

## **BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT**

### **4<sup>th</sup> May**

A good turnout for the May Bank Holiday market with 550 cattle and 940 sheep. Regular buyers all operating normally plus a few 'wild card' bidders who would normally be otherwise engaged on a Monday.

Trade looking good across all sectors with the finished cattle significantly better sold than last week.

There was a good Bank Holiday entry of 392 head, plenty of buyers around the ring and a decent trade from start to finish with the younger cattle particularly dear.

Steers reached £2,400 to average £1,469 with heifers hitting the £2,000 mark and feeding bulls to £1,720.

Finished cattle numbers respectable at 86 with a firmer demand throughout.

Top figures 430p/kg and £2,896 per head. The average for the 53 heifers – our regular barometer of trade looked good at 358.9 pence a useful increase on last week's 330.8 pence and £2,270 per head up from £2,049 last week.

OTM numbers low with only 36 on offer and prices good.

Top figures 312p/kg and £2,628 per head.

The averages were a healthy 249.3p per kilo and £1,647 per head.

Calves continue to be extraordinarily dear with 36 on offer and bulls to £800 and heifers £670. Figures which speak for themselves and demonstrate the confidence in the cattle rearing chain.

In the sheep section there were 92 Spring lambs forward.

Top figures 605p/kg and £276.79 per head.

The SQQ average was 517.9 pence making a typical lamb in the 39-45kg weight range worth £219 per head.

The 550 Hogs were a very mixed lot with some very decent sorts and some 'end of season' varieties.

Top figures 460p/kg and £204.54 per head.

The SQQ was 397.4 pence making a typical hogg in the 39-45 kg bracket worth £179.42. 292 cull sheep on offer with ewes reaching £255 to average £145.46.

## 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

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## Forthcoming Fixtures

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale**

## 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.

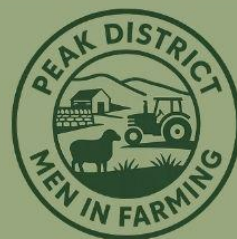
This is our first meeting of our new group **Peak District Men in Farming** please let Alice know if you are able to make the meeting for food numbers on the email or number below.

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.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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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WITH HOUSE AND GARDEN TOURS



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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:**

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### **36 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 249.3p/kg or £1647**

**(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)**

A very light entry for the Bank Holiday market but with all buyers in attendance, trade was equally as sharp as last week, if not better with the average 4 pence more on the week. OTM heifers to 312p/kg for Andrew Gagie with the best cow at 306p for Ben Simpson, Bradwell.

21 B/W's in today's entry averaging 229p.

Results:

312p/kg	610kg	AA	EA Gagie, Uttoxeter
306p/kg	730kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
295p/kg	710kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
267p/kg	628kg	Saler	Mosley & Kirkwood, Darley Dale
267p/kg	754kg	AA	SW Edwards, Leek
267p/kg	616kg	Sim	JA Hall, Longnor
266p/kg	710kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
260p/kg	792kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
260p/kg	710kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
255p/kg	710kg	Fries	GK & E Robinson, Wheston
255p/kg	634kg	Fries	J Brough & Son, Rudyard

Gross Prices:

£2333.80	730kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2094.50	710kg	B Blue x	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2059.20	792kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
£2050.10	830kg	Hfd	A Hall, Chisworth
£2013.18	754kg	AA	SW Edwards, Leek
£1903.20	610kg	AA	EA Gagie, Uttoxeter
£1888.60	710kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
£1846.00	710kg	Holst	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
£1843.20	768kg	Holst	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
£1823.08	766kg	Holst	GW & WL Neville, Tansley
£1810.50	710kg	Fries	GK & E Robinson, Wheston

### **4 OTM Steers**

300p/kg	£1710	Mont, 31 mnths	MH Howe, Moorwood Moor
294p/kg	£2628	Blond x, 5 yrs	DC Hoggard, Newark

### **86 FINISHED CATTLE ave 349.1p/kg**

**(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)**

Ninety four last week and 86 today but trade was surprisingly buoyant throughout.

