

BAKEWELL MARKET REPORT

Monday 8th June

A wet morning with plenty of stock and people in the market entries were 715 cattle and 978 sheep.

Large numbers of finished cattle on offer with a total of 193, the store numbers down a bit for the time of year at 365 head.

Plenty of vehicles delivering sheep, but the average load size rather small as the hogs dry up and lambs are slow to arrive in force.

The store & breeding cattle section was bolstered by a couple of special entries to total 365 head.

A consignment of breeding cattle from E Vaughan of Ashton under Lyme were well sold with the best outfit to £4,050.

A pair of ped Lim stock bulls from Dukes Drive Farm Shop at Buxton attracted fierce bidding with them both selling at £3,800.

In the regular store cattle section, a nice run of 32 Char & Lim x steers, 9-11 mnths added a further highlight selling at up to £1,780.

The 190 steers averaged £1,610 and reached £2,320 with the heifers to £2,000 to average £1,395.

A bumper crop of 193 finished cattle sold rather better than anticipated with top figures 465p and £3,297.

The average for the 126 heifers was a respectable 344.5p and £2,141 per head.

OTM cattle were out in greater numbers with 102 on offer. Top figures 330p/kg and £2,631.

The average looked good at 254 pence and £1,708 per head.

The trade for the 55 calves shows no signs of bending with bulls to £850 and heifers to £640.

Sheep numbers at their lowest ebb at this time of year.

440 Spring lambs on offer selling to 500p and £227.90 per head.

The SQQ average was a hefty 459.6 pence making a typical lamb in the 39-45kg range worth £193.90.

239 Hogs a selection that included a few 'tail end Charlies'

The best on offer to 449p/kg and £248.44 per head.

The SQQ average was 402.9 pence making a typical hogg in the 39-45kg bracket worth £170.67.

299 cull sheep this week with top figure for ewes £240 to average £164.20.

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 11th June – Thursday Lunchtime Sheep Sale

Save the Date

FOUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF

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the farmers charity

Supporting farming people and their families
across England and Wales

FUN CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT

THURSDAY
28TH MAY
2026

HULLAND WARD
VILLAGE HALL

DRINKS AND CANAPÉS EVENING

at Hopton Hall

WITH HOUSE AND GARDEN TOURS

THURSDAY
30TH JULY
2026

DERBYSHIRE TRACTOR RUN

SUNDAY
5TH JULY
2026

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SHOTTLE

SHOTTLE CHARITY HORSE RIDE

SUNDAY
12TH JULY
2026

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102 BARREN, OTM AND FEEDING COWS overall ave 254.1 pence or £1708

(Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

Similar numbers and trade good with the average up 12 pence on the week, but more OTM clean cattle in the entry and a few less B/W made the averages better. Top price of 330p/kg for a Blue x heifer with others at 329p and 320p x2 with the best cows at 316p a B Blue, 5 yrs from Ben & Katie Simpson. Better sorts 280p plus with all the feeding men at ringside looking for numbers.

Results:

330p/kg	630kg	B Blue, 30 mnths	JR Johnson & Sons, Ipstones
329p/kg	588kg	Lim, 36 mnths	MT Sweetmore, Hollinsclough
320p/kg	538kg	B Blue, 32 mnths	LJ Beech, Astbury
316p/kg	770kg	B Blue x, 58mnths	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
316p/kg	588kg	B Blue x, 32 mnths	RN Hoggard, Newark
308p/kg	658kg	Lim, 32 mnths	TW & G Fountain, Marston Montgomery
308p/kg	568kg	Lim, 33 mnths	JR Barker & Sons, Findern
296p/kg	642kg	B Blue, 33 mnths	RN Hoggard, Newark
295p/kg	600kg	B Blue, 33 mnths	RN Hoggard, Newark
293p/kg	820kg	Lim, 52 mnths	JM, AM, MJ Bennett, Threaphurst
291p/kg	814kg	Blond x, 38 mnths	J Mellor, Chinley
288p/kg	790kg	Lim, 72 mnths	LJ Beech, Astbury

Gross Prices:

