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# The Market Report Professional Ponderings - April 2024

#### **Green Shoots of Recovery?**

With the Spring weather beginning to improve, we are also hopeful that there are green shoots of recovery in the housing, and development land markets. Inflation, which in February last year was at 10.4% using the governments preferred measure, has fallen rapidly with the latest data now standing at 3.4% with many market commentators predicting further falls to the government's target of 2% later this year. This in turn is reflected in the outlook for interest rates, with mortgages and long-term finance becoming more affordable and perceived as less of a risk. These positive market indicators are reflected in the share price of the UK's major housebuilders, with the share price of the FTSE 100 listed housebuilders (Barratts, Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey and Berkely Group) increasing by an average of 15.5% over the last 6 months.

We are also seeing a change of approach in the land teams that we deal with at the major housebuilders, who are now actively looking for immediate land opportunities (i.e. land with a planning permission) whereas before they were mainly focussed on securing longer term strategic opportunities. In addition, where we have sites under agreements with developers, they are now seeking to push planning applications forward with local planning authorities, and these include sites for residential development in Huntingdonshire (70 dwellings), Cambridge (a 68-bed care home scheme) and Biggleswade (circa 300 dwellings).

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There is a general consensus in the industry that there are a limited number of immediate land opportunities coming through the planning system, and at Bletsoes we are working on the marketing of a number of sites that will provide an interesting barometer for the development land including an allocated site for circa 60 dwellings at Helpston, Cambridgeshire, an allocated site for 500 dwellings in Northamptonshire and a scheme in Ratby, Leicestershire where a Promoter has recently achieved planning permission at appeal for 225 dwellings. These sites should provide an interesting test for the market, particularly as they are spread over the wide geographic area in which we operate.

Please contact us if you have any land with the potential for development, and we will be very happy to discuss the opportunity with you on a 'no obligation' basis. We have extensive contact with housebuilders and promoters, and we are often able to negotiate terms on landowners' behalf so that promoters/developers take on the cost and risk of promoting potential development land and ultimately securing planning permission.

Members of the Planning and Development team will be available for informal discussions at the following shows:

Show	Date	Venue
Beds YFC Rally	Saturday 18 May 2024	Manor Farm, MK44 2AZ
Northants YFC Rally	Saturday 25 May 2024	Park Farm, Brigstock NN14 3NG
Blakesley Show	Saturday 3 August 2024	Maidford, NN12 8HH
Gransden Show	Saturday 28 September	Gransden, SG19 3AW

In addition, along with the Agricultural team, we will also be holding rural business clinics in Thrapston Livestock Market, with the first clinic on 27 April 2024 between 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please do feel free to speak to us about any opportunities on your land holdings.

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### **Thrapston Forthcoming Events**

#### **Thursday 4th April**

Prime & Cull Sheep

#### **Saturday 6th April**

Smallholders Sale - No Pets Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs Single Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm

#### Thursday 11th April

Prime & Cull Sheep

#### Friday 12th April

Farm Dispersal Sale - Barnack, Cambs - 10.30am See main advert for further information

#### Saturday 13th April

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

For further information on any of the sales please contact a member of the Market Team

#### PROFESSIONAL ADVICE CLINIC / DROP IN AT THRAPSTON MARKET

On Saturday 27th April, between 10.00am - 12.30pm we will have two of the Bletsoes Professionals stationed in the Mobile Office, down by the Market Office.

#### This Month's Professionals:

Peter Moore will be available to talk about Developer Option and Promotion Agreements, conversion of buildings and general planning matters

#### &

Rob Russell will be available to talk about grant funding, Sustainable Farming Incentive Scheme, CS Mid-Tier and Contract Farming Arrangements

Why not pop in and see them, no need to call or book!

#### **REPORT FOR THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

#### **Prime Hoggs**

Another stand on trade with a real show of quality forward on the whole. Weight was in demand as long as they were finished, but stunted sales over 55kgs, 44kg to 55kgs sold to clear premiums. L Blackman & Son topped the day pence per kilo with best end Beltex crosses to 429p/kg for 52.5kgs, with their 44kgs to £187, and 50.5kgs to £196; SJ Hubbard saw a best end show of Texels with 65kgs to £228 topping the day overall with followers at 56.5kgs to £214 and 40kgs light lambs at £166.50.

