

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 27th February

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 5th March

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 12th March

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 19th March

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales
please contact the Market Team*

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

172 Prime Hogs

A stronger showing of quality forward with finding numbers hard across the UK. All weight grades are in demand, with meat needed for strong sales. SQQ 298.17p/kg. NK Butcher topped the day with best end Texels at 313p/kg for 45kgs hoggs, also topping the day overall with 50.5kgs to £147.97.

Highlights - R Hall & Sons topped the Suffolks for the day at 309p/kg for 38.5kgs finishing a quality run of Continental cross hoggs under 40kgs all to 292p/kg; Hadley Farms penned their usual stamp of Continental hoggs with 42kgs to 310p/kg and 45kgs to 309p/kg for best finished shape hoggs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
309p	£118.97	290p	£98.16	296.4p	£111.03
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
313p	£140.85	295p	£116.53	299.4p	£126.53
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
305p	£147.97	290p	£136.30	292.5p	£139.37

112 Store Lambs

Another unbelievable week with lambs looking an unreal trade, all in average £97.33. NK Butcher topped with lean big frame Texel crosses to £121; Hadley Farms saw similar goods to £115; P Dowding saw the trade of the day with long term well bred Charollais crosses to £108; A Hopkins topped their run with Zwartble crosses to £108. Anything of any frame was over £100, with longest term sorts in the mid £90's, very long term Easycare ram lambs were sold at £61.

To	From	Average
£121.00	£61.00	£97.33

Cade Lambs

G & R Duckett saw an unbelievable trade for quality Texel lambs at 7-10 days old with the whole lot selling for £28.

Ewes with Lambs

D Blunn penned a quality run of Suffolk Mule ewes, double theaves with best end Texel lambs at foot selling to £95 a life.

In-Lamb Ewes - LS Hammon continued to draw quality on their annual consignment of scanned triplets with their full mouth and 6tooth North Country Mule ewes in-lamb to a Charollais and due from the first of April sold to £142.

56 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade was on fire with a quality showing of ewes forward. Culls averaged £113.94! Weight and meat was once again driving the trade with serious premiums for best shape. J & M Ironmonger penned the best seen run of Texel ewes with highs of £206, £190, £163, £149, £149 and £136; M Digweed saw comparable highs with meat Texels selling to £178, also topping the Suffolks on the day to £124; FG Belcher & Sons topped the Mules on the day with ewes to £105. All meat ewes were above £90, with feeders or chancy types at a step below.

To	From	Average
£206.00	£70.00	£113.94

FOR SALE

300 x Conventional Bales of Meadow Hay

baled July 2023, suitable for sheep/cattle. Will split into smaller loads

40 x 120x90x5' Bales of Meadow Grass Haylage

made July 2023, 8 wraps, suitable for horses/sheep/cattle

All Barn Stored. Located West Oxfordshire. Contact 07702 422724

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs, Sundries

It was great to see all sections full this week and more bidders, buyers and on lookers around.

Plant Section - Lots of spring flowers on offer along with tubs, garden ornaments, bird feeders, fruit trees and much more. All at bargain prices, much cheaper than garden centres and we have a café!

Produce Section – A seasonal entry forward, entries included cauliflowers, sprouts, onions and some feed bread.

Hatching Eggs – A great selection of eggs forward selling to £9.50 per tray from £5; Goose eggs sold to £1 each and Incubators sold to £20 from £16.

Livestock Section – Two male Guinea pigs forward this week sold to £3 each.

Sundries Section – Tables full with all sorts on offer to include Workshop Tools, Spanners, Farm equipment, Chainsaws, Furniture and a variety of interesting items for all pockets

A vendor kindly forwarded pictures of what he was bringing to the sale which encouraged buyers. If you have items for sale please forward details to the Auctioneer prior to the sale. Alastair 07885 804450



Why not come down for a look yourself, the market café is open from 8am for hot and cold refreshments. Full Breakfasts and light lunches.

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

A Special Entry of Fruit Trees

Stress in Farming

We would like to understand what issues on the farm cause concern.
We also would like to improve how we measure farming stress.



If you are involved in farming in the UK and aged over 18
please consider completing our short survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CIAFSUK

To take part, please visit the above link.

The questions should take no longer than 10 minutes & it is completely anonymous.

For further info please contact sarah.l.kyle@northumbria.ac.uk

This study has received ethical approval from the Northumbria University Ethical Committee under reference 6247

Survey Link

We are running a short survey to help us understand and measure stress in farming better. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and is totally anonymous. If you can spare the time we would be very grateful.

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Friday 22nd March, 11.00am

at Ashley Farm, Cow Lane,
Rampton, Cambridgeshire. CB24 8QG

A Dispersal Sale of Game Rearing Equipment



To Include:
Pens & Pen Sections
Feeders & Drinkers
Heaters
New & Used Accessories



on behalf of G C & J Horner

The sale is due to retirement

Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450

Catalogues will be available online or by request

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FORTHCOMING MACHINERY SALES 2024



End of March

Online Dispersal Sale



Friday 12th April

Farm Dispersal Sale – Barnack, Cambs

Friday 19th April

Westlake Machinery Sale – Peterborough



June

Farm & Collective Sale - Banbury

Further details coming soon

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