£2631.60	1020kg	B Blue	RM Ward, Ridgeway
£2575.80	954kg	Lim	GA Lomas & Sons, Peak Forest
£2516.58	902kg	B Blue	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2433.20	770kg	B Blue	A & B Simpson, Bradwell
£2402.60	820kg	Lim	JM, AM, MJ Bennett, Threaphurst
£2368.74	814kg	Blond x	J Mellor, Chinley
£2295.00	918kg	Hfd	WJ & DM Madin, Holymoorside
£2289.60	848kg	Lim	GA Lomas & Sons, Peak Forest
£2284.80	840kg	Sim	Thorp Farms Ltd, Baslow
£2275.20	790kg	Lim	LJ Beech, Astbury
£2146.50	810kg	Hfd	C & FM Percival, Youlgreave
£2131.80	836kg	Sim	C & FM Percival, Youlgreave

35 Black & Whites averaged 225p/kg

3 better 273-278p

Best fed cows 230-261p

Big Holsteins 220-230p

Leaner types 200-220p

Plainest end under 200p

The best today

278p/kg	£1645	Holst, 30 mnths	GE Brookes & Partners, Uttoxeter
274p/kg	£2257	Holst, 30 mnths	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
273p/kg	£1987	Holst, 30 mnths	JE & CM Fletcher, Peak Forest
261p/kg	£2187	Fleck, 3 yrs	RW Ardern & Sons, Buxton
249p/kg	£2046	Holst, 6 yrs	W Bradbury, Earl Sterndale
248p/kg	£2063	Holst, 8 yrs	P Furness, Monyash

248p/kg	£1740	Fries, 8 yrs	J & J Walton & Sons, Tideswell
242p/kg	£1737	Fries, 4 yrs	P Furness, Monyash
238p/kg	£1785	Fries, 7 yrs	L Hadfield & Sons, Peak Forest
237p/kg	£1938	Holst, 7 yrs	W Seward & Sons, Duckmanton
237p/kg	£1739	Fries, 7 yrs	L Hadfield & Sons, Peak Forest
236p/kg	£1552	Holst, 6 yrs	RJ Neville & Sons, Ashover
234p/kg	£2120	Holst, 6 yrs	W Seward & Sons, Duckmanton

1 OTM Bull

270p/kg £2500 Hfd, 3yrs RW Ardern & Sons, Buxton

3 OTM Steers

296p/kg	£1397	B Blue, 34 mnths	GA Bull, Findern
280p/kg	£1764	Fries, 32 mnths	EA Gagie, Uttoxeter

190 FINISHED CATTLE Ave 339.1p/kg (Auctioneer Oliver Hiles)

The biggest entry of the year to date and some superb cattle at the top end would not have been any better any week during the last 12 months. Commercial cattle remain a tough call but plenty of competition at the trade.

27 Bulls Ave 323.6p

3 over £4 with the best good but the dairy bred bulls little changed. Ruth & Ruben Swift had the top call of 404p with the Wells family at 402 and 400p. Big bulls up to £3297 and £3282 for David Goddard.

Results:

404p/kg	656kg	Lim	RJG Swift, High Peak
402p/kg	650kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
400p/kg	620kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
379p/kg	870kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
379p/kg	866kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
370p/kg	794kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
353p/kg	694kg	Sim	P & E Watson, Ashover
348p/kg	596kg	Char	GF Wheelhouse, Hooton Roberts
341p/kg	698kg	Char	P & E Watson, Ashover

Gross Prices:

£3297.30	870kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£3282.14	866kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2963.40	898kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2937.80	794kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2650.24	656kg	Lim	RJG Swift, High Peak
£2613.00	650kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Son, Monyash
£2480.00	620kg	Lim	MJ Wells & Sons, Monyash
£2449.82	694kg	Sim	P & E Watson, Ashover
£2380.19	698kg	Char	P & E Watson, Ashover

40 Steers Ave 333.5p/kg

The best excellent and loads of demand but not enough trade for the more commercial end. John Grummett had the pick at 407p (£2849) with Mark Froggatt close behind at 406p (£2744). Big boys from Keith Harrop crossed the 3k barrier at £3022.

