

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 29th February**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 2nd March**

Smallholders Sale - No Pets  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 7th March**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 9th March**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 14th March**

Prime & Cull Sheep

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

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

### 481 Prime Hogs

Another fantastic trading week with a sharp lift in demand. All lambs over 40kgs were highly sought after. SQQ 321.11p/kg. F & SM Stamper topped the day pence per kilo with Beltex hogs at 43.5kgs selling to 354p/kg. I Birden topped the day overall with 61kg Charollais to £189 and Dutch Spotted hogs at 59.5kgs to £187.

**Highlights** - JR Smith & Son topped the lightest lambs of the day with Texels at 39kgs selling to £133.50; F & SM Stamper saw their usual stamp of Beltex and Beltex cross hogs selling to serious premiums with 45.5kgs to £157, 44.5kgs to £156 and 43.5kgs to £154 over two pens, their 50kg hogs sold to £175; Raveley Fen Farms penned at quality run of Charollais with 49kgs topping to £167 and 59.5kgs to £184; SJB Lockett saw a strong trade with Texel crosses to £167 for 50kgs and 61.5kgs to £182; JLB Farming saw highs of £185 for best meat Texels at 56.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
<b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>					
342p	£133.50	295p	£110.00	312.3p	£118.51
<b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b>					
354p	£157.00	302p	£124.00	323.6p	£139.43
<b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>					
350p	£175.00	312p	£143.50	324.6p	£156.46
<b>Over 52kg</b>					
327p	£189.00	267p	£145.00	304.1p	£170.41

### 159 Cull Ewes & Rams

The best week selling to date with an all in average of £117.02. The average proves the absolute flying trade with meat ewes by far the best sold, fat and feeding types were harder placed. Raveley Fen Farms topped the day with Charollais ewes to £189 for best shape and meat; JLB Farming saw their Continental ewes top to £151 with their pens of fifteen sell to £139, £137 and £136. Best shape meat ewes sold well above £130 throughout. Raveley Fen Farms topped the Mules for the day with big framed lean meat to £112. Feeding types were seen below £70. Regardless of shape fat ewes were capped in around £110.

To	From	Average
£189.00	£40.00	£117.02

# Bletsoes

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## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## REPORT FOR FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

### Collective Machinery Auction

A fantastic sale again this month! Prices reached £90,000 for a McCormick Tractor, £28,000 for a JCB Fastrac and £25,000 for a Case International 1455XL tractor. An entry of over 900 lots forward sold to the biggest crowd seen at this sale. Many vendors went away very pleased with the prices achieved. We look forward to the next sale in April, if you have any items for the sale please contact us. Entries for advertising close 10 days prior to the sale.

### Some of the prices achieved

McCormick Tractor	£90,000.00	Rollover crate	£500.00
JCB Fastrac	£28,000.00	Adlib feeder	£420.00
Case International 1455xl	£25,000.00	Spreader	£400.00
McConnel PA6585t Hedgecutter	£15,000.00	5 Range Rover wheels & tyres	£380.00
Hitachi Excavator	£10,750.00	Roller	£300.00
Ifor Williams Tri-axle stock trailer	£3,200.00	Flat trailer	£300.00
Ifor Williams Tri-axle builders trailer	£2,600.00	Fuel bowser	£280.00
Keenan Feeder	£2,400.00	Sheeted gates	£270.00
Lamborghini Tractor	£1,950.00	Go-kart	£270.00
Kawasaki Mule	£1,800.00	Anvil	£260.00
T/a grain trailer	£1,800.00	Kongslide dryer	£260.00
AS Marston trailer	£1,800.00	1500l fuel bowser	£260.00
Concrete barrier	£1,760.00	2 tyres 540/65 r34	£240.00
Ifor Williams transport trailer	£1,580.00	IAE lamb creep	£240.00
T/a Ifor Williams stock trailer	£1,500.00	Hurdles	£220.00
Watson	£1,400.00	Trailer & fuel tank	£220.00
S/a trailer	£1,250.00	Countax box	£210.00
Opico splitter	£1,100.00	Armco	£200.00
Artic trailer	£1,100.00	Canopy top	£200.00
Watson feeder	£1,100.00	Sheep feeder	£200.00
Watson transport box	£1,100.00	Green electrical cabinet	£200.00
Barriers	£900.00	Chain harrows	£200.00
Indespension t/a trailer	£850.00	Feed bunker	£200.00
Self propelled mower	£850.00	Hurdles	£198.00
Indespension t/a trailer	£750.00	Power hack saw	£190.00
Bale handler	£750.00	Chaff cutter	£180.00
Toro self propelled mower	£600.00	2 x gates	£180.00
Fraser muck master spreader	£580.00	Box & pipes	£175.00
Disc mower	£520.00	Bulk bin	£170.00
Security gates	£500.00	Pressure washer	£160.00

### **FREE HEALTH ADVICE FOR FARMERS AT THRAPSTON MARKET**

Parish Nursing Ministries UK are hoping to be back in the market in March, subject to funding, to offer health screening, information, and advice to farming families at Saturday markets.



