

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

27th April 2026

Another respectable entry in all departments with cattle numbers totalling 798 head and sheep 1227.

Store Cattle numbers again close to capacity totalling 533 with these including 15 breeding animals and the remainder being 518 stores which saw Steers to £2500 and averaging £1592, Heifers to £2480 and an average of £1405. Plenty of optimism out there despite falling finished cattle trade and selling to the usual large gathering of potential purchasers.

Over in the finished cattle end Oliver reported another steadier trade in line with last week but fewer cattle forward totalling 98. Whilst they are undoubtedly less the top end still looks relatively respectable with tops of 432p/kg and £3190 per head.

OTM numbers still strong at 129 with those not seeing the same reductions as with the finished cattle and an average st 244p/kg and tops of 325p/kg which would look relatively comparable with recent weeks.

Calves as dear as they have ever been with Bulls to £845 and heifers to £685.

Sheep numbers totalled 1227 with Hoggs continuing to dry up but still a respectable average of 414p/kg to tops of 464p/kg and £223 Per head.

Spring lambs showing a pleasing increase in numbers at 164 but larger numbers nationally seeing trade drop back a little to average 459p/kg but still a pleasing top price of £254 per head.

Cull ewe numbers similar at 436 head and trade looking strong to a top of £299.

Market as normal next Monday despite it being a Bank Holiday.

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 April – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale



FIRST AID TRAINING

The Farm Edition

Wed 6th May

- An interactive session at Bakewell ABC
- Real Life Scenarios
- Hands-on practice
- £95 per person

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129 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 245.1p/kg or £1600 (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Good numbers and trade identical to last week but some way behind where we were 12 mths ago. Having said that the cows are wanted and needed in Bakewell with all classes good to sell.

Top call was a 325p/kg (£2795) for a 5yr old Lim from Ben & Katie Simpson, Bradwell with Lilian Hallam at 320p/kg and Mary Else at 318p/kg or the top gross £3033.

Feeding buyers still looking and bidding hard at any leaner, younger or shapier cows with potential to improve.

Results:

325p/kg	860kg	Lim, 5 yrs	K Simpson, Castleton
320p/kg	620kg	Lim, 3 yrs	L Hallam, Hayfield
319p/kg	954kg	Lim, 74 Mths	JF & ME Else, Lea
308p/kg	636kg	Lim, 83 Mths	L Hallam, Hayfield
305p/kg	760kg	B Blue, 40 Mths	B & K Stevenson, Quarndon
294p/kg	842kg	Sim, 38 Mths	JF & ME Else, Lea
294p/kg	712kg	B Blue, 40 Mths	B & K Stevenson, Quarndon
292p/kg	656kg	Char, 45 Mths	LS & L Watson, Bradley
291p/kg	754kg	Lim, 66 Mths	JA Hall, Longnor
289p/kg	660kg	B Blue, 40 Mths	B & K Stevenson, Quarndon
288p/kg	862kg	Lim, 74 Mths	JF & ME Else, Lea
288p/kg	940kg	Lim, 119 Mths	JF & ME Else, lea

Gross Prices:

£3033.72	954kg	Lim	JF & ME Else, Lea
£2795	860kg	Lim	K Simpson, Castleton
£2707.20	940kg	Lim	JF & ME Else, Lea
£2482.56	862kg	Lim	JF & ME Else, Lea
£2475.48	842kg	Sim	JF & ME Else, Lea
£2318	760kg	B Blue	B & K Stevenson, Quarndon
£2287.24	844kg	Lim	AB Massie & Son, Ockbrook
£2219.04	828kg	B Blue	R & P Beardsley, Derby
£2207.92	772kg	Lim	B & K Stevenson, Quarndon
£2194.14	754kg	Lim	JA Hall, Longnor
£2170.56	798kg	Saler	JA Hall, Longnor

75 B&W And Ex Dairy Cows overall ave 223.9 pence

Big numbers and trade very much on a par with last week.