**Highlights** - GT Ramply & Son topped the lightest hoggs of the day with 39kg smart Texels selling to £158.50; C Stancombe & Son drew another well finished run of Texel Mules seeing a high of £167 for 44kgs; JK & JM Breare penned their usual goods with best end Blue Texel hoggs at 51kgs selling to £203 with their Texels at 48.5kgs flying to £196; Pentelow Farms topped the Suffolks for the day with big framed 56kgs topping at £204.

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	Standards (32.1-39kg)					
406p	£158.50	379p	£144.00	400.4p	£155.28	
	Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
416p	£187.00	349p	£142.00	380.4p	£162.95	
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)						
404p	£203.00	340p	£165.00	377.5p	£183.13	
Over 52kg						
429p	£228.00	202p	£127.00	354.5p	£200.55	

#### HAY, STRAW & FODDER

150 x Claas Quadrant Bales - a Mixture of Meadow & Seed Hay Stored undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Thurning, Northants. Contact Bob 07860 869172

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Located Orton, Northants. Contact Richard 07795 170864

500 x 120cm x 90cm Bales of Good Quality Hay – baled with Extra Density. Stored undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities. Located: Great Doddington, Northants. Contact Tom 07710 930979

#### Cull Ewes & Rams

An average unable to reflect the stark lift in trade. A tremendous jump in the week for all grades especially the lean meat ewes. Weight and shape continue to drive demand but the fat is capped. All in average £85.84 including a big entry of; Hebridean, Manx and Herdwicks. JK & JM Breare topped the day overall with a sterling show of Beltex ewes of best shape and meat selling to £192.50, followed with best meat Texels at £161; Pentelow Farms saw a quality draw of Charollais ewes forward with a high of £143 for best meat and shape; B Howkins & Sons penned a smart run of Texel x Lleyn ewes with a high of £135, smaller framed followers sold to £124 and leaner meat types flew at £129; SJ Hubbard topped the rams for the day with Texels selling to £134; R & M Arrowsmith saw the best of the Suffolk ewes selling to £128 for big framed lean meat, also topping the Mules at £120. All meat was sold at £107 plus with a big drop to feeding ewes selling between £55 and £80, excluding the natives at around £30.

То	From	Average
£192.50	£25.00	£85.84

#### FREE HEALTH ADVICE FOR FARMERS TO CONTINUE AT THRAPSTON MARKET

Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be offering health screening, information, and advice to farming families at Saturday markets. Their nurses will be based in the Bletsoes mobile unit, next to the market office.

## The nurses will next be in attendance on Saturday 20th April 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.

This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects including stress management, bereavement and dementia

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 Andrea@fcn.org.uk

Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

eddie.smith@talk21.com

#### **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

#### Store & Breeding Cattle

**Empty Cows** sold to £1140 for a Simmental from SJ & RE Helliwell with others to £1000; AB Spackman sold an Angus cow that had run with the bull for £1000.

**Store Cattle** - G & T Farming sold Angus heifers to £735; H Smith sold Simmental steers to £750 and heifers to £675; AF Salmons sold Continental steers to £850; C & R Farming sold a 35 month Hereford to £1110; SJ & RE Helliwell sold Limousin steers to £1450 from £1230 and a Hereford heifer to £1170; AB Spackman sold Angus steers to £1405 and heifers to £805; PJ Rogers sold Angus steers to £1290 from £900 and a heifer to £600; Park End Farm sold Angus steers to £1290 from £990 and heifers to £935.

#### Calves

JEG James sold a British Blue heifer calf to  $\pounds$ 305; AG Burton sold a Blue heifer to  $\pounds$ 210, Angus bulls sold to  $\pounds$ 190 for AG Burton and his heifers to  $\pounds$ 180; JEG James sold Saler bulls and heifers to  $\pounds$ 120. Holstein bulls sold to  $\pounds$ 60 for AG Burton.

#### Pigs

Three Tamworth x boar pigs sold to  $\pounds$ 70, two gilts to  $\pounds$ 60 and a sow to  $\pounds$ 55 from D Morris.

#### 244 Store & Breeding Sheep

**Store Lambs** - a smaller entry forward with quality selling well, averaging £128.38. C Oakley topped the day with a best end showing of Charollais lambs selling to £181; J Woodbridge & M Wallis topped with their Texels to £152, with followers at £122 and £117; L Price saw Texel crosses of big frame to £117.

**Cade Lambs** - biggest penning to date with over seventy forward and sold averaging £27.09. RA Bound and LC Threadgold & Son topped the day with Continentals to £38; FC Lester & Son sold their Suffolk lambs to £30.

#### NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

#### FOR SALE

Quantity of second hand telegraph poles, various sizes from 6M to 11M, all striped and clean of metal. Based near Peterborough, Loading Available, Buyer Collects, All Enquiries - 07753 119451 **Feeding Ewes** - quality paved the way with a whole sale lift on the week, driven by the cull market, averaging £104.67. L Price topped with a best end showing of Beltex cross ewes to £138 with meat Continentals to £122; DTA Tomkins saw the best of the rams with Texels to £135; M Mansell saw a high of £133 for Lleyn ewes; TP Hinch penned another quality run with Texel crosses to £125 and Suffolks to £121. Hebrideans sold to £48.

**Ewe Lambs** - M Kellet penned a special entry of Pedigree MV Texel Ewe Lambs selling to fierce competition and coming down at 215 Guineas.

**Ewes & Lambs** - another top end sale with all grades forward. The weather brought the trade averaging £89.89 a life. JSW Handy topped the day with a run of Texel cross double theaves with smart month old Texel lambs selling to £120 a life, seeing similar but with smaller ewes at £109 a life; TP Hinch penned a smart show of 6tooth Suffolk ewes with twin Texels lambs at foot selling to £102 a life or £306 the outfit; L Price saw a smart run of full mouth Continental ewes with Texel lambs forward selling to highs of £99 a life and £91; DTA Tomkins penned a run of full and broken mouthed ewes seeing Suffolks with single lambs to £80 a life and Mules to £74. Mule ewes with triplets sold to £54 a life or £216 an outfit!



#### NOTICE

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

#### **SATURDAY 6TH APRIL**

#### **STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

#### Webb Hatherley Livestock

21 Steers & Heifers 10-14 Months British Blues, Angus, Hereford, Beef Shorthorn, Jersey & Fleckvieh

#### <u>R A Bounds</u> 16 Hereford Steers & Heifers

#### C E Hancock & Son

18 Store Cattle

SACHolgate 42 Store Cattle

#### <u>R Truss - TB4</u>

3 Lincoln Red Steers *Homebred, Outwintered* 

#### The Blackman Livestock Company Ltd

1 Beef shorthorn x Heifer - Named Sire

13 Months

3 Years

2 Years

3 Years

27 Months

15-24 Months

15-25 Months

17-27 Months

#### GOATS

#### <u>F Hughes</u>

5 Boer Wethers - Approx 40kg

#### R W Eastwood

- 1 Toggenburg Nanny with Anglo Nubian x Wether Kid
- 1 Toggenburg Nanny with Anglo Nubian x Doeling & Wether Kids
- 1 Toggenburg Nanny with Anglo Nubian x Doeling Kid
- 1 Toggenburg Nanny with Anglo Nubian x Doeling Kid
- 2 Anglo Nubian Wethers

#### G Wilson

- 1 Tri-Coloured Pygmy Nanny
- 1 Tr-Coloured Pygmy Nanny
- 1 Saanen x Nanny

#### Whiteplot Farm

3 Nannies with Kids at Foot

PIGS

#### <u>T Hinch</u>

- 4 Kunekune Sows
- 7 Weaners

#### **STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

#### <u>K Toone</u>

8 Pedigree Jacob Ewe Lambs - 5 Registered, 3 Not Registered Born April 2023, Heptavac P (booster given March 24), Cydectin

