

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

### Wednesday 27th March

Online Timed Auction Starts at 12 Noon

*See main advert for further information*

### Thursday 28th March

Prime & Cull Sheep

### Saturday 30th March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

### Tuesday 2nd April

Online Timed Auction Finishes from 12 Noon

### Thursday 4th April

Prime & Cull Sheep

### Saturday 6th April

Smallholders Sale - No Pets

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Single Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm

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Northamptonshire NN14 4LJ

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

### 275 Prime Hogs

Best meat and weight continue to hit premiums, lean and store hogs were well sold on the day. Trade looks to have eased slightly on the whole, even with some poor hogs forward. SQQ 355.54p/kg. Morgan Pell Livestock topped the day pence per kilo with a smart show of Texel hogs seeing a high of 406p/kg for 56kgs, also topping the day overall for 58kg Texel at £222.

**Highlights** - Parker End Farms topped their run of Texels with the lighter end at 44.5kgs selling to £166; Guilford & Sons saw the same quality draw of best end Texels with a high of £162 for 45kgs; RC & JT Bailey saw a high of £187 for their lighter hogs, only to be topped at £210 for their 64kg Suffolks; Corney & Sons penned their usual well bred Charollais hogs with best shape and stretch at 62kgs selling to £211.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
355p	£135.00	349p	£120.00	351.7p	£127.37
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
373p	£166.00	338p	£135.00	356.4p	£149.75
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
406p	£211.00	333p	£160.00	349.7p	£169.62
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
383p	£222.00	315p	£170.00	338.4p	£198.31

### 111 Cull Ewes & Rams

Another good trade which looked to have held better than the hogs, averaging £103.81. Meat, weight and shape continue to reap rewards with T Sansom topping the day at £175 for best end Texel ewes, with followers to £159, £133.50, £127 and £123 twice; E Sansom & Son saw comparable highs with their Texels at £171 and £144; Morgan Pell Livestock saw a high of £140 for best meat Charollais ewes. Best end meat Continental ewes with size were seen regularly over £130. Padray Farms topped the Mules for the day with big framed meat at £115 and £112. All meat was seen at £95 plus with feeding sorts £65 to £80 (breed dependent).

To	From	Average
£175.00	£60.00	£103.81

## **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

150 x 4' Round Bales of 2023 Hay – good quality, currently being fed to sheep & horses  
Available in quantities to suit.  
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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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:eddie.smith@talk21.com)

## **WANTED**

4 x 4 Pick-up Truck required. Needs to be in good condition with average mileage.  
Contact Trevor Bays 07379 451868

## REPORT FOR FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

### **Game Rearing Equipment Dispersal Sale**

A great turn out of people at the sale, despite the wet weather and conditions on the field. An excellent sale was achieved surpassing the expectations of both the vendors and the Auctioneers.

### **Top Prices Achieved**

- ◆ Ifor Williams Trailer £3550
- ◆ Western Incubators £500 - £780
- ◆ Marcon Hatcher £720
- ◆ Bristol Hatcher £380
- ◆ Bingham Plucking Machine £300
- ◆ Rearing Sheds with Runs £200 - £220

Overall a very pleasing and different category of sale for Bletsoes. If you have any type of sale, we would be pleased to assist you in offering the items for sale through an auction. Please contact the team, if you have any question regarding sales.

### **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!

### **NOTICE**

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

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## ONLINE TIMED AUCTION

### Livestock Equipment, Agricultural Farm Machinery & Effects

Starts: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon

Finishes: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 12 noon



#### **Briefly to Include:**

2002 NEW HOLLAND TM165 4WD Tractor, JCB 410 Loading Shovel,  
MATBRO Telestar Loadall, 2 x TOYOTA Hilux Pick-Ups, 2 x Dumper Trucks,  
JPM Tandem Axle Low Loading Trailer, 2 x Back Actors, 4 x Car Trailers,  
CLAAS Round Baler, 6 x Grass Mowers & Toppers

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*Viewing by Appointment 27th-30th March*



## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 23RD MARCH**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

The final entry of cattle from the dispersal sale from Messrs Aves saw their Cows & Calves sell to £1540 from £1220 and a Simmental Stock Bull sell to £1220; W Aves & Son sold their Cow & Calf to £1460; J Bottesch sold an empty Holstein type cow to £980.

A family of Dexter cattle entered from R Brown sold to £180 for mother, £140 for last year's calf and £120 for the year before's calf, along with a special entry of a Holstein steer at 25 months selling to £460.

PJ Browning sold two 25 month Angus steers to £1400 from £1380; TN Thomson sold Angus steers to £945 from £740; J Andrew & Son sold Welsh Black steers to £1120, Angus steers to £1100 and British Blue steers to £1010; R Martin sold Angus steers to £1040 from £550 and Blues to £690; TG Williams sold 17 month Limousin steers to £1550 and Limousin heifers to £1480; M Short sold Angus steers to £700 and Blue steers to £600; J & V Short sold a Welsh Black steer to £585 and Angus steers to £510; Newlands Farm sold Angus steers to £1120 and heifers to £995; Miss M Ford sold South Devon Steers to £1135; TJ Ford sold Angus steers to £680; RA Ford sold South Devon Steers to £1080 and Angus heifers to £800; J & D Bavington sold Limousin heifers to £945.