Results:

407p/kg	700kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
406p/kg	676kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
397p/kg	698kg	B Blue	IM & VE Brown, Werrington
389p/kg	662kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
389p/kg	750kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
388p/kg	652kg	B Blue	SM Holt, Blithbury
383p/kg	620kg	B Blue	GK & E Robinson, Wheston
378p/kg	570kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
368p/kg	704kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
358p/kg	700kg	Lim	Moor Farmers, Flagg
355p/kg	614kg	AA	R Walker, Ashgate

Gross Prices:

£3022.34	866kg	Blond x	K Harrop, Alport
£2917.50	750kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2888.62	878kg	Lim	WJ & DM Madin, Holymoorside
£2849.00	700kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
£2771.06	698kg	B Blue	IM & VE Brown, Werrington
£2744.56	676kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury
£2660.34	878kg	Hfd	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2613.96	822kg	AA	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2593.08	882kg	AA	RW Ardern & Sons, Topley Pike
£2590.72	704kg	Lim	JT Ottewell, Calow
£2575.18	662kg	B Blue	CH Froggatt & Sons, Blithbury

126 Heifers Ave 344.5p/kg

The biggest entry of heifers I can remember and some stunners at the top end that certainly rang the bells. Micheal Wynne had 465p for his best heifer to gross £3022. Phil & Emma Watson had 446p and Peter Gaunt had 440p all with well bred and fed suckler bred sorts. 15 over £4. 38 Native heifers today to 350 and Angus to 304p.

Results:

465p/kg	650kg	Lim	M Wynne, Snitterton
446p/kg	586kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
440p/kg	652kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
438p/kg	562kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover
420p/kg	576kg	Lim	JA Hall, Longnor
414p/kg	638kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
409p/kg	582kg	Blond	P & E Watson, Ashover
408p/kg	586kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
408p/kg	576kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
406p/kg	678kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
405p/kg	662kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
404p/kg	576kg	Lim	LM & D Grummett, Smisby
400p/kg	582kg	Lim	M Wynne, Snitterton

400p/kg	680kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
400p/kg	678kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield

Gross Prices:

£3022.50	650kg	Lim	M Wynne, Snitterton
£2868.80	652kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2752.68	678kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2720.00	680kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2712.00	678kg	Blond x	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2691.00	690kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2690.48	676kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2681.10	662kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2665.60	680kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2660.00	700kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2646.16	682kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2641.32	638kg	Lim	S & D Fearn, Wardlow Mires
£2633.10	670kg	Lim	K Harrop, Alport
£2620.80	672kg	Lim	NH Gaunt & Son, Dronfield
£2614.40	688kg	Lim	H & G Hollinshead, Lichfield
£2613.56	586kg	Lim	P & E Watson, Ashover

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

A respectable entry of 365 head in a season where numbers seem to be dwindling.

Trade was excellent from start to finish with little evidence that lower finished cattle prices are having an effect on store cattle returns.

Plenty of buyers around the ring some having made the journey to Bakewell to bid for the various special entries that had been promoted.

The sale commenced with a consignment of breeding cattle from Mr E Vaughan of Ashton under Lyme, notable results included:

£4050	Lim x Cow, 38 mnths & Calf, 1 mnth
£3550	Lim x Cow, 37 mnths & Calf, 3 mnths
£3300	Lim x Cow, 36 mnths & Calf, 3 mnths
£3200	Lim x Cow, 75 mnths & Calf, 1 mnth
£2050	Lim Hfr, 27 mnths, i/c
£2050	Sim Hfr, 34 mnths, i/c
£2000	Lim x Hfr, 36 mnths, i/c
£2000	Lim x Hfr, 27 mnths, i/c

Other breeding stock on offer included

£2250	AA x Cow, 87 mnths, i/c	JA Duggins, Netherseal
£3800	Ped Lim Bull, 14 mnths	Dukes Drive, Buxton
£3800	Ped Lim Bull, 13 mnths	Dukes Drive, Buxton

15 Feeding Cows of all descriptions, shapes and sizes sold between £600 and £1700.

Feeding Bulls

Only 15 with examples at:

£2000	Sim	15 mnths	JA Duggins, Netherseal
£1110	Sim x	5-6 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
£1300	S Horn x	9 mnths	E Williams, High Peak

190 Steers Averaged £1610

Some fine specimens in the entry, but buyers were present for all types and trade was excellent as indicated by the strong £1610 average.