### **11 Young Bulls ave 340.8p/kg**

Only a few but a solid trade selling to 394p for Phil & Emma Watson.

Results:

394p/kg	664kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
370p/kg	680kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
346p/kg	582kg	S Horn	CJ Mallaber, Drakelow
344p/kg	626kg	Lim	B Langton, Horsley Woodhouse

Gross Prices:

£2616.16	664kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2516.00	680kg	B Blue x	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2440.36	722kg	Blond x	DJ Stubbs, Hopton
£2426.84	718kg	Blond x	DJ Stubbs, Hopton

**22 Steers ave 330.3p/kg**

A solid price when you inspect the goods with no showstoppers but a good mix of commercials today. Andrew Edge had 372p for his heavy Blue with the majority dairy bred today.

Results:

372p/kg	666kg	Lim	RA & K Edge, Flagg
368p/kg	650kg	B Blue x	T & JM White, Bradfield
362p/kg	604kg	B Blue x	Easom & Sons, Oakerthorpe
351p/kg	612kg	B Blue x	Easom & Sons, Oakerthorpe
341p/kg	606kg	B Blue x	Easom & Sons, Oakerthorpe
334p/kg	596kg	B Blue x	Easom & Sons, Oakerthorpe
334p/kg	746kg	Lim	RA & K Edge, Flagg
334p/kg	770kg	Lim	SJ Wainwright, Poynton

Gross Prices:

£2571.80	770kg	Lim	SJ Wainwright, Poynton
£2491.64	746kg	Lim	RA & K Edge, Flagg
£2477.52	666kg	Lim	RA & K Edge, Flagg
£2458.56	788kg	AA	D Smith, Matlock
£2392.00	650kg	B Blue x	T & JM White, Bradfield
£2323.72	772kg	AA	D Smith, Matlock
£2308.08	708kg	Dex	SJ Thompson, Kilburn

**53 Heifers ave 358.9p/kg**

Good numbers and trade better than all expectations with a full line up of buyers and the average nearly 30 pence better on the week. Peter Gaunt had a good run of 12 to average 399p and sold to 430 and 421p (both over £2800) with another trio over 414p. Better than expected!

Results:

430p/kg	668kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
421p/kg	688kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
416p/kg	544kg	Char	M Langton, Horsley Woodhouse
416p/kg	664kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
414p/kg	666kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
398p/kg	656kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
394p/kg	678kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
392p/kg	652kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
390p/kg	648kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
390p/kg	398kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
390p/kg	698kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
390p/kg	676kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
389p/kg	612kg	B Blue x	JA Hall, Longnor

#### Gross Prices:

£2896.48	688kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2872.40	668kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2762.24	664kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2757.24	666kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2722.20	698kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2689.28	704kg	B Blue x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2671.32	678kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2636.40	676kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2610.88	656kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2584.00	680kg	Hfd	K Harrop, Alport
£2555.84	652kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2354.54	708kg	Sim	G Evans, Edwinstowe

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

A very good entry of 392 cattle attracted a packed ringside of bidders and this ensured a very decent trade from start to finish despite concerns over the deadweight returns currently being experienced by producers.

The sale commenced with a run of feeding cows from MJ Wain, Brassington, these included:

£1840 B Blue x, 67 mnths

£1800 Hfd x, 48 mnths

£1760 Sim x, 65 mnths

£1700 Char x, 168 mnths

£1700 B Blue x, 46 mnths

#### **35 Feeding Bulls**

##### Sample Prices:

£1720	S Horn x	16 mnths	CJ Mallaber, Drakelow
£1300	S Horn x5	10-12 mnths	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£1580	Lim x	11-12 mnths	A Brown & Son, Bonsall
£1360	AA x	16 mnths	A Airey, Huddersfield
£1240	Lim x5	7-11 mnths	S Leasow, Sudbury
£1180	B Blue x	10 mnths	TD & PD Hardy, Grange Mill
£880	Sim x	4 mnths	E Cooper, Taddington

#### **213 Steers ave £1469**

Plenty of interest with a lively trade right through and little evidence the reduced finished prices was tempering demand.

##### Sample Results:

£1200	Lim x	7-8 mnths	RJ & WJ Wigley, Middleton
£1400	Lim x	7-8 mnths	FG & JR Critchlow, Sheen
£1120	AA x	8 mnths	RE Slack, South Wingfield
£1600	B Blue x	10-11 mnths	JW & JR Davies, Hope
£1850	Lim x	10 mnths	JW & JR Davies, Hope
£1180	S Horn x8	9-11 mnths	Ridgewood Farm, Alderwasley
£1020	B Blue x7	9-12 mnths	PJ & N Townsend, Tideswell
£1400	Shorn x3	13 mnths	D & LA Critchlow, Sheen
£1100	Lim x4	10-12 mnths	P Hill & Co, Rosliston

£1600	S Horn x4	10-12 mnths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1200	Sim x	13 mnths	Buckingham & Bishop, Ingleby
£1800	AA x	12 mnths	Alma Mount Farm, Rowarth
£1550	Hfd x4	13-14 mnths	LA & H Burtonshaw, Middleton
£1750	Stab x	20 mnths	Mosley Hall Farm, High Peak
£1480	Char x7	11-12 mnths	J & CJ Hammersley, Offcote
£1510	AA x	13-16 mnths	S Hambleton, Bradley
£1530	S Horn x	15-16 mnths	RF & JP Critchlow, Hartington
£1460	AA x	14 mnths	Mrs EJ Mottram, Gratwich
£1800	B Blue x	16 mnths	P Furness, Monyash
£1920	Lim x	15-16 mnths	P Furness, Monyash
£2000	Lim x	12-14 mnths	CM Rowlinson, Ramsor
£1740	Lim x	16 mnths	R Simpson, Longnor
£1850	AA x	15-18 mnths	WT Bunting, Pike Hall
£1840	Char x7	10-11 mnths	CJ Mallaber, Drakelow
£1840	Lim x	11 mnths	CJ Mallaber, Drakelow
£1500	B Blue x	19 mnths	T Gardiner, Davenham
£1540	Fries 7	18-22 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1400	AA x8	19-20 mnths	HJ Archer & Son, Scropton
£1440	Hfd x	19-20 mnths	HJ Archer & Son, Scropton
£1880	Lim x	21 mnths	PJ Harrison, Taddington
£1820	AA x	19 mnths	PJ Harrison, Taddington
£2400	Parth	25 mnths	CH Leeson & Son, Ipstones
£1860	Hfd x	28 mnths	JM & VJ Howard, Huddersfield
£1900	B Blue x	24 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1890	AA x4	22-23 mnths	JA Sheldon, Middleton
£1960	B Blue x	27-28 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside
£2000	Lim x	22 mnths	J Glossop

### 137 Heifers ave £1371

The entry included some excellent bunches which attracted fierce bidding and a premium and kept up the momentum of the sale.

#### Sample Results:

£1000	L Horn x4	8-10 mnths	MD Shimwell, Middleton
£1240	B Blue x4	9-13 mnths	RP Lawley, Draycott
£1440	Lim x	12 mnths	JJ Turner, Okeover
£1000	B Blue x	11-12 mnths	D Ford, Kirk Ireton
£1300	B Blue x	15 mnths	JW & JR Davies, Hope
£1220	Lim x8	7-12 mnths	P Hill & Co, Rosliston
£1320	S Horn x	11-14 mnths	JR & DJ Hollingworth, Ockbrook
£1140	Sim x	13-14 mnths	Buckingham & Bishop, Ingleby
£1460	Stab x	12-13 mnths	S & LJ Dyson, Hollow Meadows
£1700	AA x	13 mnths	Alma Mount, Rowarth
£1400	B Blue x	14 mnths	Uttoxeter High School
£1600	Hfd x4	12-13 mnths	LA & H Burtonshaw, Middleton
£1980	Char x4	12-18 mnths	B Savage, Ridgeway
£1140	Char x6	11-12 mnths	J & CJ Hammersley, Offcote
£1700	B Blue x	17 mnths	A & DJ Gregory, Litton
£1690	AA x6	15-18 mnths	WT Bunting, Pike Hall
£1400	Char x6	10-11 mnths	CJ Mallaber, Drakelow