**THANK YOU!**



**King Farm Dyno Day 2024 raised £1500 for charities FCN and YANA - a huge thank you to everyone who supported this event**

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Feeding Cows** - Sold to £1820 for a Charolais cow from Padray Farms; a Charolais bull from J Andrews & Son sold to £950.

**Store Cattle** - GTH Bailey entered Angus steers that sold to £1260 from £1200, heifers to £1105 and his Blue heifers sold to £1070; JA Knight & Son entered twelve Angus, their steers sold to £1200 from £975 and the heifers sold to £830 from £690; PJ Walton sold Hereford steers to £1020 from £985; Corney & Sons sold Limousin heifers to £960 from £880; SE Johnson sold a Limousin steer to £1440; IS & NK Johnson sold Limousin heifers to £1270; SGC Hill sold Charolais steers to £1305 and Saler heifers to £1170; PG Duffin & Son sold their steers to £1300 and heifers to £1310 to average £1193; A Aves & Son sold steers to £1530; R Munns sold steers to £1300; J Millbank sold her Simmental steers to £1285; Padray Farms sold a Charolais steer to £1480 and a Blue steer to £1375; R Truss sold two Lincoln Red heifers to £1105; RA Ford sold South Devon heifers to £1215 and Angus heifers 9-11 months to £915 from £875; Maydencroft Farm Partnership sold 31-32 month Beef shorthorn steers to £1470 from £1450 and a heifer to £910.

### **Calves**

Four calves forward today from JEG James, Blue heifers sold to £260 and an Angus heifer sold to £150.

### **Pigs**

Three pigs forward today sold to £26 each from A Hunter.

### **272 Store sheep**

**Store Lambs** - trade remains strong with final draws forward, strength is continuing to hit premiums with the longest term lamb trade starting to ease. All in average saw £88.73. J & S Livestock topped the day with Hampshire ram lambs to £150; P Dunford topped their run at £126 for Continental crosses of big frames; TR Dean continued their draw of Charollais crosses seeing highs of £117.50 through to £112 and £110. Smart bred going on lambs were seen at £85 plus with the longest term around £70.

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)

**Feeding Ewes & Rams** - a fantastic trade on the back of the cull market with an all in average of £95.55. J & V Short topped the day with Texel rams to £160, following on to £140 for Texel ewes; S Garley saw a high of £135 for Charollais rams; KF Matthews topped their Continental ewes to £120; T & S Heppelthwaite saw the best of the Mules with big framed meat at £109. Any frame with meat was seen above £85 with true feeders around £65.

**Breeding Ewes** - CD Hughes penned at smart run of Mule ewes with theaves scanned with doubles selling to £145 and flock age twins at £120, in-lamb to Charollais and Texels and due the 1st of April.

### Equine Sale & Sundries

A fantastic sale with a 100% clearance of the horses for sale, prices reached £2200 for a 4 year old, unbroken Sports Horse; £945 for a Spotted Colt foal and a Dun colt foal sold to £556.50.

An entry of over 550 lots of Equine Sundries, which sold to £800 for a Horse Trailer and £440 for a Saddle. A great crowd gathered to achieve an 80% clearance. Next Sale is Saturday 27th April. Contact Beth if you have any entries 01832 732241.

