

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

11th May

No sign of Summer yet with another cold week forecast and a couple of vendors reporting sleet on the windscreen as they travelled to Bakewell.

Stock numbers holding up with 791 cattle and 1,254 sheep on offer.

Finished cattle prices down on the week, but finishers seem keen to keep their yards topped up and demand for store cattle still good.

It was capacity entry of store & breeding cattle with a total of 530 on offer.

The young and smaller cattle were particularly dear with plenty of farmer buyers operating very aware of the grass available assisted by recent rain. Steers sold to £2,300 ave £1,587, heifers to £2,260 ave £1,382 and feeding bulls to £1,920.

In the breeding section cows & calves sold to £2,750 with stock bulls to £2,520.

111 finished cattle on offer with trade a little easier than last week.

Top figures 430p/kg and £2,896.

The average for the 59 heifers was 347.5p about 10p less than last week, although the per head average was virtually identical at £2,272 actually £2 more than last Monday. The steer average was identical to last week so it is difficult to see a clear picture.

OTM cattle in short supply with only 88 on offer.

Top prices 330p/kg and £3,123 per head. The average was up a shade at 253.8 pence and £1,665 per head.

A better show of 62 calves with prices still through the roof. Bulls to £800 and heifers £655.

In the sheep section Spring lamb numbers are slow to build with 191 on offer.

Prices peaked at 529p/kg and £250.25.

The SQQ average was a solid 501.3p making a typical lamb in the 39-45kg bracket worth £210.25.

554 Hogs – a reasonable number for the time of year. Top figures 454p/kg and £229.40 per head.

The SQQ was 418.5p making an average hogg in the 39-45kg range worth £184.30.

A larger entry of 500 cull sheep sold on a decent trade with the best ewes to £320 and the average for a very mixed sample £165.43

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 14th May – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

We have been asked to inform you that

**The Funeral for
David Abbott**

Will be held at
All Saints Church,
Ashover

on

Wednesday 13th May

At 10.30am

Afterwards at Ashover Village
Hall

Peak District Men in Farming Farm Walk at Aston Hall Farm

Our first meeting will take place at Aston Hall Farm, by kind permission of the Dalton family.

This 1,200-acre upland farm in the Peak District combines traditional livestock farming with renewable energy enterprises, currently running 80 beef suckler cows alongside a flock of 700 breeding ewes, showcasing a resilient and sustainable upland system.

This is our first meeting of our new group **Peak District Men in Farming** please let Alice know if you are able to make the meeting for food numbers on the email or number below.

The group will hold farm walks through the summer months and social meet ups through the winter months with a break in March and April.

**Wednessay 20th May at 6.45pm for a 7pm set off.
Food from Liz Kemp and Drink to follow the farm walk.**

Aston Hall Farm, Aston, S33 6RA

Please **book** onto the meeting with Alice on
alice@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk
or 07904 691457



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FUN CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT

THURSDAY
28TH MAY
2026

HULLAND WARD
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DRINKS AND CANAPÉS EVENING
at Hopton Hall

WITH HOUSE AND GARDEN TOURS



THURSDAY
30TH JULY
2026



DERBYSHIRE TRACTOR RUN

SUNDAY
5TH JULY
2026

HOLLY HOUSE FARM,
SHOTTLE

SHOTTLE CHARITY HORSE RIDE



SUNDAY
12TH JULY
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More details to follow



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Fun Cheese & Wine Night

Thursday 28th May 2026

7pm for 7.30pm start

**At Hulland Ward Village Hall,
Ashbourne DE6 3EH**



£25 per ticket

- ✓ Tables of 8 or 10 (but we can group people together)
- ✓ Fun wine tasting with choices to suit all pockets
- ✓ Quiz based on the wine tasted
- ✓ Food / nibbles / soft drinks included

Contact for tickets:

Angela: 07789 445118

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88 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 253.8p/kg or £1665

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

No great numbers about and with cow meat very much in vogue, prices remain buoyant and actually up 4 pence on the week. 13 best end over 300p/kilo and up to 330p for a smart red Limmy cow from Eddy Beech, Cellarhead, while this level of trade remains the best way to market your cows is on their legs in Bakewell where every kilo is weighed and paid for.

Results:

330p/kg	718kg	Lim, 4 yrs	EJ Beech, Cellarhead
322p/kg	626kg	Lim, 33 mnths	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
317p/kg	726kg	Lim, 6 yrs	Hazelwood Hall Farm, Hazelwood
311p/kg	844kg	Lim, 4 yrs	Hazelwood Hall Farm, Hazelwood
307p/kg	714kg	B Blue x, 5 yrs	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
306p/kg	768kg	Lim	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
306p/kg	616kg	Lim, 10 yrs	Ashford Hall Farm
305p/kg	584kg	B Blue x	WE Smith & Son, Dale Abbey
296p/kg	820kg	Lim, 10 yrs	Ashford Hall Farm
287p/kg	728kg	Lim, 9 yrs	JA Hall, Longnor
281p/kg	612kg	Char, 3 ½ yrs	S Kidd, Longnor
280p/kg	788kg	Lim, 10 yrs	GA & Mrs CJ Mellor, Rugeley

Gross Prices:

£2624.84	844kg	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm
£2427.20	820kg	Lim	Ashford Hall Farm
£2369.40	718kg	Lim	EJ Beech, Cellarhead
£2350.08	768kg	Lim	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
£2301.42	726KG	Lim	Hazelwood Hall Farm
£2206.40	788kg	Lim	GA & Mrs CJ Mellor, Rugeley
£2191.98	714kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2139.50	778kg	Lim	AB Massie & Son, Ockbrook
£2089.36	728kg	Lim	JA Hall, Longnor
£2043.30	834kg	Holst	MA & WJ Joliffe, Coton
£2015.72	626kg	Lim	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
£2008.80	810kg	Sim	C Beeson, Dove Holes
£2006.92	766kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell

40 Black & White and ex dairy cows ave 223p

Very similar to the last couple of weeks.

The best 240-260p

Holstiens with meat 230-240p

Parlour types 220-230p

Leaner cows 200-220p

Only the plainest under 200p

The best today:

266p/kg	£1760	B Swiss, 3 yrs	E Morten & Sons, Barmoor Clough
264p/kg	£1848	Holst, 3 yrs	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
264p/kg	£1541	Fleck, 30 mnths	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
248p/kg	£1919	Fries, 10 yrs	RR Mason & Son, Hulland Ward
246p/kg	£1289	Fries, 3 yrs	PG & JH Cantrell, Haddon Grove

245p/kg	£2043	Holst, 5 yrs	MA & WJ Jolliffe, Coton
245p/kg	£1700	Holst, 8 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
240p/kg	£1828	Holst, 4 yrs	R Bradbury & Sons, Middleton
240p/kg	£1689	Holst, 6 yrs	GK & E Robinson, Wheston

3 OTM Bulls

320p/kg	£3123	Lim, 34 mnths	MA & WJ Jolliffe, Coton
288p/kg	£3081	Lim, 49 mnths	D Byard, Tupton

8 OTM Steers

320p/kg	£2131	B Blue, 31 mnths	RN Hoggard, Newark
318p/kg	£2213	Lim, 33 mnths	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery

111 FINISHED CATTLE ave 337.2p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Last weeks good trade seems an age ago now with the trade realistic today and similar to a fortnight ago.

22 Young Bulls ave 318p/kg

No fancy average but trade generally good although not at the levels of March. David Goddard secured the top price of 392p (£2963) for his heavyweights with the best Friesians to 327p for SG Potter.

Results:

392p/kg	756kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
390p/kg	610kg	Blond	CE & SW Mycock, Flagg
375p/kg	816kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
366p/kg	824kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
336p/kg	554kg	Hfd	RR Mason & Son, Hulland Ward
335p/kg	520kg	Hfd	C Beever, Alport

Gross Prices:

£3060.00	816kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3015.84	824kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2963.52	756kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2379.00	610kg	Blond x	CE & SW Mycock, Flagg
£2243.60	790kg	AA	SG Potter, Bonsall
£2230.08	808kg	AA	WT Hall & Sons, Draycott
£2226.56	784kg	Holst	WT Hall & Sons, Draycott

30 Steers ave 331.1p/kg

Trade is very tricky at present but with good buying support at ringside, trade would be on par with other outlets. 2 over 400p from Mark Froggatt with the better end generally 360p+. 10 Native and Angus to 375p.

Results:

406p/kg	652kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury
400p/kg	582kg	B Blue x	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury
382p/kg	568kg	B Blue x	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury
381p/kg	632kg	Lim	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
376p/kg	612kg	Hfd	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury

375p/kg	648kg	AA	R Walker, Ashgate
370p/kg	672kg	Lim	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
370p/kg	546kg	Lim	Redgate Farms, Brinsley
364p/kg	584kg	Lim	GA & Mrs CJ Mellor, Rugeley

Gross Prices:

£2647.12	652kg	Lim	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury
£2492.80	820kg	AA	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2486.40	672kg	Lim	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
£2441.56	682kg	Lim	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
£2436.88	734kg	AA	Moor Farmers, Flagg
£2430.00	648kg	AA	R Walker, Ashgate
£2407.92	632kg	Lim	J Gilman & Partners, Bosley
£2328.00	582kg	B Blue x	CH Froggatt & Son, Blithbury
£2310.38	662kg	B Blue x	GE & E Robinson, Wheston

59 Heifers ave 347.6p/kg

A good line up of heifers with something for everyone, with heifers from 500kg to 848kg and the best shaped sucklers to B/W's. The very best topped at 425p (twice) for wonderful Limousins from Don Lownds. Josh hall had 417p and Clive Bacon 412p. The biggest and best weighted heifers generally over £2500.

Results:

425p/kg	572kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
425p/kg	586kg	Lim	D Lownds, Reapsmoor
417p/kg	582kg	Lim	JA Hall, Longnor
412p/kg	626kg	Blond x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
394p/kg	646kg	Lim	Moor Farmers, Flagg
388p/kg	686kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
387p/kg	700kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
384p/kg	676kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
382p/kg	648kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport

Gross Prices:

£2714.72	722kg	Blond x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2709.00	700kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2661.68	686kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2646.00	700kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2645.42	698kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2607.52	688kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2595.84	676kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2591.98	722kg	B Blue x	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2579.12	626kg	Blond x	RG Bacon, Wadshelf
£2578.68	684kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield

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

Another capacity entry with 530 head on offer.

Trade remarkably good despite news of lower returns in the finished cattle world. Some sensational consignments which allowed well matched bunches of up to 10 cattle to be sold at one time. These cattle certainly attracted a premium and allowed the sale to proceed in a timely fashion.

Just a few **Breeding Cattle** to start the sale including:

£2520	B Blue Bull, 58 mnths	A Dunnington, Wrangle
£2300	Hfd Bull, 36 mnths	A Hunter, Hognaston
£2750	Char Cow, 81 mnths & Hfr Calf	L Boam, Flagg

28 Feeding Bulls

Sample Prices:

£1480	Lim	8-11 mnths	A Brown & Son, Bonsall
£1920	Lim x	16 mnths	IC Ford, Lyme Handley
£1280	AA x	10 mnths	A Hunter, Hognaston
£800	AA x	6-7 mnths	FT Bagnall, Longnor

251 Steers ave £1587

Some excellent runs of cattle making some question how many might there still be to come over the next few weeks – Time will tell!

Plenty of farmer interest in the younger cattle and prices remaining much the same.

At the older end prices slightly tempered by current returns in the finished cattle world, but still decent prices right to the end of the sale.

Sample Results:

£1450	Char x	12 mnths	S Boam, Flagg
£980	Hfd x	10 mnths	A Hunter, Hognaston
£1080	L Horn x4	8-9 mnths	MD Shimwell, Youlgreave
£1380	Sim x4	11-12 mnths	CE & EN Latham, Sudbury
£1620	Char x	11 mnths	CS Edge, Ballidon
£1400	B Blue x	5 mnths	JW & JR Davies, Edale
£1510	AA x4	15-17 mnths	M & DG Alsop, Ripley
£1300	AA x5	9-13 mnths	M & DG Alsop, Ripley
£1520	Lim x5	10-12 mnths	GA Lomas & Son, Peak Forest
£1560	Lim x	8 mnths	JJ Watson, Marple
£1460	S Horn x	9-14 mnths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1580	Cont x	13 mnths	Miss J Bonsall, Atlow
£1480	Hfd x5	15 mnths	J Woolley, Wormhill
£1660	Highland	12 mnths	Longacre LLP, Oakwood
£1350	AA x	6-11 mnths	Longacre LLP, Oakwood
£2100	AA x	18 mnths	P Wood, Wirksworth
£1300	Hfd x	7-9 mnths	P Wood, Wirksworth
£1680	B Blue x10	15-18 mnths	JW Handford, Birch Vale
£1420	Devon	12-14 mnths	NR & RA Hutchinson, Weston Underwood
£1800	AA x	15-16 mnths	Furness & Taylor, Wormhill
£1680	Lim x3	16-18 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1740	AA x	15-18 mnths	J & J Walton, Tideswell
£1860	AA x	17 mnths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£1870	Hfd x5	16-18 mnths	P Furness, Monyash
£2120	Lim x	19 mnths	GH Prince, Roston

£1790	B Blue x5	18-20 mnths	A Cooper, Elton
£2160	B Blue x	19-20 mnths	AJ Coxon, Church Broughton
£1730	Mont x	23 mnths	C & A Titterton, Gratton
£2040	Lim x	21 mnths	P & E Watson, Ashover
£ 1790	B Blue x	21 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1930	AA x3	22 mnths	CC Etches & Son, Tissington
£2100	Lim x	20-22 mnths	WJ Sessions, Hilton
£1640	Lim x5	22-25 mnths	JD Pickford, Leek
£1500	AA	16 mnths	AC Langridge, Uttoxeter
£2300	AA	23 mnths	M Hambleton, Alstonefield
£1790	AA 7	15-25 mnths	GL Brown, Spondon
£1500	Stab	11-13 mnths	S & LJ Dyson, Hollow Meadows
£2280	Blond x	20-24 mnths	EJ Slaney, Stafford
£1900	Hfd x6	21-24 mnths	JJ Blackwell, Doveholes
£2120	Lim x	23-25 mnths	EJ Beech, Cellarhead
£2260	B Blue x	21 mnths	CE Cowan, Belper
£2210	B Blue x	20-21 mnths	CE Cowan, Belper
£2000	B Blue x	23 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

236 Heifers ave £1382

A good selection well bid for from start to finish as the following examples demonstrate.

Sample Results:

£1120	Hfd x	9-10 mnths	SR Bardwell, Hathersage
£1280	B Blue x3	8 mnths	D Holt Ltd, Furness Vale
£1200	Hfd x	11 mnths	A Hunter, Hognaston
£940	L Horn	7-8 mnths	MD Shimwell, Youlgreave
£1220	Char x	11 mnths	CS Edge, Ballidon
£1320	B Blue x	17 mnths	JR Davies, Edale
£1230	AA x	10-11 mnths	M & DG Alsop, Ripley
£1460	Lim x	10 mnths	JJ Watson, Marple
£1220	Sim x	12 mnths	SJ Buckley, Doveholes
£1320	S Horn x	11-14 mnths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1400	Cont x	13 mnths	Miss J Bonsall, Atlow
£1440	B Blue x	16 mnths	Mrs EJ Mottram, Gratwich
£1480	AA	11-12 mnths	Longacre LLP, Oakwood
£2000	B Blue x	18 mnths	Furness & Taylor, Wormhill
£1660	Mont x	258 mnths	J & J Walton, Tideswell
£1880	Char x	18 mnths	TW & EJ Gratton, King Sterndale
£1720	B Blue x	19-20 mnths	A Cooper, Elton
£1770	Sim	12-16 mnths	PG & AD Godber, Kimberley
£1500	B Blue x	21 mnths	J Shardlow, Shirland
£1750	B Blue x4	21-23 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1890	B Blue x5	18-25 mnths	WJ Sessions, Hilton
£1600	AA x	20-23 mnths	AC Langridge, Fole
£1630	B Blue x4	24 mnths	W Bowler, Wirksworth
£1890	AA x	23 mnths	M Hambleton, Alstonefield
£1490	AA x	15-25 mnths	GL Brown, Spondon
£2260	Blond x	20-24 mnths	EJ Slaney, Stafford
£1600	Lim x	20 mnths	JA & D Shepherd, Hollow Meadows
£1410	AA x5	20-24 mnths	F & S Goodwin, Wincle
£1840	Char x	23 mnths	SC Proctor, Longnor

