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## **Market Reports For Monday 23rd September 2019**

### **Market At A Glance**

Prime Steers to 180p/kg & £963  
Prime Heifers to 186p/kg & £1248  
Prime Bulls to 170p/kg & £989  
OTM Cattle to 139p/kg & £1036  
Prime Lamb SQQ 167p/kg (1727)  
Prime Lambs to 200p/kg & £89.50  
Store Lambs to £69  
Ewes to £106 (680 Avg £60)

**Friday 27th September**  
Ram Fair plus Breeding Sheep Sale

**Friday 11th October**  
1st October Store Cattle Fair

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## **CATTLE: 53 Forward**

### **PRIME CATTLE: 55 HEAD**

An increased number of cattle were forward, with the entry all commercial beef, with no showstoppers in the entry. The usual buyers were in attendance, but all complaining of poor outlet sales, slow butcher trade for certain cuts and an abundance of meat available. Trade would be quieter on the week, but possibility highlighted by the quality of cattle forward.

### **BULLS: 2 HEAD**

Just the two this week, topping at 170p for a dairy bred continental from Mr. R.J. Smith, others sold to £777.

### **STEERS: 4 HEAD**

A short entry met a steady demand from ringside, topping the sale and section was a handyweight Limousin from Cedric Styles which realized 180p. Simmentals from Steve Powell sold to 167p.

### **HEIFERS: 33 HEAD**

The bulk of the entry, with the vast majority off grass sold well to the usual buyers but at less rates than previous weeks. The section and sale was topped by a lightweight Limousin Heifer from Pete Green. Messrs Tivey sold native breeds to 178p for Angus's, with heavyweight Blue's from Ratcliffe Farms to 177p. Heavyweight heifers sold to £1247.85 from Lodge Farm, Limousin's to £1149 from Lodge Farm.

### **OTM's: 16 HEAD**

A larger entry saw extra buyer strength at ringside, everything in demand and more needed to supply buyers needs. Topping the section at 139p was an overage steer from Messrs Stanton, other overage clean from Geoff Ratcliffe sold to 119p for Hereford Heifers. Eddie Litchfield sold continental cows to 119p, top price per head was £1036 from Derek Hancock. The section averaged 109p overall.

***Auctioneer: Craig Thompson***

STEERS & BULLS:			
Top prices per head			
Long Horn	582kg	£989	R J Smith
Limousin x	535kg	£963	C Stiles
South Devon	553kg	£863	R J Smith
Simmental	495kg	£827	S Powell
Limousin	557kg	£808	G A Stanton & Sons
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	535kg	180ppk	C Stiles
Long Horn	582kg	170ppk	R J Smith
Simmental	495kg	167ppk	S Powell
Long Horn	553kg	156ppk	R J Smith
Limousin	557kg	145ppk	G A Stanton & Sons

HEIFERS:			
Top prices per head			
British Blue	705kg	£1248	Ratcliffe Farms Ltd
Limousin x	700kg	£1148	RB Wathes
Simmental	730kg	£1139	Ratcliffe Farms Ltd
British Blue	682kg	£1105	J & IJ Tivey
Limousin x	687kg	£1099	Ratcliffe Farms Ltd
Top prices per kilo			
Limousin x	506kg	186ppk	R Smith & Son
Aberdeen Angus	534kg	178ppk	J & IJ Tivey
British Blue	705kg	177ppk	Ratcliffe Farms
British Blue	627kg	172ppk	Ratcliffe Farms
Charolais x	566kg	170ppk	R Smith & Son

## CALVES NEXT WEEK

An entry of 100 Plus Rearing Calves expected.

## **SHEEP:2544**

### **Prime Lambs: 1727 Forward SQQ 167p/kg**

Frankly a hard work day all around. Quality of lambs falling and limited interest from buyers to kill lambs due to hard sales. Sadly an SQQ of 167p/kg one of the highest for the day with trade painful Nationwide. Better end lambs still the order of the day selling to 200p/kg from R Richins, Oxford whilst J B Elkington 192p/kg at 36kg. Pete Jarrom 40kg to 188p/kg. Heavies saw meat wanted and our heavy lambs a sharp trade in comparison to alternatives. Top 183p/kg for 48 and 49kg from B C Burton with others 173p/kg. In the lump £80 top for export spec lambs with 41kg to £76.50 from Messrs Jarrom and £75 for 42kg from H Collins & Sons. Overall today a top of £89.50 from B C Burton at 49kg with 48kg £88 equal with S Brodie.