### **269 Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Store Lambs** - trade holds for the best lambs with the longest term looking a harder trade, all in average £92.62. J Woodbridge & M Wallis topped the day with a pen of Valais lambs in forward condition selling to £150, with Jacobs from the same home at £108; M McKnight topped their entry with Charollais at £137 and followers to £118; C Peterson saw Texels to £134. Mid-frame lean lambs were seen at £85 to £100. Long term or more native bred types were in the £60's.

**Cade Lambs** - another fantastic trade with another big entry seeing an average of £29. FC Lester & Son topped with Suffolks to £36; D Stanley saw a high of £32 for Dutch Spotted with C Stubbs, A Lund and RA Bounds all seeing Continental crosses to £28.

### **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.

**Feeding Ewes** - quality drives the trade averaging £80.42. K Buckby topped the day with Blue Texels to £156 and £138 for best shape meat ewes; TP Hinch penned big framed Continental ewes with good meat at £135; RA Bounds topped the Suffolks with ewes to £120; K Catlin saw the best of the Mules with smart meat ewes to £110. Meated well bred ewes were £85 plus, with true feeders around £75.

**Ewes and Lambs** - quality sold to premiums with month old lambs seeing clear premiums for outfits, averaging £102.70. TP Hinch penned another quality run with full mouth Continental ewes with single lambs selling to £125 a life, with the doubles at £103 a life or £309 the outfit; L Price penned a smart show of Texel cross ewes and Beltex lambs with a high of £125 a life for theaves with month old lambs; M Kellett saw their usual quality Texel ewes forward with theaves and single lambs selling to £110 a life. Strong lambs held the trade with the vast majority over £98 a life on the day, older ewes with younger lambs were around £90 a life.

### **B&R Jones Farming**

- **Fencing - livestock, electric, rails, stiles, gates**
- **Hedgelaying**
- **Livestock services, including all sheep work such as shearing, crutching, worming, foot rotting. Can provide handling pens but happy to work with your equipment**
- **General farm services including flailing, grass harrowing, loader work, field maintenance**

**Brian (07866631047) & Ruth (07487848961) Jones**  
Email: [brjonesfarming@gmail.com](mailto:brjonesfarming@gmail.com)  
[www.brjonesfarming.uk](http://www.brjonesfarming.uk)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 19th April - 10.30am**

Westlake Machinery Sale - Newborough, Peterborough

*Further details coming soon*

**Saturday 15th June**

Farm Dispersal Sale - Banbury, Oxfordshire

*Further details in due course*

**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**A B Spackman - TB4**

1 Aberdeen Angus Cow	3 Years
8 Aberdeen Angus Steers	12-21 Months
7 Aberdeen Angus Heifers	12-21 Months

**H Smith**

6 Continental Steers & Heifers	7-9 Months
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**P J Rogers - TB4**

7 Aberdeen Angus Steers	13 Months
1 Aberdeen Angus Heifer	13 Months

**S A C Holgate**

42 Store Cattle	15-25 Months
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**C E Hancock & Son**

18 Store Cattle	17-27 Months
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**C & R Farming**

1 Purebred Hereford Steer <i>Named Sire</i>	35 Months
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**CALVES**

**J E G James**

1 British Blue Heifer	All 3-4 Weeks
2 Aberdeen Angus - Heifer & Bull	
2 Saler - Heifer & Bull	

**A G Burton - TB4**

4 Angus Bulls	All 2-5 Weeks
2 Aberdeen Angus x Heifers	
1 British Blue x Heifer	
10 Holstein Friesian Bulls	
1 Freemartin	

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**M Kellet - MV Accredited**

5 Pedigree Texel Ewe Lambs  
*Heptavac P, Wormed*

**L Price**

3 Cheviot Texel Theaves with 4 Lambs at Foot  
1 Beltex Theave with 2 Lambs at Foot  
2 Texel Charollais Full Mouth Ewes with 4 Lambs at Foot  
14 Feeding Ewes

**GOATS**

**F Hughes**

5 Boer Wethers - Approx 40kg



## SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### R Truss - TB4

3 Lincoln Red Steers  
*Homebred, Outwintered*

27 Months

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### K Toone

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

### HORSES

#### M Grange

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### J Brocklebank

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

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

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

**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.

## SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### R Truss - TB4

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.

## 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](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk) for further details.

## Thrapston Market Report 2024 Advertising Tariff

### Advertising Charges

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week
	+ VAT

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For further information, or to place and advert,  
please contact Beth Kitchener on 01832 732241 or [beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk)

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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*



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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,  
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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

## 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



**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**

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