#### SATURDAY 6TH APRIL CONTINUED

#### <u>M B King</u>

2 Pedigree Coloured Ryeland Ewe Lambs 4 Pedigree White Ryeland Ewe Lambs *Unregistered, Wormed, Heptavac P* 

#### <u>A Lund</u>

- 9 Suffolk x Mule 6 tooth Ewes with 17 Lambs at Foot
- 8 Texel x Theaves with 11 Lambs at Foot
- 9 Full Mouth Crossbred Ewes with 16 Lambs at Foot

#### <u>G Wilson</u>

- 5 Soay Flock Age Ewes been running with Blue Texel Tup
- 2 Soay Ewe Lambs
- 1 Pure Blue Texel Shearling Ram

#### **MV ACCREDITED STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

#### To be sold in the Bottom Shed

#### <u>K Shaw</u>

5 Pedigree Zwartble Double Theaves with Dutch Spotted Lambs at Foot 3 with twins, 2 with singles

#### <u>J Geary</u>

1 Pedigree Blue Texel Ewe 6tooth with Twin Ewe Lambs at Foot Born January. Birth notified with the society.

#### HORSES

#### M Grange

**Lot 1 - Damson** - A well marked Skewbald Filly by coloured Sports Horse type Stallion, out of traditional Cob mare to make 15hh. Lovely horse with a great temperament. Basic handling for worming and feet trimmed.

*Lot 2 - Apricot* - A nicely marked Piebald Filly by coloured Sports Horse Stallion, out of Welsh type mare to make 15:2hh. Very flashy looking, will make nice small adult/ teenagers all round type horse. Basic handling for worming and feet trimmed.

**Lot 3 - Fayway Fitzwilliam** - A well marked Skewbald 2 year old Colt, out of 16hh heavyweight ½ Shire mare, by a registered Shire Stallion. Ideal for a future Stallion to breed larger Cobs in the future or to do a bit of everything. Should make 16hh plus. Well handled, regularly wormed and feet trimmed.

**Lot 4 - Harriett** - A nicely marked Skewbald Filly to make 16hh by coloured Sports Horse type Stallion, out of Friesian mare. Great presence, lovely attitude, would make a nice all rounder. Basic handling for worming and feet trimmed.

*Lot 5 - Plum* - A well marked Skewbald Filly by coloured Sports Horse type Stallion, out of Hunter type mare to make 16hh. Will make nice hunter/all round fun horse. Basic handling for worming and feet trimmed.

**Lot 6 - Quack** - A Blue and White Filly to make 16hh. By coloured Sports Horse type Stallion, out of Irish Sports Horse mare. Really nice moving horse, will make a nice competition horse. Basic handling for worming and feet trimmed.

#### SATURDAY 6TH APRIL CONTINUED

#### J Brocklebank

**Lot 7 - Pumpkin** - 29" Miniature Horse, chestnut spot Filly, 2 years old. Super temperament, would make super kids pony / show.

*Lot 8 - Humbug* - 32" Piebald Shetland Filly, 10 years old. Possibly in-foal as ran with a Spotty Stallion Jun-Jul-Aug 2023.

*Lot 9 - Hot Spot* - Spotty yearling Colt, to mature around 13hh. Super markings will excel in the show ring, super paces, would make great kids pony.

Lot 10 - Beauty Spot - Pintaloosa yearling Filly, to mature approx 13hh. Super paces and has been shown successfully taking Champion Dilute in the Midland Foal Show, would make great kids pony.

#### <u>S Price</u>

**Lot 13** - Molly - 6 years old, 12.2hh Mare. Broken but hasn't been schooled pops a jump , been used mainly for hacking. Good to do, never sick or sorry. No vices, great to catch , load and trim. Wormed and passported. Video available.

#### DONKEYS

#### A M Stables

**Lot 11 & 12** - 2 Jenny Donkeys - Tabby & Milly, 7 & 10 years old. Quiet to handle.

#### **SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**

#### **STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

<u>R Truss - TB4</u> 3 Lincoln Red Steers *Homebred, Outwintered* 

27 Months

#### NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15th June Farm Dispersal Sale - Banbury, Oxfordshire *Further details in due course* 

#### LAND AVAILABLE

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston. Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Verity Garlick at verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk for further details.

