£2168	Fries	JW Handford & Sons, Aspenshaw
267p/kg	£1703	S Horn, 7 yrs	JR Hallam, Hayfield
266p/kg	£2143	Holst, 8 yrs	DJ Metcalfe & Co, Muggington
265p/kg	£2183	Holst, 6 yrs	RW Ardern & Sons, Buxton
264p/kg	£2064	Fries, 9 yrs	G & M Limer, Taddington
263p/kg	£1867	Holst, 4 yrs	JR Hallam, Hayfield

260p/kg	£2433	Holst, 6 yrs	GE Brookes & Partners, Uttoxeter
260p/kg	£1456	Holst, 3 yrs	JW Walker & Sons, Tideswell

2 OTM Steers

319p/kg	£1792	AA, 33 mnths	C & EJ Whilock, Werrington
283p/kg	£3226	Hfd, 56 mnths	R Weston & Son, Longnor

6 OTM Bulls

323p/kg	£3023	Lim, 5 yrs	JT & JW Woodfine, Radbourne
310p/kg	£2163	AA, 32 mnths	C & EJ Whilock, Werrington

139 FINISHED CATTLE ave 360.8p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

A better entry and the trade is on for the handy weighted cattle, which look dearer but the bigger sorts and less bred cattle appear less.

35 Young Bulls ave 332.3p/kg

Better numbers and a solid trade all the way through with more B/W's on offer. Suckler bred Limousins to 420p (twice) for handy weighted sorts from Steven & Steff Wells and Phil & Emma Watson. Dairy bulls sold to 309p for a Dairy Shorthorn from Messrs Hole, Eddlestow.

Results:

420p/kg	652kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
420p/kg	644kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
404p/kg	666kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
401p/kg	672kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
386p/kg	684kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
385p/kg	724kg	Lim	JH Byard, Pilsley
380p/kg	678kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover

Gross Prices:

£3304.16	856kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2907.52	826kg	Sim	JH Byard, Pilsley
£2787.40	724kg	Lim	JH Byard, Pilsley
£2738.40	652kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2704.80	644kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£2694.72	672kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£2690.64	666kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2667.84	794kg	Sim	BE & TR Robinson, Abney
£2640.24	684kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2576.40	678kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2552.70	762kg	Lim	WT Hall & Sons, Draycott

36 Steers ave 353.2p/kg

All shapes and sizes and some excellent quality at the top end, but some bigger bullocks look less. John Grummett had a good run today and his only bullock made 440p (£2833). Josh Hall had 412p and Margaret Heath 406p. 18 Natives (half then entry) sold to 374p for and Angus and 358p for a Hereford.

Results:

440p/kg	644kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
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412p/kg	650kg	B Blue x	JA Hall, Longnor
406p/kg	646kg	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm
392p/kg	712kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
388p/kg	484kg	Cont	J Bosall, Atlow
385p/kg	646kg	Sim	BD & JH Ponsonby, Tideswell Moor
379p/kg	642kg	Baz	CM Wint, Alton
378p/kg	608kg	Lim	Redgate Farms, Brinsley
375p/kg	678kg	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm
374p/kg	622kg	AA	DL Sayles, Park Head
374p/kg	668kg	AA	R Walker, Ashgate

Gross Prices:

£2833.60	644kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2791.04	712kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2678.00	650kg	B Blue x	JA Hall, Longnor
£2669.00	850kg	Saler	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2636.52	762kg	B Blue x	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2622.76	646kg	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm
£2591.82	714kg	AA	CPR & JM Mycock, Friden
£2570.88	832kg	Hfd	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2561.28	736kg	AA	CPR & JM Mycock, Friden
£2542.50	678kg	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm

68 Heifers ave 380.4p/kg

Weight is the key with the best quality and lighter cattle outstanding to sell, but a drop then to the heavier weight but well bred heifers. 8 best over 450p with John Grummetts 4 at 477, 470, 468 and 450p. Don Lownds had 470p for his two with John Kunica (Belper Skip Hire) at 465 and 455p.

Results:

477p/kg	576kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
470p/kg	604kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
470p/kg	566kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
470p/kg	598kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
468p/kg	528kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
465p/kg	610kg	Lim	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
455p/kg	580kg	Lim	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
450p/kg	618kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby

Gross Prices:

£2838.80	604kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2836.50	610kg	Lim	Belper Skip Hire, Moorwood Moor
£2822.40	672kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2810.60	598kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
£2801.60	680kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2798.40	660kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2781.00	618kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2780.50	670kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2770.08	696kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2755.18	694kg	Blond x	C & D Jeffery, Pilsley
£2747.52	576kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby

£2720.00 680kg Lim NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

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

An excellent entry of 567 store cattle included some superb cattle both as individuals and in well matched bunches, and whilst concerns about the deadweight price drop were apparent the trade for store & breeding cattle remains very firm.

The sale commenced with Ped Lim Stock bulls

£3200 Ped Lim Stock Bull, 39 mnths E & C Matkin, Idridgehay
£4100 Ped Lim Stock Bull, 34 mnths D Sims & Son, Fenny Bentley

Next came the special entry of Limousin heifers from Clark Farms, Ringinglow. There was great interest in these as can be gauged from the prices.

