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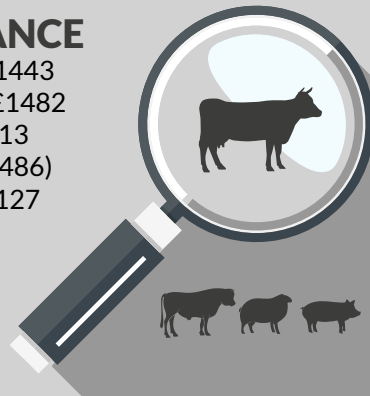
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MARKET REPORTS FOR MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

MARKET AT A GLANCE

Prime Steers to 228p/kg & £1443
Prime Heifers to 236p/kg & £1482
Cast Cows to 144p/kg & £1113
Prime Lamb SQQ 218p/kg (2486)
Prime Lambs to 289p/kg & £127
Calves to £320 (58)
Ewes to £126 (961 Avg £69)



Friday 25th September
Annual Ram Fair & Breeding Sheep Sale

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CATTLE: 119 FORWARD

Prime Cattle-51

I asked and you responded. A much better show throughout in terms of meat and quality, with plenty of shape on show. Two wholesale accounts returning to ringside with pistols drawn today resulting in a trade that would be a shilling or two dearer than last week.

Bulls-2

Rare breeds the only choice in this section today with aged, non-assured Longhorn Bulls selling to 130PPK or £981 for Salcey Lawn Farm.

Steers-24

A cracking bunch of Steers forward today, with shape and finish throughout and this handsomely rewarded by several wholesale and butcher accounts on ringside. Top of the tree today saw Frank Hodgkin sell Limousin x Steers to 228PPK for properly fed sorts, with PC & RA Nichols seeing Limousins to 224PPK, equal with Richard and Judy Fountaine. In the lump Richard and Judy struck again to see the Fountaine stable top at £1442, with Nichols to £1433. The best meat sailing away today as they should but the 2nd quality still seeing a strong trade with "O" grades trading up to 192PPK for grass fed sorts.

Heifers-25

As ever the jewel in the crown, with butchers keen to compete as shop trade remains buoyant. Top PPK from the Fountaine stable selling to 236PPK for Limousin x, with PC & RA Nichols to 233PPK. Handy sorts from Chris Clayton sold to 229PPK twice. Weight still paying with big girls proving beautiful to top at £1482 from Frank Hodgkin with the Fountaines to £1453. "O" grades and natives still very much in demand with Hereford Heifers to 190PPK from DJ Sharlot.

Cows-10

More Cows desperately needed to fill buyer demand. Best cows sailing to 144PPK or £1113 from TH Morris & Sons for Simmentals, with non-FABBL Blondes from Jenny Gibbs to 120PPK or £980.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

CALVES: 58 FORWARD

Every size and shape covered in the calf section today, with several fresh faces at ringside helping to push trade on.

Best end Continentals as ever a pleasure to sell with the Bulls soaring up to £320 for Simmentals from RC&J Mann, with Pete Hemmings selling to £300 for Limousins. Rearing sorts trading between £140 and £200. Best Heifers in short supply but topping at £185 for British Blues from AC & MT Bentley taking the trip up from Bicester. Natives very few and far between today. Half weaned Angus sorts from P Robeson selling to £135.

Dairy Bulls meeting strong enquiry with Freisian sorts to £74 from D&E Trice. Swedish Red Bulls sold to £60 from KC & DA Hughes.

More expected in a fortnight.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd

STEERS & BULLS

Top prices per head				FA
Limousin x	644kg	£1443	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin x	640kg	£1434	PC & RA Nichols & Son	Y
Limousin x	627kg	£1430	F Hodgkin	Y
South Devon	665kg	£1416	Lee & Son	Y
British Blue	651kg	£1361	R J Heckford	Y
Top prices per kilo				
Limousin x	627kg	228ppk	F Hodgkin	Y
Limousin x	644kg	224ppk	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin x	640kg	224ppk	PC & RA Nichols	Y
Bazadaise	472kg	218ppk	P D & C Pritchard	Y
South Devon	665kg	213ppk	Lee & Son	Y

HEIFERS

Top prices per Head				FA
Limousin x	680kg	£1482	F Hodgkin	Y
Limousin x	616kg	£1454	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin x	634kg	£1420	F Hodgkin	Y
Charolais x	585kg	£1340	CJ & MT Clayton	N
Limousin	584kg	£1320	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Top prices per Kilo				
Limousin x	616kg	236ppk	GR Fountaine & Son	Y
Limousin	541kg	233ppk	PC & RA Nichols & Son	Y
Charolais x	585kg	229ppk	CJ & MT Clayton	N
Limousin x	575kg	229ppk	CJ & MT Clayton	N
Limousin x	584kg	226ppk	GR Fountaine & Son	Y

STORE LAMBS: 116 FORWARD

A mixed show of stores forward again, all meeting strong enquiry. Top today from Leam Farm to £80.50, with RD Green selling to £80. Strong sorts all over £70, with mid-term from £65-£70. Very little sold under £55 today.

Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd





SHEEP: 3564 FORWARD

SPRING LAMBS: 2486 FORWARD SQQ 218P/KG

A bounce in numbers just shy of 2500 lambs but a marked drop in quality with many lambs short on finish and some barely suitable to kill those very lean a hard trade to say the least. Trade overall buoyant to return an SQQ of 218p/kg with the best end subject to a fast demand and trade leaving lambs the dearest seen at this time of year with plummeting kill out percentages as lambs enter the second growth stage. Best end lambs as dear as ever and topping at 289p/kg or a pure Beltex at 41.5kg from R Richins, Oxford ahead Bengy Nichols with 40kg to 280p/kg and T W Sammons, Ascott to 270p/kg 38.5kg. weighted Exports from JB Elkington 44kg to 268p/kg. Heavies an increasing trade as the killing out percentages continue to fall. Bicester's own John Elkington saw 47.5kg to 259p/kg with E Brain & Son, Stratford Upon Avon 47kg to 251p/kg and his 48.5kg to 246p/kg. In the lump lambs trading to £120 or export weights at 41.5kg from R Richins whilst 44kg from Messrs Elkington £118 and G R Fountaine 45kg to £115 equal with B C Burton. Weight paying an topping at £127 for a pen full of meat from L C Threadgold, Daventry whilst Messrs Elkington 54kg to £123.50 and 47.5kg to £123 whilst R H Burman, Birmingham saw 50kg to £122. Trade very much in the farmers favour but vendors should not be drawing lambs without meat. This will only limit returns for the vendor and depress the general lamb trade nationally. Today one buyer described the first 400 lambs as having 'More P's than Birdseyes'. In a year when trade has been on vendors side as well as arming conditions its important that we continue to provide home and Continental end users with the quality that they associate with British lamb.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

TIMING

We now aim to give each area its own backing and so confirm going forward:
Prime Cattle 9:45am, Calves 11am and Lambs 10:15am

SPRING LAMBS : UNDER 45.5kg SQQ 218p/kg

Per Kilo			
Beltex x	41.50kg	289ppk	R Richins
Charollais x	40.00kg	280ppk	B Nichols
Beltex x	38.50kg	270ppk	T W Sammons
Beltex x	44.00kg	268ppk	J B Elkington
Beltex x	40.00kg	268ppk	R Richins
Per HEAD			
Beltex x	41.50kg	£120.00	R Richins
Beltex x	44.00kg	£118.00	J B Elkington
Texel x	45.00kg	£115.00	GR Fountaine & Son
Charollais x	45.50kg	£115.00	B C Burton
Beltex x	43.00kg	£112.50	R Richins

SPRING LAMBS : OVER 45.5kg

Per Kilo			
Beltex x	47.50kg	259ppk	J B Elkington
Texel x	47.00kg	251ppk	E Brain & Sons Ltd
Texel x	48.50kg	246ppk	E Brain & Sons Ltd
Texel x	46.00kg	246ppk	Culworth Grounds Farm Partnership
Texel x	47.00kg	244ppk	J B Elkington
Per HEAD			
Texel x	58.00kg	£127.00	L C Threadgold & Son
Texel x	54.00kg	£123.50	J B Elkington
Beltex x	47.50kg	£123.00	J B Elkington
Charollais x	50.00kg	£122.00	R H Burman
Charollais x	53.00kg	£120.00	R Richins

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To discuss in confidence please email t.wrench@rugbyfarmersmart.com

CULL EWES: 962 FORWARD



Heading towards the 1000 Ewe mark and a trade that was acceptable especially for weighted Ewes although very hard work. Two buying Accounts short today following reports of hard sale Conditions in the Countries Metropolitan Centre. Ewes topping out at £126 for heavy Charollais Ewes from AD & RM Thomas with Beltex Rams from V J Roots £124 and £122. Up from Dorset DR & LJM Vickery sold Texel Ewes to £122 whilst Beltex to £122 for Ewes from Messrs Roots. Suffolks to £100 from B F Humphrey & Sons and £99 from E J Neale, Somerset. Heavy meat all trading over £90 today. Mules to £85 from GR Fountaine & Son and £84.50 from RC & J Mann. Mules generally £74 to £82. Medium and lean Ewes in general harder.

Auctioneer: Tom Wrench

EWES

Charollais x	£126	AD & RM Thomas	Texel x	£119.50	E & J Neale
Charollais x	£124	V J Roots	Charollais x	£115	AD & RM Thomas
Texel x	£122	V J Roots	Texel x	£110	GR Fountaine & Son
Texel x	£122	DR & LJM Vickery	Texel x	£108	R F Staveley
Beltex	£121	V J Roots	Beltex x	£104	V J Roots



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Thursday 17th September Store Cattle Sale



September and numbers hard to come by with Vendors waiting to TB test in the coming weeks on housing. A yarding of two halves in terms of quality but trade dear throughout with better bred as dear as ever seen. Hereford Bulls kicked us off to £670 for a trio from N & LC Holdsworth. Young Shorthorns from Messrs Honours up from Brill, saw £770 for 12 month old Steers and £610 for 6 month Steers with Sisters £620 and £600. DW & LJ Labram, Countesthorpe perhaps the trade of the day with Angus 12 months to £600 and Simmentals 9 months to £655. Another show of quality from A North & Sons, Lower Quinton selling a little younger than usual but to a flyer seeing £1175 for a pair of 15 month old Steers with others £1120 and yearlings to £1095. Sisters to £1080 at 15 months with others £1070. Stars for the day the Limousin yearlings from Messrs Semple seeing a top of £1140 for a pen of 3 whilst a pen of 4 £1100 and a single Sister £1065.

J D Stephens sold proper grazed Heifers to see Limousin at 16 months to £905 or a big pen full with others £835. W R Lea & Son had a good showing with another 30 booked for the next sale contrary to announcements. Steers to £1130 for Limousins at 18 months with Heifers £910 and 16 months £950. A pair from Woods Farm Meriden saw Simmental Heifers 20 months at £1000 and Messrs Forrester, Worcestershire £1100 for Simmental Steers at 26 months and Bucket reared Blues £1040. Messrs Root, Leicester saw Angus none Assured at 21 months £1070 with Charollais £1150 and £1100. D Adcock again unassured saw Angus 27 months to £1205. Main Sales now begin in October and Vendors urged to book stock in ASAP

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