Trading hard and Buyers today not even willing to make the journey to keep up appearances. Simply if they cannot sell them they cannot buy them.

***Auctioneer: Tom Wrench***

Prime Lambs : under 45.5kg SQQ 167p/kg			
Per Kilo			
Beltex x	40.00kg	200ppk	R Richins
Charollais x	36.00kg	192ppk	J B Elkington
Charollais x	34.00kg	188ppk	J & K Mundy
Texel x	40.00kg	188ppk	R Green
Texel x	41.00kg	187ppk	P M Jarrom

Per HEAD			
Beltex x	40.00kg	£80.00	R Richins
Texel x	41.00kg	£76.50	P M Jarrom
Beltex x	42.00kg	£76.00	H Collins & Son
Texel x	44.00kg	£76.00	G Bell
Texel x	43.00kg	£76.00	D M Herrick

Prime Lambs: OVER 45.5kg			
Per kilo			
Texel x	48.00kg	183ppk	B C Burton
Texel x	49.00kg	183ppk	B C Burton
Texel x	46.50kg	173ppk	B C Burton
Charollais x	46.00kg	167ppk	E J Taylor & Son
Texel x	50.00kg	166ppk	B C Burton

Per HEAD			
Texel x	49.00kg	£89.50	B C Burton
Texel x	48.00kg	£88.00	B C Burton
Charollais x	58.00kg	£88.00	R T Tarry
Charollais x	55.00kg	£88.00	S Brodie
Charollais x	55.00kg	£87.00	Humphrey Livestock

## **Cull Ewes: 680 Forward**

A ewe trade where fat is increasingly difficult to sell. Top today from RFS LTD, Norfolk selling Texels to £106, with Steve Friswell selling Suffolk x to £90, equal with Crossbreds from Ben Burton. Steve struck again to sell Suffolk x to £86, with Lleyn Rams from Solvein LTD selling to £85. Top Mules today to £68 from K Finch.

***Auctioneer: Tom Wrench***

Texel x	£106	R F Staveley Ltd	Texel x	£84	M C & M Herbert
Suffolk x	£90	S A & E Friswell	Texel x	£83	G L Woodard
X Bred	£90	B C Burton	Texel x	£82	R F Staveley Ltd
Suffolk x	£86	S A & E Friswell	X Bred	£82	B C Burton
Lleyn	£85	Solvein Ltd	Texel x	£82	M Thornber

## **Store Lambs: 137 Forward**

A mixed show of stores today. Top today from ED Wells selling Rams to £69, with N Franklin selling strong sorts to £63. Strong short keep stores £59-£69, with mid-term sorts £52-£56 and longer keep harder bred types £50 and under.

***Auctioneer: Martin Lloyd***



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# CHRISTMAS SHOW RICH FRUIT CAKE

Oven Temperature: 300 F, 150 C, Gas 1-2

## Ingredients:

12 oz/325 g Currants  
4 1/2 oz/125 g Sultanas  
4 1/2 oz/125 g Raisins  
3 oz/75 g Glace Cherries  
2 oz/50 g Candied Peel  
A little lemon rind  
7 1/2 oz/215 g Plain Flour  
1/2 teasp Mixed Spice  
1/2 teasp Cinnamon  
6 oz/175 g Butter  
6 oz/175 g Brown Sugar  
3 Large Eggs  
1 tablesp Brandy

1. Line an 8 inch round cake tin, using 2 thicknesses of greaseproof paper. Tie a double band of brown paper/newspaper around the outside.
2. Mix the currants, sultanas, raisins, cherries and peel.
3. Cream the butter, sugar and lemon rind until pale and fluffy.
4. Add the beaten eggs and the brandy, a little at a time, beating well after each addition.
5. Fold in the flour. Then fold in the fruit.
6. Put in to the prepared tin, spread evenly.
7. Place in the pre-heated oven on a layer of brown paper/newspaper, in the lower part of the oven. Cook for approximately 2 3/4 hours
8. When the cake is cooked, leave it to cool in the tin, and then turn out onto a wire rack.
9. Store by wrapping in greaseproof paper and place in an airtight tin.

When judging, the cake will have to be cut in half to see the distribution of the fruit etc. Inserting a skewer will only achieve the taste of the cake. The cake can still be covered in marzipan and icing ready for using at Xmas.





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