Sample Results:

£1280	S Horn x	14 mnths	JM Cottrill, Snake Pass
£980	Lim	7 mnths	TJ Naylor, Kirk Ireton
£1600	Sim x	13 mnths	R Wilson, Markeaton
£1800	Char x3	9-10 mnths	A Mosley & Son, Brassington
£1780	Char x5	10 mnths	A Mosley & Son, Brassington
£1780	Char x3	10 mnths	A Mosley & Son, Brassington
£1650	Lim x5	10 mnths	A Mosley & Son, Brassington
£1400	Lim x	9 mnths	RTF & P Marshall, Matlock
£1680	AAx	12 mnths	S Nadin, Shirland
£1480	S Horn x5	12-13 mnths	B Ainley, Mercaston
£1980	Cont x	14 mnths	Miss J Bonsall, Atlow
£1470	AAx3	10-13 mnths	Riverside Farm, Scropton
£1500	Lim x4	10-13 mnths	GA Lomas & Son, Peak Forest
£1890	Hfd x6	15 mnths	AR Milner, Pilsley
£1600	AAx5	12-16 mnths	PE & J Simcock, Pott Shrigley
£1440	AA x	11-17 mnths	PE & J Simcock, Pott Shrigley
£1550	Saler x	12-13 mnths	Chapel Hill Farms
£1500	Lim x3	10-11 mnths	S Lynam, Whatstandwell
£1860	AA x	15-16 mnths	RA Tatlow, Ashbourne
£1630	Lim x	21 mnths	C & M Wainwright, Denstone
£1580	AA x	10-12 mnths	G & R Waller Ltd, Bollington
£2260	Lim x	23 mnths	K & S Harper, Dungworth
£1600	AAx	17-19 mnths	Wager & Son, Hartington
£1990	B Blue x	19-22 mnths	CF Edge & Partners, Alsop
£2140	Lim x5	19-23 mnths	I & J Wilton, Taddington
£2100	B Blue x	17 mnths	J Coxon, Church Broughton
£2200	Lim x	23 mnths	AG Tomkinson, Thorpe
£2320	AA x	24 mnths	M Hambleton, Alstonefield
£2200	AA x	24 mnths	M Hambleton, Alstonefield
£1850	B Blue x	20-22 mnths	JS Bramall, Sheffield
£2260	B Blue x	22-25 mnths	C Bannister, Colton
£1790	AA x	21-25 mnths	Leasows Partners, Uttoxeter
£1800	Lim x	25 mnths	A Tunstall, Church Broughton
£2220	AA x	28 mnths	G White & Partners, Ilam
£1850	AA x	22-23 mnths	JC Vickers, Taddington

98 Heifers average £1395

Plenty of demand for what was on offer. Bunches sold well and Angus crosses attracted a strong following.

Sample Results:

£1000	Sim x	6 mnths	JC Shepherd, Dungworth
£980	Lim x	8 mnths	R Alton, Sutton on the Hill
£1600	Lim x	8 mnths	Garlick Partners, Kettlethulme

£1200	Hfd x	12 mnths	A Birchenhough, Doveholes
£1550	Sim xx	12 mnths	R Wilson, Markeaton
£1020	Lim x4	12-13 mnths	FL Short, Eastmoor
£1800	Char x4	9-12 mnths	D Batterbee, Doveholes
£1520	Hfd x	12 mnths	S Nadin, Shirland
£1700	B Blue x	12 mnths	S Nadin, Shirland
£1560	Sim x	13 mnths	LH Powell & Son, Hundall
£1750	Cont x	13 mnths	Miss J Bonsall, Atlow
£1500	Lim x6	12-15 mnths	GA Lomas, Peak Forest
£1200	Lim x7	9-13 mnths	S Lynam, Whatstandwell
£1600	AA x	18 mnths	G & R Waller, Bollington
£1350	AA x	20 mnths	Wager & Son, Hartington
£2000	B Blue x	17-21 mnths	J Coxon, Church Broughton
£1900	AA x	24 mnths	M Hambleton, Alstonefield
£1760	Linc x	28 mnths	S Burford, Hayfield
£1810	B Blue x	25 mnths	MF Wayne & S Allen, Thorpe
£1980	Lim x	23 mnths	GA & Mrs C Mellor, Adnaston
£1600	Hfd x6	22-23 mnths	G & C & O Kirkham, Hartington
£1520	AA x	24-25 mnths	Leasows Partners, Uttoxeter
£1760	B Blue x	26 mnths	C Bowler, Ashleyhay
£1000	S Horn x	9 mnths	E Williams, High Peak

55 CALVES (Auctioneer Ivor Lowe & Tash Hall)

An increase in numbers forward but no let up in trade with all types very sharp from start to finish.

Stronger continentals saw B Blue bulls to £850 and £840m Char to £790 and Herefords to £630.

Heifers looking equally as well sold with Blues to £640m Herefords to £590 and both Angus & Lim to £530.

B/W's light on numbers but those forward were rewarded with an excellent trade to a top of £435.

Bulls

B Blue	£850	GW & WL Neville, Tansley
B Blue	£840	GW & WL Neville, Tansley
Char	£790	JW Handford, Aspenshaw
Lim	£595	JW Handford, Aspenshaw
Hfd	£630	T Farrington & Sons, Abbots Bromley

Hfrs

B Blue	£640	GW & WL Neville, Tansley
B Blue	£585	TN Palfreyman & Son, Flagg

679 Lambs & 299 Ewes & Rams (Auctioneer Peter Oven)

A similar entry of 978 sheep included 440 new season lambs. Demand very brisk for the time of year to a top of 500p/kg and overall average 460.84p/kg. Top gross of £228.

Leading Prices

39.67kg	498p/kg	BR & SB Archer
41.7kg	500p/kg	S White
42.7kg	496p/kg	EJ Mottram

44.8kg	496p/kg	DV Holland
45.7kg	482p/kg	DV Holland
46.3kg	468p/kg	DV Holland
48.4kg	456p/kg	PE Yates
53.0kg	430p/kg	TJ Jackson

Averages

Standard	To 458p/kg	
Medium	To 500p/kg	Average 459.65p/kg
Heavy	To 482p/kg	Average 468.81p/kg
Over	To 430p/kg	

Still a few Old Season Lambs on offer, these saw prices very good for the best meated sorts to a top of 449p/kg to average 402.93p/kg with top gross of £248/head.

Leading Prices:

38.2kg	420p/kg	MN Pickford
40.3kg	420p/kg	R Swift & Sons
41.0kg	449p/kg	Grigg Farms
41.7kg	440p/kg	RH Hall
45.4kg	402p/kg	RH Hall
46.2kg	395p/kg	R Lewis
51.8kg	398p/kg	R Lewis
46.0kg	410p/kg	RS Torr

Averages

Standard	To 420p/kg	Average 404.4p/kg
Medium	To 449p/kg	Average 402.58p/kg
Heavy	To 398p/kg	Average 368.69p/kg
Over	To 410p/kg	Average 356.11p/kg

Ewes & Rams

Auctioneers Mark Elliott & Holly Swift

A very mixed entry but buyers for all categories and more could have been sold well.

Trade good especially for the best meat and strong Mules.

Best continentals topping at £240 three times for the Percival family, Archer family and Birch family with a good proportion of the continental crosses £184 plus and the top 10 pens averaging a very creditable £229/head.

Best end Mules topping £200 with medium sorts with good flesh £148 plus.

Very few Swales but the better fed types (not the biggest frames) £108-£113.

Plenty of punters for the slaughter rams with a top of £232 for 2 big Texels near the end of the sale.

Ewes ave £164.20

Rams ave £181.50