£1850	B Blue x5	20-22 mnths	CE Cowan, Belper
£1770	AA x	21 mnths	CE Cowan, Belper
£1800	B Blue x	27 mnths	FW Higginbottom & Son, Holymoorside

61 CALVES (Auctioneers Ivor Lowe & Natasha Hall)

Trade very similar for the best and the smaller types with the best bull calves at £800 for a British Blue from J & J Walton & Sons. Heifer calves to £655 for a Blond from SG Potter.

Black & White's seem particularly dear at £360.

3 month old British Blues from SG Salt & Son up to £1020!

Bulls

B Blue	£800	J & J Walton & Sons
Char	£745	Wager & Son
Lim	£685	D Fotherby & Sons
B Blue	£680	J & J Walton & Sons
AA	£585	G & R Waller Ltd

Hfrs

Blond	£655	SG Potter
B Blue	£640	TN Palfreyman & Son
B Blue	£640	TN Palfreyman & Son
Lim	£475	D Fotherby & Sons

745 Lambs, 500 Ewes & Rams & 9 Ewes & Lambs (Auctioneer Peter Oven)

A total entry of 1254 sheep included a very good show of 191 new season lambs. Demand very brisk throughout with best butchers lambs to 529p/kg and best big lambs grossing over £250/head.

Overall average 501.38p/kg.

Leading Prices

37.8kg	512p/kg	BR & SB Archer
40.8kg	520p/kg	R Swift & Sons
42.5kg	529p/kg	R Brough & Son
42.8kg	520p/kg	R Swift & Sons
43.5kg	518p/kg	RG & GC Moss
44.8kg	516p/kg	R Brough & Son
46.5kg	590p/kg	J Simpson
50.0kg	482p/kg	F Kunica
55.0kg	455p/kg	J Simpson

In the **Old Season Lambs** 554 on offer getting end of season, but demand very brisk throughout, best sorts peaked at 454p with 14 pens over 441p/kg. Overall average 418.55p/kg.

Leading Prices

37.0kg	432p/kg	S Hardy
37.7kg	450p/kg	M Wright
38.2kg	450p/kg	J Bonsall
40.5kg	445p/kg	J Bonsall
41.1kg	441p/kg	Grigg Farms

42.6kg	449p/kg	CH Gregory
43.4kg	441p/kg	Grigg Farms
44.7kg	450p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.0kg	454p/kg	J & B Fentem & Sons
46.2kg	447p/kg	P Brittain Cartledge
47.1kg	442p/kg	J Bonsall
48.2kg	431p/kg	Grigg Farms
51.7kg	416p/kg	B & K Stevenson
54.0kg	414p/kg	H Lowe

Averages

32.1 - 39.0kg	To 450p/kg	Average 382.09p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 454p/kg	Average 427.35p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 447p/kg	Average 410.09p/kg
52kg+	To 414p/kg	Average 357.35p/kg

9 Ewes & Lambs

These attracted brisk bidding with plenty of prospective buyers.

Mule triplets to £302

Suffolk doubles to £298

Blue Texel single to £288

500 Ewes, Rams & Goats

Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift

A very good entry with overall average £171.55, well up on the last few weeks with demand up and spirited bidding in all sections.

Purchasers for all categories with the best Texels regularly £250 and above.

Top price for Andrew & Jill Gagie at £320 with John Kunica and family at £300.

Mules a strong trade particularly for power and flesh with several lots £168 plus and then towards £190's for the very biggest.

The best 8 pens (all Texel crosses) averaged £266.38, top 10 pens £260.90.

In the hill breeds the better finished types good to sell with some medium weight Swales well finished at £120.

All the rams a good trade to a top of £228 and £242 with over 70% of the entry over £180/head.

Small goats to £116

468 ewes to average £164.63

30 rams to average £178.47