OTM Cows 250-277

Better End Cows 230-250

Parlour Style Holsteins 215-225

Leaner or Smaller Sorts 200-210

Plain Cows under £2

The best today:

276p/kg	£1760	Holst, 30 Mths	WJ Nadin & Co, Earl Sterndale
266p/kg	£2037	Holst, 32 Mths	HA & BH Smith, Scropton
253p/kg	£1821	Holst, 5 Yrs	J Shirt & Sons, Tideswell

252p/kg	£1824	Holst, 5 Yrs	J Shirt & Sons, Tideswell
259p/kg	£1699	Mont, 3 Yrs	GE Smith, Quarndon
277p/kg	£1556	Fries, 30 Mths	R Brough & Son, Monyash
255p/kg	£1841	Fries, 6 Yrs	JR Mosedale & Son, Longford
251p/kg	£1335	Fries, 30 Mths	RR Mason & Son, Hulland
250p/kg	£1680	Fries, 3 Yrs	RR mason & Son, Hulland

4 OTM Steers

285p/kg	£2080	Fries	AB Massie & Son, Ocbrook
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94 FINISHED CATTLE ave 333.4p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Less cattle about which was a good thing as trade for the clean has hit the rocks. Bulls still good however and a bit of life about.

28 Young Bulls ave 346.6p/kg

Trade for the bulls has be resilient and they look well sold and they look well sold aside of the clean

Results:

408p/kg	624kg	Lim	AR Maier, Brassington
408p/kg	782kg	B Blue	JT Ottewell, Chesterfield
389p/kg	698kg	Lim	DM Elliott & Son, Little Hucklow
387p/kg	714kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
387p/kg	784kg	Lim	MJ Ludlam, Alfreton
384p/kg	742kg	Lim	MJ Ludlam, Alfreton

Gross Prices:

£3190.56	782kg	B Blue	JT Ottewell, Chesterfield
£3131.10	882kg	B Blue	JT Ottewell, Chesterfield
£3034.08	784kg	Lim	MJ Ludlam, Alfreton
£2849.28	742kg	Lim	MJ Ludlam, Alfreton
£2763.18	714kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires

31 Steers ave 323.7p/kg

A corker from Ian Brown won many favours and topped at 425p (£2677) with Mark Froggatt also in the £4 club, after that more commercial types generally 320-350.

Results:

425p/kg	630kg	Lim	IM & VE Brown, Werrington
404p/kg	636kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
353p/kg	770kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
353p/kg	654kg	B Blue	J Brennand, High Peak
3650p/kg	608kg	Here	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
347p/kg	672kg	B Blue	D Hadfield & Daughter, Tideswell
343p/kg	616kg	B Blue	Easom & Sons, Furnace
343p/kg	618kg	B Blue	Easom & Sons, Furnace

Gross Prices:

£2750.64	876kg		SM Weston & Sons, Roston
£2718.10	770kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2677.50	630kg	Lim	IM & VE Brown, Werrington
£2569.44	636kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2517.20	812kg	Lim	RA & K Edge, Flagg
£2464.56	756kg	BBlue	J Brennand, High Peak
£2428.02	846kg	Holst	SM Weston & Sons, Roston
£2416.80	760kg	A Angus	MR Walker, Alport
£2395.80	726kg	B Blue	RA & K Edge, Flagg
£2351.06	874kg	A Angus	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike

39 Heifers ave 330.8p/kg

A lot less about and the average less again in line with national trends. Nigel Birch found a super showy sort at 432p with Peter Gaunt close at 394p. Generally harder work today.

Results:

432p/kg	638kg	B Blue	NA Birch, Monyash
394p/kg	624kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
388p/kg	712kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
385p/kg	706kg	Blond	K Harrop, Alport
362p/kg	714kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
361p/kg	680kg	Lim	DM Elliott & Son, Little Hucklow
355p/kg	602kg	Baz	Max Harrop, Alport
349p/kg	686kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
345p/kg	582kg	B Blue	Easom & Sons, Furnace
338p/kg	642kg	Sim	BE & TR Robinson, Abney
338p/kg	540kg	A Angus	B Savage, Sheffield

Gross Prices:

£2762.56	712kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2756.16	638kg	B Blue	NA Birch, Monyash
£2718.10	706kg	Blond	K Harrop, Alport
£2584.68	714kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2458.56	624kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2454.80	680kg	Lim	DM Elliott & Son, Little Hucklow
£2394.14	686kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2245.76	704kg		SM Weston & Sons, Roston
£2169.96	642kg	Sim	BE & TR Robinson, Abney
£2154.04	686kg	B Blue	J Brennand, High Peak

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE – (Auctioneers Meg Elliott)

Another full house in the store section with 531 passing through the ring on a trade that still remains buoyant despite another drop in price for Fat Cattle proving yet again that the only way to sell is live through a ring.

As the sunny weather continues we recognise many of you will be busy with field work, but rest assured we can sort your stores and will make sure the process runs smoothly from start to finish.

If you have store cattle to sell and want a chat about trade get in touch, call Meg Elliott on 07967 007049.

A handful of cows at the start, the majority of which were feeding cows topping at £1960 for a Simmental from Messrs Jones of Buxton.

37 Feeding Bulls

A few more feeding Bulls peaked at £1890 for 7-11 Mth old Limousins from Messrs Evans at Werrington

Sample Prices:

£1800	Blond	11 Mths	CE & SW Mycock, Flagg
£1680	Lim	25 Mths	J Thorp, Calver
£1630	B Blue	12 Mths	JC Shepherd & Son, Dungworth
£1490	Sim	10 Mths	JC Shepherd & Son, Dungworth

239 Steers ave £1592

Only £31 down on last week which was also a reflection on the quality forward with a lot of younger cattle forward. Topping the day was a superb Blonde x Steer at £2500 from Messrs Ede of Youlgreave

Sample Results:

£2500	Blond	24 Mths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£2400	Char	17 Mths	AG Tomkinson, Thorpe
£2390	Lim	23 Mths	JP Austin, Aldwark
£2370	Sim	24 Mths	RWA Thirlby, Seckington
£2280	Lim	25 Mths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£2260	Lim	23 Mths	AG Tomkinson, Thorpe
£2260	B Blue	20 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£2220	Here	26 Mths	JM & VJ Howard, Holme
£2220	B Blue	15 Mths	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2200	Lim	20 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£2200	Lim	23 Mths	JP Austin, Aldwark
£2200	B Blue	25 Mths	AP Leason, Ilam
£2190	A Angus	24 Mths	K Spencer, Wirksworth
£2100	B Blue	29 Mths	FW Higginbottom & Son, Holymoorside
£2100	Lim	15 Mths	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2100	A Angus	27 Mths	JM & VJ Howard, Holme
£2100	Char	12 Mths	AG Tomkinson, Thorpe
£2080	B Blue	25 Mths	AP Leason, Ilam
£2080	Lim	21 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£2080	B Blue	25 Mths	AP Leason, Ilam
£1920	B Blue	15 Mths	RA Tatlow, Ashbourne
£1920	A Angus	16 Mths	P Wood, Wirksworth
£1720	Fries	18-22 Mths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1500	Stab	11-13 Mths	S & LJ Dyson, Sheffield
£1580	Beef Shorthorn	11 Mths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1700	A Angus	13-14 Mths	E Morley & Son, Kirk Langley
£1580	Char	11-15 Mths	JP & D Helliwell, Oughtibridge

247 Heifers ave £1406

Heifers were £29 up on last week topping at £2480 for a Limousin Heifer from the Gratton family of King Sterndale.

Sample Results:

£2480	Lim	20 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£2400	Char	20 Mths	FA & PJ Pilkington, Ashbourne
£2280	Lim	17 Mths	Ashford Hall Farm, Bakewell
£2210	Char	19 Mths	AG Tomkinson, Thorpe
£2190	Lim	23 Mths	JP Austin, Aldwark
£2160	Sim	24 Mths	RWA Thirlby, Seckington
£2100	Char	12 Mths	FA & PJ Pilkington, Ashbourne
£2080	Lim	17 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£1980	B Blue	20 Mths	FA & PJ Pilkington & Son, Ashbourne
£1970	Lim	24 Mths	JP Austin, Aldwark
£1920	B Blue	18 Mths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£1890	Char	24 Mths	S Franks, Bradfield
£1880	Lim	21 Mths	RHH Parnell, Littleover
£1870	Char	25 Mths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£1870	B Blue	20 Mths	RA Tatlow, Ashbourne Green
£1820	B Blue	20 Mths	R Gratton, Ashwood Dale
£1800	Here	19 Mths	R Gratton, Ashwood Dale
£1780	Lim	25 Mths	JW & RG Ede, Youlgreave
£1780	A Angus	18 Mths	R Gratton, Ashwood Dale
£1450	Here	17-18 Mths	J & L Pott Ltd, Stanshope
£1480	A Angus	18-21 Mths	S Booth Millward, Buxton
£1430	Beef Shorthorn	13 Mths	JP & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1100	Lim	11-14 Mths	S Lynam, Matlock
£1510	A Angus	16 Mths	RJ Stubbs, Hoar Cross

38 CALVES (Auctioneers Ivor Lowe & Natasha Hall)

Trade on fire again with a average of £502 per head with only 2 under £250.
All types met strong bidding with Bulls to £845 and Heifers to £685.

Black & Whites in short supply but those forward looking well sold to a top of £340.

Bulls

Sim	£845	T Farrington & Sons, Abbots Bromley
B Blue	£770	TN Palfreyman & Son, Flagg
Here	£600	T Farrington & Sons, Abbots Bromley
Holst	£340	Messrs Hawkins, Youlgreave

Hfrs

B Blue	£685	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
A Angus	£465	GPK Trickett, Rowsley
Here	£300	WT & P Fearn, Alfreton

**791 Lambs, 463 Ewes & Rams
(Auctioneer Peter Owen)**

A larger entry of 1227 Sheep included 164 New Season Lambs. The best show this season attracted brisk bidding for all weights (30 – 54 kg) with best butchers lambs for the Brough Family topping at 570p/kg, £254 head. Overall average 459.74p/kg

Leading Prices

39.1kg	550p/kg	R Brough & Son
40kg	540p/kg	RG & GC Moss
44kg	540p/kg	RG & GC Moss
45.1kg	500p/kg	RG & GC Moss
46kg	442p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.2kg	500p/kg	RG & GC Moss
54kg	400p/kg	R Swift & Sons

Standard	470p/kg	Average 444.83
Medium	570p/kg	Average 461.76
Heavy	500p/kg	Average 449.28
Over	400p/kg	

In the Old Season lambs a total of 627 on offer of mixed quality but best meated sorts to a top of 457p/kg and 12 pens over 440p/kg.

Top gross price of 3224 per head

Overall average 414.6p/kg

Leading Prices

30kg	420p/kg	Bradley & Broadbent
36.6kg	442p/kg	O Kirkwood
38.6kg	457p/kg	Allen & Storer
39.8kg	464p/kg	J & J Spillane
41.8kg	452p/kg	Grigg Farms
42.4kg	448p/kg	R Swift & Sons
43kg	452p/kg	M Mather
43.9kg	448p/kg	R Swift & Son
44.8kg	439p/kg	R Swift & Son
45.7kg	428p/kg	JML Hill & Sons
46.1kg	440p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.7kg	435p/kg	R Swift & Sons
48.6kg	440p/kg	J & J Spillane
55.89kg	400p/kg	R Swift & Sons

Averages

32.1 - 39.0kg	To 457p/kg	Average 373.21p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 464p/kg	Average 424.67p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 440p/kg	Average 393.32p/kg
52kg+	To 400p/kg	Average 349.26p/kg

436 Ewes & Rams
Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift

Trade very similar on the week with an overall average of £153.20 and a very nice show of sheep with texels to £299 for E Swift of Coppice Farm and plenty of others (9 pens) above £245, generally all sorts well bid for.

Horned Ewes to £100
Heavy Mules above £160
Feeding Sorts £90to £110

Rams regularly £150 plus and topping at £246 for big Suffolk rams.

Ewes Averaged £151.75
Rams Averaged £189.06