£3750 Ped Lim Hfrs, 17-19 mnths
£3750 Ped Lim Hfrs, 17 mnths
£3600 Ped Lim Hfrs, 16 mnths
£3350 Ped Lim Hfrs, 17 mnths
£3800 Lim x Char Hfrs, 17 mnths

Feeding Bulls

Sample Prices:

£1900	Linc Red	15 mnths	D Wright, Parwich
£1380	S Horn x	12 mnths	Chapel Hill Farms
£1340	Red Poll 5	14-21 mnths	Chapel Hill Farms
£1350	Hfd x	11 mnths	GRP Cotterell, Fenny Bentley
£2120	B Blue x	11 mnths	D Sims & Son, Fenny Bentley
£1020	Sim x	3 mnths	E Cooper, Taddington

299 Steers ave £1,694

A tremendous assortment all well bid for with typical results as follows.

Sample Results:

£1160	Angus x	9 mnths	JG & AM Spendlove, Belper
£1030	Lim x5	7 mnths	AW & RA Mycock, Flagg
£1100	Blond x5	8-11 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1320	L Horn x4	11-15 mnths	MD Shimwell, Middleton
£1640	AA x6	8-11 mnths	AE Allcock, Waterhouses
£1200	Sim x	10-11 mnths	Miss B Foster, Hanch
£1460	S Horn x	11-12 mnths	Hough Park Farm, Brailsford
£1740	AA x3	10-11 mnths	P Hill & Co, Rosliston
£1620	Lim x3	11 mnths	P Hill & Co, Rosliston
£1660	Hfd x	10-11 mnths	DA Bott, Kniveton
£1760	S Horn x	12 mnths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1960	Lim x	11-12 mnths	PT Chadfield, Marston
£1580	Stab 9	11-13 mnths	S & LJ Dyson, Hollow Meadows
£1680	Hfd x5	12-14 mnths	JW Shepherd, Burton
£1420	AA x6	11 mnths	J Woodward, Ilkeston
£1560	Stab x	12-13 mnths	IA Falconer, Brackenfield
£2380	Lim x	12-15 mnths	RM & DC Calcott, Wiggington
£2380	Lim x	12-14 mnths	RM & DC Calcott, Wiggington
£1860	Blond	13-19 mnths	JT Cantrell, Macc Forest

£1080	Holst/Fries	10-11 mnths	GE Brookes, Loxley
£1980	Lim x3	12-13 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1940	Lim x	12-13 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1890	Lim x	10-19 mnths	JJ Watson, Marple
£2090	B Blue x	16-19 mnths	Mrs NC Gregory, Blackwell
£2250	Lim x	18-21 mnths	R Gratton, Buxton
£2190	Lim x	17-21 mnths	Miss J Riley, Parsley Hay
£2040	B Blue x	19-25 mnths	R & T Bassett, Flagg
£2440	Lim x	20 mnths	JM & CM Wainwright, Flagg
£1780	Lim x	18-20 mnths	HJ Archer & Son, Scropton
£2240	S Horn x	20-21 mnths	B Woolley & Son, Monyash
£1790	B Blue x	19 mnths	J & D Skidmore, Chelmorton
£2000	AA x	16-17 mnths	WT Bunting, Pike Hall
£2340	Lim x	22 mnths	A Ballard, Alton
£2400	AA x	21-24 mnths	LR & MJ Lowe, Hulme End
£2160	AA x	20-24 mnths	LR & MJ Lowe, Hulme End
£2330	Char x	17-24 mnths	L Marshall, Monyash
£2180	Lim x	22-23 mnths	J & N & M Walker, Bonsall
£2000	Sim	19 mnths	J & N & M Walker, Bonsall
£2090	Lim x	29-31 mnths	Mycock Farming Ltd, Rugeley
£1950	B Blue x	23-29 mnths	Mycock Farming Ltd, Rugeley
£2160	AA x	21-25 mnths	JM & VM Howard, Holme
£2300	Devon	23 mnths	Wilshees Farming, Bretby
£1800	AA x	19 mnths	Leasows Partners, Uttoxeter

233 Heifers ave £1450

Plenty of trade for all types with some small and young cattle looking very dear indeed. Stronger cattle still selling well in well matched bunches attracting a distinct premium.

Sample Results:

£1170	Lim x	7 mnths	AW & RA Mycock, Flagg
£1120	B Blue x	5-6 mnths	AW & RA Mycock, Flagg
£1020	Blond x	10-11 mnths	Hobson Farms, Flagg
£1140	L Horn x	9-10 mnths	MD Shimwell, Middleton
£1220	Lim x	12-13 mnths	GF Wheelhouse, Rotherham
£1260	Sim x	11 mnths	Miss B Foster, Hanch
£1720	Linc Red	12 mnths	D Wright, Parwich
£1680	Lim x	12 mnths	PT Chadfield, Marston
£1230	Hfd x	11-13 mnths	JW Shepherd, Burton
£1010	AA x5	10-11 mnths	JB & GE Hayward, Oughtibridge
£1390	B Blue x	12-14 mnths	JJ Turner, Okeover
£1800	Lim x	12-13 mnths	RM & DC Calcott, Wiggington
£1740	Lim x	13-14 mnths	TJ & H Oakes, Rocester
£1300	Lim x	11 mnths	JJ Watson, Marple
£1600	B Blue x	17 mnths	RR Mason, Hulland Ward
£2180	Lim x3	17-19 mnths	R Gratton, Buxton
£1680	B Blue x	17-21 mnths	J & M Riley, Parsley Hay
£1860	Hfd x	29 mnths	SM Fletcher, Heathcote
£1470	Lim x	20-24 mnths	HJ Archer, Scropton
£1860	AA x	22 mnths	J Shardlow, Shirland
£1840	AA x	15-18 mnths	WT Bunting, Pike Hall
£2280	Lim x	22 mnths	D Allsopp, Bonsall

£1870	B Blue x	21-23 mnths	CC Etches, Tissington
£2060	Lim x	21 mnths	A Ballard, Alton
£1760	Char x	21-23 mnths	S Franks, Bradfield
£1930	S Horn x	22 mnths	A & B Townsend, Tideswell
£1880	Hfd x	27 mnths	VH Mellor, Chelmorton
£1870	AA x	21-24 mnths	LR & MJ Lowe, Hulme End
£2190	Lim x	23-24 mnths	L Marshall, Monyash
£1980	Lim x	28-29 mnths	J & N & M Walker, Bonsall
£1700	B Blue x	27-31 mnths	Mycock Farming Ltd, Rugeley
£1930	Lim x4	23-31 mnths	Mycock Farming Ltd, Rugeley
£1940	AA x	23 mnths	JM & VJ Howard, Holme
£1790	Devon	21-25 mnths	Wilshees Farming, Bretby
£1890	AA x	23 mnths	Leasows Partners, Uttoxeter

33 CALVES (Auctioneer Ivor Lowe)

Looking extremely well sold again today for a modest entry with bulls to a top of £810 and heifers to £735.

Just a small entry of B/W's but looking dearer to a top of £350 and many more could have been sold.

Bulls

Lim	£810	G & GW Green, Wessington
B Blue	£785	TN Palfreyman, Flagg
B Blue	£760	J & J Walton, Tideswell
B Blue	£740	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
Angus	£435	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
Holstein	£350	WR & W Hayes, Pilsley

Hfrs

B Blue	£735	GS & L Wheeldon, Atlow
B Blue	£730	Furness Partners, Wheston
Angus	£380	RS Hall, Peak Forest

1105 LAMBS, 433 EWES & RAMS & 4 CADE LAMBS (Auctioneer Peter Owen)

A total entry of 1543 sheep on offer included 43 new season lambs with brisk bidding for best butchers sorts to a top of 540p/kg and overall average 507.93p/kg.

Leading Prices

37.4kg	530p/kg	Cross Lanes
38.3kg	500p/kg	R Swift & Sons
39.0kg	525p/kg	Cross Lanes
40.2kg	540p/kg	R Brough & Son
40.8kg	525p/kg	R Brough & Son
42.4kg	525p/kg	R Brough & Son
49.0kg	450p/kg	R Swift & Sons

In the Old Season Lambs, a very good show of 1062 included a large proportion of heavy and overweight sorts but plenty of bidders for all types. Best butchers types to 485p/kg with lighter weights to 466p and heavy weights to 464p. Overweight peaked at 410p and top gross of £225.50/head. The overall average 408.84p/kg.

Leading Prices

33.8kg	438p/kg	JP Clulow
37.1kg	466p/kg	JR Metcalfe
37.4kg	427p/kg	TR Meakin
38.6kg	422p/kg	MJ Wain
40.5kg	450p/kg	CW Shenton
40.8kg	450p/kg	WB & DE Gyte
43.9kg	458p/kg	R Swift & Sons
44.5kg	485p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.0kg	470p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.3kg	456p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.6kg	462p/kg	G Whitehouse
48.5kg	464p/kg	R Swift & Sons
49.0kg	445p/kg	R Brough & Son
52.4kg	382p/kg	IR & AD Wildgoose, Scarcliffe
55.0kg	410p/kg	R Swift & Sons

Averages

32.1 - 39.0kg	To 466p/kg	Average 389.74p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 485p/kg	Average 414.47p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 464p/kg	Average 405.1p/kg
52kg+	To 410p/kg	Average 322.81p/kg

Ewes & Rams

Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift

A really good entry and some quality about in the top 10% with 7 vendors over £250/head and a top price of £280.

The Hall family at Peak Forest saw top price with a smart long pure Texel with others at £272 and Keith Swift at £261.

Better end Mules past £168 for the real power with mediums £138 plus.

Some runs of strong continental cross breeds regularly £178-£198 per head.

A mixture of hill breeds this week but massive power in this category. Medium Swales well over £100.

In the rams some corn fed types and the meat and weight well bid for. Continental tups topping at £275, £265 and £260.

100% clearance.

Ewes ave £167.00

Rams ave £200.55