£1520	Lim x	18 mnths	T Gardiner, Davenham
£2000	B Blue x	20 mnths	G & M Limer, Taddington
£1660	AA x	20-22 mnths	J Shardlow, Shirland
£1730	Lim x	20-21 mnths	PJ Harrison, Taddington
£1720	Hfd x	29 mnths	JM & VJ Howard, Huddersfield
£1700	B Blue x3	24 mnths	P & C Palfreyman, Monyash
£1690	B Blue x	29-30 mnths	FW Higginbottom, Holymoorside

### **36 CALVES (Auctioneers Ivor Lowe & Natasha Hall)**

Trade has reached a new level in the calf shed with a very good show of calves, to all average right through at £574. Best bull at £800 for a British Blue from G & M Limer and the best heifer at £670 for a British Blue from B Savage.

#### **Bulls**

B Blue	£800	G & M Limer
B Blue	£790	GW & WL Neville
B Blue	£780	GW & WL Neville
B Blue	£760	GW & WL Neville
B Blue	£720	GW & WL Neville

#### **Hfrs**

B Blue	£670	B Savage
B Blue	£660	B Savage
B Blue	£650	TD & PD Hardy
B Blue	£650	GW & WL Neville
B Blue	£630	GW & WL Neville

### **642 Lambs, 292 Ewes & Rams & 6 Ewes & Lambs (Auctioneer Peter Oven)**

A good Bank Holiday entry of 940 sheep included 92 new season lambs. Demand still very brisk for best butchers lambs selling to a top of 605p/kg twice and top gross of £276.79/head.

Overall lamb average 522.12p/kg.

#### **Leading Prices**

39.5kg	540p/kg	Thorp Farms
41.0kg	525p/kg	R Swift & Sons
41.8kg	545p/kg	R Swift & Sons
42.2kg	530p/kg	R Swift & Sons
43.4kg	590p/kg	G & J Hadfield & Son
43.5kg	605p/kg	G & J Hadfield & Son
44.0kg	505p/kg	E Webster
45.7kg	605p/kg	G & J Hadfield & Son

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 quality was mixed for the 550 on offer with all types still in demand. The best shaped handier weight sorts peaked at 460p/kg and numerous pens at 420p/kg.

Overall average 397.46p/kg.

#### Leading Prices

34.4kg	412p/kg	T Bingham
37.8kg	414p/kg	T Bingham
40.0kg	420p/kg	RP Hall
42.0kg	412p/kg	A White
43.0kg	460p/kg	GJ Steeples
43.6kg	420p/kg	JT & JH Sims
44.0kg	420p/kg	R Swift & Sons
45.0kg	420p/kg	N & B Townsend
45.9kg	426p/kg	R Swift & Sons
46.5kg	420p/kg	RP Hall
46.8kg	426p/kg	R Swift & Sons
47.5kg	420p/kg	RP Hall
48.7kg	420p/kg	R Swift & Sons
53.5kg	372p/kg	JM & CE Shardlow
57.0kg	352p/kg	JG Jackson

#### Averages

32.1 - 39.0kg	To 414p/kg	Average 375.12p/kg
39.1 - 45.5kg	To 460p/kg	Average 399.74p/kg
45.6 - 52kg	To 426p/kg	Average 392.39p/kg
52kg+	To 372p/kg	Average 341.75p/kg

#### **6 Ewes & Lambs**

These attracted very brisk bidding with Herdwick twins to £262.

#### **292 Ewes & Rams**

##### **Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift**

An excellent entry for the Bank Holiday with a full compliment of buyers represented. Top price £255 for Continentals with other Texels from the Bagshaws at Chelmorton at £250. The best 6 pens averaged £235.80, top 10 pens £226.

Mules good to sell topping at over £180 per head.

Medium Swales just over £100 with plenty of crossbred continentals at £160 and above.

The mixed entry of slaughter tups topped at £232 for a Texel.

In fairness the average would be swayed by the larger number of horned and small ewes within the sheep penned.

100% clearance of both ewes and rams

Ewes averaged £145.46

Rams averaged £180.80