

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**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

**Thursday 18th April**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 19th April**

Machinery Sale - Newborough - 10.30am

*See main advert for further information*

**Saturday 20th April**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 4TH APRIL

### Prime Lambs

An excellent start to the season with P Castle of Ulmus Farm selling a sterling example of Texel lambs at 46.5kgs to £194 or 417p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
417p	£194.00	417p	£194.00	417p	£194.00

### Prime Hogs

Another lift in trade this week with the SQQ at 385p/kg, not reflecting the available premiums, all in average saw £176.65. All meat saw high demand with trade hard for lean meat types. L Blackman & Son topped with a best end showing of Texel crosses seeing a high of 439p/kg for 49kgs hoggs also topping the day overall with 58kg Hoggs to £226 or 390p/kg.

**Highlights** - SJ & RE Helliwell topped the lightest hoggs on the day with Beltex at 39kgs selling to £158 or 405p/kg, with followers to £147 and 36kgs to £140; Raveley Fen Farms penned a sterling show of Charollais seeing their 45kgs selling to £192.50 and 428p/kg; P Stiles topped with Charollais crosses to £182 for 45.5kgs for best meat; R Law saw a pen of smart meat Texels at 43kgs sell to £175; Pentelow Farms penned a best finished run of meated Continentals seeing 49kg Texels to £205.50 or 419p/kg, with their best sold hoggs as Mules to £190 for 53.5kgs; RC & JT Bailey penned a quality run of Continentals topping to 400p/kg for 50kgs best meat. Weight was no object on the day with a massive number forward over £200.

To		From		Average	
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
439p	£215.00	353p	£172.00	384p	£189.77
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
398p	£226.00	266p	£158.00	360.7p	£201.44

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 15th June**

Farm Dispersal Sale - Banbury, Oxfordshire

*Further details in due course*

## Cull Ewes & Rams

The biggest entry forward this year with all grades of meat in demand, 228 forward to average £130.19. Raveley Fen Farms topped with best end Texel crosses to £194 with lean meat Charollais to £174; JR Smith & Son saw a high of £185 for smart Texel ewes with Suffolks topping to £167; EC Hartop penned a quality run of Continentals seeing a high of £173 with followers at £169; R Law topped with meated Continental to £160 with the best trade of the day at £139 for Romney types; SJ & RE Helliwell topped the Mules for the day with best meat to £146. All meat was over £110 with lean types not hard sold. Weight restricted sales in the smaller framed ewes.

To	From	Average
£194.00	£70.00	£130.19

### 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)

### 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.

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 6TH APRIL**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

Cows sold to £1560 for a Hereford with a Hereford Stock Bull sold to £1730 for G Hartley-Webb; others from PR Wilderspin sold to £790 from £780.

### ***Prices sold to £1750 for Limousin Steers***

First in the ring, three 18 month Aberdeen Angus heifers from G & T Farming sold to £685; NP & MJ Russell sold three Simmentals, the heifers sold to £1480 and £1440 and a steer to £1320; Webb-Hatherley Livestock of Melton Mowbray sold 10-13 month stirks to £540 for a British Friesian steer and £445 for a Jersey heifer to average £487; James Griffin Farming sold a 25 month Simmental heifer to £1670, £1190 for a 17 month Simmental heifer and £980 for a 10 month Simmental steer; Spendlove Bros sold 23 month Hereford steers to £1480 and £1450 with others to £1180, and a 7 month Bull to £1000; Bills Farm Services sold 10-13 month Hereford steers and heifers to £755 from £720; R Truss sold a 26 month Lincoln Red steer to £1626 with others to £1320; RA Bounds sold 23 month Hereford steers to £1620 from £1290 and heifers £1385 from £1140.

### **Pigs**

**WOW** – Incredible Record-Breaking prices, £510 for a tiny KuneKune x Pig from Performing Pets with others well sold at £50 for “Batman & Robin”. Other ‘normal’ sorts sold to £50 for J Mutters with some younger 20kg pigs to £40. KuneKune Pigs sold to £3 from £2 for Sows and younger sorts to £1.

### **Goats**

Nannies with kids sold to £216 from £100 for RW Eastwood; two Boer Nannies sold to £135 for R Wilkinson; and F Hughes also sold similar sorts to £135. Young billies sold to £42 from J Rule.

### **235 Store Sheep & Breeding Sheep**

**MV Accredited** - a special section of MV Accredited sheep were sold in the bottom shed with J Geary starting the day with a 6tooth Pedigree Blue Texel ewe and two lambs selling to £170 a life or £510 the outfit; K Shaw saw a smart run of full mouth Pedigree Zwartble ewes and lambs forward with a high of £115 a life for singles and £90 a life for doubles; R Dahm concluded the MV section with seven Zwartble ewe lambs selling to £160.

### **NOTICE**

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

**Ewes & Lambs** - the sun drew the crowds with a sterling show of all grades forward. LC Threadgold & Son saw the trade of the day with a Grade 4 Dutch Spotted ewe and triplets selling to £162 a life or £648 the outfit, followed by a Blue Texel and three lambs to £130 a life or £520 the outfit; P & KF Chapman penned another top end run of quality with Grade 4 Dutch Spotted ewes and single lambs topping at £150 a life; Everdon Elite saw a best end sale with Shetland theaves and single lambs topping to a fantastic £75 a life. Full and broken mouthed ewes with young lambs were a harder trade, selling for around £40 a life.

**Cade Lambs** - once again the leading market for cade lambs with another big entry forward. Thirty-seven sold on the day averaging £27.11. D Stanley topped the day with Dutch Spotted lambs to £50; M & M Hutton saw a tremendous trade with Texels to £42 and £40; FC Lester & Son continue their weekly entry of Suffolk Mules with the strong entry selling to £25.

**Store Lambs** - trade carried by the prime sales saw a best end average of £116.79. K Toone topped the day with Jacob ewe lambs to £178 with followers at £122; R King saw a smart show of Ryeland ewe lambs to £161 for the chocolate ones with whites at £146; G Wilson saw a high of £157 for big framed Blue Texels; B Painter topped the Texels with big framed lean lambs to £145; J Woodbridge & M Wallis saw their Texels top to £129; MA Britten saw a smart entry of well grown Texel crosses forward with the top at £128.50 leading on to £120, £120, £119 and £113.50. Harder done native types sold around £65.

**Feeding Ewes** - the cull sales have driven demand in the feeding ewe section with a best end trade averaging £111.58. P & KF Chapman topped the day with Dutch Spotted ewes to £200; JC & JS Helliwell penned a tremendous run of Texels and Continental ewes seeing a high of £161 for the best meat followed by £147.50, £121, £119, £115.50 and £109,50; JL Spendlove topped their entry with lean meat Charollais to £85 with Dorsets to £79. Longest term Jacob's were seen at £54.

### **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.

## **Un-Warranted Equine**

A fantastic entry of equine with over twenty forward which sold to £1150 for a 6 year old Coloured Mare, next top was a £1000 for a Thoroughbred Mare. Coloured Colts sold to £900 and Fillies to £720. Miniature Fillies sold to £600, Pintaloosa Fillies sold to £550. A Coloured Shetland sold to £610. Donkeys sold to £660, £500 from £400.

## **Alpacas & Llamas**

One booked in, nine turn up, not the best way of promoting your animals for sale "Surprise!". Even so prices reached £500 for a Female & Cria, Male Llamas sold to £100 and the only one booked in a 5 year old Male Alpaca sold to £205 for Performing Pets.

## **Single Vendor Poultry Sale**

A fantastic sale of poultry with an unbeatable crowd on the day, the afternoon sale was held In conjunction with the Smallholders Sale and saw 198 Lots of quality poultry forward. Starting with the Boxed Birds, eight Chinese Painted quail sold to £36. The main Cages were all sold per bird and saw a flying trade starting with the Pekins selling to £22 for Black Pekins and a massive £45 for Red Mottled Pekins; POL Legbar pullets saw big entry forward topping to £30 with Warren pullets to £25; Mandarin drakes saw a strong following with highs of £58; Faverolle hens topped to £60 with Gold Pencil Brahmas to £80 and Lavender Brahmas to £75; Oxford Game Cocks topped at £42; Large Fowl saw an excellent trade with Bronze Turkeys selling to £65 and Indian Peafowl at £70.

### **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!

**SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**J C & J S Helliwell - TB4**

2 Limousin x Feeding Cows  
6 Limousin Steers

7-10 Years  
12-24 Months

**S A C Holgate**

30 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

**G T Frossell & Son - TB4**

8 Aberdeen Angus Steers  
*Single Suckled, