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# The Market Report

### **Thrapston Forthcoming Events**

Thursday 22nd February Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 23rd February Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Saturday 24th February Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs Tack Sale - 1pm

> Thursday 29th February Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 2nd March Smallholders Sale - No Pets Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

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

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#### **REPORT FOR THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

#### 399 Prime Hoggs

A varied entry forward with a bigger consignment of lean lambs. Meat and weight continue to perform well. Shape is highly sought after. SQQ 291.59p/kg, not reflecting the true trade on the day for meated hoggs; CJ White topped the day overall with best end Texels to £168 or 300p/kg for 56kgs; DA Chapman topped the pence per kg with Beltex to 330p/kg for 33.5kgs.

**Highlights** - J & V Short started the day with a smart showing of lighter Texels seeing a high of £118.50 for 39kgs; DO Threadgold saw similar highs with their Texels to £115 for 37kgs; J Lohn topped their run with Continentals at 44.5kgs to £143; CD Hughes drew a well finished run of Mule crosses at 45kgs selling to £128; EC Tutt & Sons drew another fantastic run of best meat Texel and Zwartble crosses with a high of £159 for 49.5kgs with their 60kgs selling to £167; JEJ Harrison & Son penned a well grown run of Lleyn hoggs of best meat selling to £155.50 for 49kgs with the rest of their run at a similar mark.

	То		From		Average			
	Standards (32.1-39kg)							
330p	£118.50	278p	£100.00	288.7p	£108.36			
	Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)							
321p	£143.00	269p	£115.00	292.5p	£124.05			
	Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)							
321p	£159.00	247p	£120.00	291.5p	£141.73			
Over 52kg								
300p	£168.00	245p	£130.00	276.4p	£158.60			

#### 114 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade continues at a strong level with an all in average of £95.98. Meated, lean ewes still look the dearest sold with the thickest heavy ewes a strong trade. A more level showing forward with less extreme examples on sale. J Lohn topped with meated Continental ewes to £125; JR Smith & Son topped their ewes with Texel crosses to £123, and their Suffolks to £119; Grange Farm saw meat Continentals top to £121 with thicker ewes at £119; KF Matthews topped the Mules for the day at £92. All meated Continentals were £100 plus with decent feeding types £70 plus. Specialist breeds were harder sold as fat or chance buys at around £50.

То	From	Average
£125.00	£25.00	£95.98

#### HAY, STRAW & FODDER

200 x 8'x4'x3' Wrapped Square Silage Bales – 2023 made in June on Meadow Grass Fields. Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Upton, Cambs. Contact Geoff 07702 947276 60 x 120x70 Quadrant 6 String Bales of Hay 60 x Round Bales of Hay 60 x Bales of Wrapped Haylage Stored undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Oundle. Contact Philip 07970 983986 300 x Conventional Bales of Meadow Hay – baled July 2023, suitable for sheep/cattle. Will split into smaller loads - £1.00 per bale. 40 x 120x90x5' Bales of Meadow Grass Haylage – made July 2023, 8 wraps, suitable for horses/sheep/cattle - £25 per bale. All Barn Stored Only for sale due to farmer retiring from keeping livestock, so priced to clear. Located West Oxfordshire. Contact 07702 422724 80 x 4 String Mini Hesston Bales of Barley Straw - Dry & Yellow 80 x 4 String Mini Hesston Bales of Hay - Dry & Green Barn Stored, Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Cottenham, North Cambs. Contact R Jones & Son 01954 250818 160 x Claas Quadrant Bales of a Mixture of Meadow & Seed Hay Stored undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Thurning, Northants. Contact Bob 07860 869172

49 x 8'x4'x3' 6 String Bales of Good quality soft Hay. Barn stored on Pallets. Assist & Loading Facilities. Located Flitton, Beds. Contact Stephen 07885 622209

150 x 4' Round Bales of 2023 Hay – good quality, currently being fed to sheep & horses Available in quantities to suit. Stored undercover, Assist with Loading. Located Orton, Northants. Contact Richard 07795 170864



#### **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

#### Store & Breeding Cattle

An 8 year old Pedigree Hereford stock bull from A Aves & Son sold to £1420; AJ Day & Son sold two Limousin cows to £1350 from £1280 and three Dexter cows from S Bowles sold to £420, £405 from £375.

Webb Hatherley Livestock sold weaned calves to £580 for British Blue steers, similar heifers sold to £560, their Angus steers sold to £490 and the heifers to £465; M & M Hutton entered six Limousin steers 6-8 months which sold to £780; Mrs C Peterson sold two 18 month Lincoln Red heifers to £840; AJ Day & Son entered thirteen Limousin steers 18-24 months which sold to £1710 from £1410 to average £1589; J Millbank entered seven Simmental steers 16-20 months which sold to £1300 from £1040 and two 13 month bulls which sold to £1040; BC & MB King entered seven Blonde heifers 12-18 months which sold to £1380 from £1140 and their steers sold to £1200 from £1100; H Houghton & Son sold 26 months British Blue steers to £1785 from £1150; Corney & Sons sold 9-19 month Limousin steers to £1030 from £1020: SE Johnson sold 24 month Limousin heifers to £1890 from £1150 and steers to £1560; IS & NK Johnson sold Continental steers to £1540 from £1310 and heifers sold to £1550 from £1070; A Aves & Son sold their steers to £1390 from £1060 and some bulls 16-19 months sold to £710 from £390; JI Holmes sold Angus heifers to £870; J & D Bavington sold a 37 month Limousin heifer to £1080 and a 32 month Holstein heifer to £705.

#### Calves

Four calves forward today from JEG James, which sold to £250 for British Blue heifers, Angus bulls to £240 and heifers to £180.

#### 316 Store & Breeding Sheep

**Store Lambs** - another off the clock trade this week with lambs of all grades hitting fantastic prices, longest term looking by far the dearest with bigger framed more forward lambs looking comparably dear against an already strong prime market. All in average £101.15. W Hammond topped the day with best end Beltex lambs to £156 with followers at £139.50, £138 and £118; Webb Hatherley Livestock saw the same highs with best shape Beltex lambs to £132; B Reynolds topped their run of Beltex at £116; TR Dean penned a well grown run of Charollais and Mule cross lambs with a high of £110, and a stand on price of £109 for three pens; Whissendine Farms penned a best bred run of Suffolk lambs seeing a high of £110, the same as their Texel Mules. Very little sold under £90 with the trade needing to be seen to be believed.

**Feeding Ewes** - feeders follow the lamb trade with another strong sale averaging £100.26. Meat and weight are in demand. Webb Hatherley Livestock topped the day with best end Texel ewes to £151.50, leading to £137, £127 and £110.50, and they also topped the Mules for the day with big framed best meat at £96 and followers to £91.50; W Hammond topped the rams with meat Suffolks at £108. True longest term feeding types were £60 and above with lean meat mid £70's.

**Breeding Ewes** - JEJ Harrison & Son penned a run of Lleyn ewes in-lamb to a Lleyn due March, with their theaves to £140, six tooth ewes to £138 and full mouth ewes at £130; B Reynolds saw a run of full and broken mouthed Texels and Beltex forward in-lamb to a Beltex and due April selling to £120 for singles and doubles to £125.

# 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 approved 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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#### SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

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

<u>J A Knight &amp; Son</u> 8 Aberdeen Angus Steers 7 Aberdeen Angus Heifers <i>Named Sires, Out of Angus Cows</i>	10-12 Months 10-12 Months				
<u><b>R A Ford</b></u> 14 Aberdeen Angus Heifers - <i>Named Sire</i> 4 Purebred South Devon Heifers <i>All homebred out of big South Devon Cows</i>	12 Months 18-20 Months				
<u>P J Walton</u> 5 Hereford & British Blue Steers	11-15 Months				
<u>S G C Hill</u> 3 Charolais x Steers 3 Saler Steers	12-13 Months 12-13 Months				
<u>C E Hancock &amp; Son</u> 18 Store Cattle	15-25 Months				
<u>A Aves &amp; Son - TB4</u> 15 Simmental & Hereford Steers & Heifers	16-25 Months				
<u>S A C Holgate</u> 28 Store Cattle	17-27 Months				
<u>I S &amp; N K Johnson - TB4</u> 16 Limousin Steers & Heifers	18-24 Months				
<u>Newlands Farm</u> 3 British Blue Heifers 12 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers	21-22 Months 21-24 Months				
<u>R Truss</u> 2 Lincoln Red x Heifers <i>Outwintered</i>	24 Months				
STORE & BREEDING SHEEP					
<u>J L Spendlove</u> 50 Texel x Store Lambs					
SATURDAY 2ND MARCH					
STORE & BREEDING CATTLE					
Newlands Farm					

<u>Newlands Farm</u> 15 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers

21-22 Months

#### 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.

#### NOTICE

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

#### NOTICE

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

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.

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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 13<sup>th</sup> February to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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# An Auction

of

# Horse Tack & Equine Sundries

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm

on

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 12th February

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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## THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET SMALLHOLDER SALES 2024

March 2<sup>nd</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> September 7<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup>

Start: Sundries at 9.30am

For Further Information, Entries & Cage Reservations please contact a member of the Market Team – 01832 732241

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No Pets by Order of North Northants Council

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# FORTHCOMING MACHINERY SALES 2024



## Friday 12th April

Farm Dispersal Sale – Barnack, Cambs

## Friday 19th April

Westlake Machinery Sale - Peterborough

### June Farm & Collective Sale - Banbury

Further details coming soon

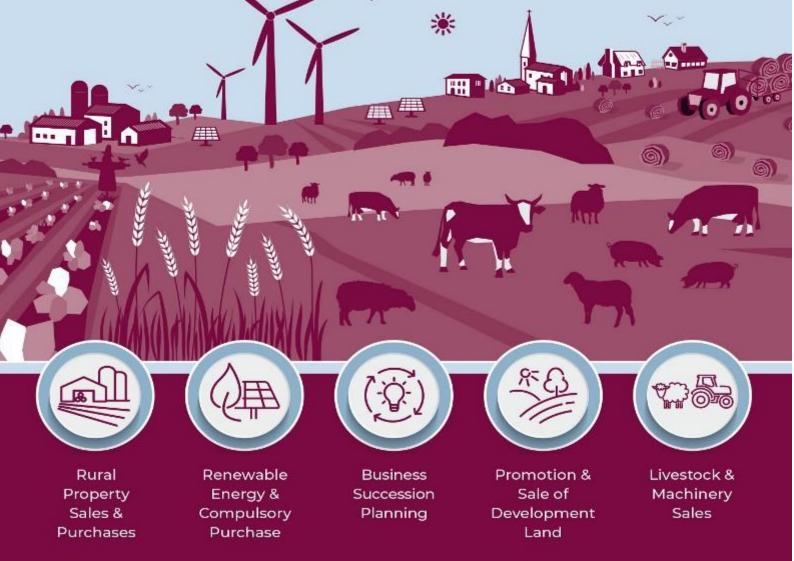
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