#### Thrapston Market Report 2024 Advertising Tariff

#### **Advertising Charges**

½ Page£10 Per Week¼ Page£20 Per Week½ Page£30 Per Week½ Page£50 Per Week+ VAT

#### **Discounted Rates Available**

For further information, or to place and advert, please contact Beth Kitchener on 01832 732241 or <u>beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk</u> *Bletsoes do not endorse any of the products or services advertised in the market reports* 

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## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

# A Single Vendor Sale of Poultry

A selection of over 300 Birds - To Include Bantams – Wynadottes, Pekins, Millefleur Sablepoots & Sussex

> Large Fowl – White Stars, Warrens, Faverolles, Oxford Game, Hybrid Layers & Rangers

> Ducks – Mallards, Call, Mandarins & Muscovys

#### Bonded Pairs of Peafowl, Turkey Hens, 50 x Pheasants & Quantity of Chicks

A full list of entries will be available online or sent by request







#### on behalf of S & G Fur & Feather Supplies

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# Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am

at The Limes, Main Street, Barnack, Cambridgeshire. PE9 3DN

## A Complete Farm Dispersal Sale





To Include:

1988 JOHN DEERE 644E-H Loading Shovel, JCB 814 Super Powerslide Excavator, 1970 MOXY D16B Articulated Dumper, 1993 JOHN DEERE 2066 Combine Harvester, 1992 JOHN DEERE 4255 4WD Tractor, 1995 JOHN DEERE 810 4WD Tractor, 1991 JOHN DEERE 3650 4WD Tractor, 2003 HONDA Foreman Rubican 4WD Quad Bike, 3 x Diesel Forklift Trucks, LANDQUIP Trailed Sprayer, JOHN DEERE 750A No Till Drill, SPEARHEAD Orbital Hedge Cutter, 30,000L Bulk Tanker Trailer, 40' Articulated Fridge Trailer, Commercial Pillar Drill.

A sale of 1000 Lots Workshop Tools, Car Ramp, Welders, Nuts & Bolts, Toolboxes

> on behalf of W Aldwinckle The sale is due to retiring from farming

#### Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450

Catalogues will be available online or by request

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# Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am

at Bridgehill Road, Newborough, Peterborough. PE6 7SD

### Auction Sale of over 1200 Lots



#### To Include:

1999 JCB Fastrac 2135, 1994 JOHN DEERE 6600 4WD Tractor, 1994 JCB 520-55 Telehandler, CATERPILLAR D4D Crawler, 3 Tonne Tipper Trailer, WESTWOOD Ride-on-Mowers,
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#### on behalf of M V Weston Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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# COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am

For Entry Forms please visit our website Or Contact the Main Office on 01832 732241

Important, entries must be returned by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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# An Auction

# Horse Tack & Equine Sundries

on

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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#### Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates			
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open			
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24			
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24			
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:				
Grant to Improve Productivity	Apply Now - Deadline 17 <sup>th</sup> April			
Improve Animal Health & Welfare	Application Window TBC			
Improve Slurry Management	Apply Now – Deadline 17 <sup>th</sup> April			
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	Apply Now – Deadline 21 <sup>st</sup> March			
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year			
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.			

# Contact the Agricultural Team to discuss an Application



### <u>SFI Update</u>

DEFRA have been monitoring the impact of the following options, which take land out of food production:

- IGL1: Take improved grassland field corners or blocks out of management
- IGL2: Winter bird food on improved grassland
- AHL1: Pollen and nectar flower mix
- AHL2: Winter bird food on arable and horticultural land
- AHL3: Grassy field corners and blocks
- IPM2: Flower-rich grass margins, blocks or in-field strips

As of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, there will now be a cap of 25% of a holding able to be entered into these actions. According to DEFRA, these actions were designed to be carried out on smaller areas within land parcels and are less effective if they are carried out on larger areas, and the impact on food production is greater.

The cap comes into effect immediately for any applications submitted going forward. Existing agreements, and applications submitted before midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> March are unaffected.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this announcement, or the SFI generally, please contact a member of the Agricultural Team.

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