HORSE TRAILER	£800	6'3 RHINO HALF NECK STABLE RUG	£30
KENT & MASTER BLACK SADDLE	£400	IN-HAND BRIDLE SET & HEADCOLLAR	£28
LADIES HOGGS FIELD PRO JKT	£60	LOVESON MALVERN JOD BOOTS	£26
LADIES HOGGS FIELD PRO JKT	£55	EQUITHERME PRIMERA BOOTS	£26
JUST TOGS NEBRASKA BOOTS	£50	5'3 HORSEWEAR RHINO H/W RUG	£26
ENGLISH SADDLE & ENGLISH BRIDLE	£50	NVY/PNK QUAYSIDE DECK SHOES	£25
6'3 RHINO HALF NECK STABLE RUG	£50	6'6 BLUE BROGINI TURNOUT RUG	£25
LISTER CLIPPER	£48	WEATHERBEETA ELITE ALL/P PAD	£25
MARK TODD KIDS WINTER BOOTS	£42	5'3 LEGACY RUG	£25
6'9 BLUE BROGINI TURNOUT RUG	£40	6'3 RHINO STABLE RUG	£25
PAPAYA LE MIEUX LOIRE S/PAD L	£40	J WHITAKER MENS SHOW JACKET 40"	£22
BLK TOGGI CALGARY BOOTS	£40	AERBORN MINI SIDE REINS	£22
MARK TODD WINTER TALL BOOTS	£40	WOODEN GROOM BOX	£22
6'3 BROGINI TURNOUT RUG	£40	4 LUNGE LINES	£22
6'6 WEATHERBEETA LANDA RUG	£40	NVY KINGSLAND SHOW JACKET MED	£20
CABOTSWOOD BOOTS CALCOT	£38	BROGINI PADDOCK/JOD ZIP BOOTS	£20
BROGINI ZIP PADDOCK BOOTS	£36	BROGINI KIDS LEATHER ZIP BOOTS	£20
6'9 BROGINI TURNOUT RUG	£35	5'3 LEGACY RUG	£20
BAREBACK PAD & GIRTH	£35	7' LEGACY RUG	£20
BWN TOGGI OTTOWA JOD BOOTS	£30	BLK CHARLES OWEN XP HAT 6 5/8	£20
WATERMELON LE MIEUX S/PAD L	£30	SIENNA LE MIEUX GRAFTER BOOTS S	£18
FIG LE MIEUX SUEDE DRESSAGE SQ	£30	LE MEIUX ULTRA MESH FLY HOOD L	£18
CABBOTSWOOD BOOTS CAVENDISH	£30	10 X WHIPS	£18
6'6 BROGINI TURNOUT RUG	£30	PAIR OF 4' PARELLI CARROT STICKS	£18
JACK MURPHY GILET XXL	£30	PREMIER EQUINE SPORT/EX BOOTS	£18
PAIR OF HUNTING PRINTS	£30	6'6 LEOPARD PRINT COMBO RUG	£18
METAL ANTI-WEAVE GRID	£30	REQUISITE W/PROOF OVERTROUSERS	£18
BWN LEATHER DOUBLE BRIDLE F/S	£30	6'3 SHIRES FULL NECK STABLE RUG	£18

## SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### S Bowles

5 Dexters - 3 Heifers & 2 Steers  
*Named Sire, TB 18.01.24*

10 Months

#### B C & M B King - TB4

11 Blonde x Heifers  
3 Beef Shorthorn x Heifers

10-12 Months

10-13 Months

#### W B K Smith & Son - TB4

1 Purebred Simmental Steer  
3 Simmental x Steers

12 Months

12 Months

#### S G C Hill

5 Charolais x Steers  
5 Charolais x Heifers

12-13 Months

12-13 Months

#### S A C Holgate

46 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

#### C E Hancock & Son

19 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

#### P G Duffin & Son

14 Continental Heifers

20-24 Months

#### Newlands Farm

15 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers

21-22 Months

### CALVES

#### A G Burton - TB4

2 Aberdeen Angus Bulls  
10 Holstien Friesian Bulls

All 3-5 Weeks

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### Chiltern Game Farm

6 In-Lamb North Country Mules - *4 Singles, 2 Twins to Pedigree Beltex Ram*  
14 Mule & Swaledale Feeding ewes  
1 Charollais Ram  
*Due 25th March*

### PIGS

#### S Bowles

5 Gloucester Old Spot x Tamworth Weaners - Boars & Gilts

16 Weeks

### GOATS

#### S L Fletcher

5 Saanen x Boer Nannies with 7 Kids  
*(4 with singles - 3 Wethers/1 Doeling; 1 with triplets - 2 Wethers/1 Doeling)*  
1 Pure Bred Boer Billy

18 Months - 5 Years

2 Years



## SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### R A Ford

20 Purebred South Devon Steers  
7 Aberdeen Angus Steers - *Named Sire*

10-12 Months

10-12 Months

## HAY, STRAW & FODDER

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

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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

## 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.

## Thrapston Market Report 2024 Advertising Tariff

### Advertising Charges

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
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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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# 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](http://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](mailto: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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**THRAPSTON  
LIVESTOCK MARKET  
SMALLHOLDER SALES 2024**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup>

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</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



**End of March**

Online Dispersal Sale



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Farm Dispersal Sale – Barnack, Cambs

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Westlake Machinery Sale – Peterborough



**June**

Farm & Collective Sale - Banbury

*Further details coming soon*

## 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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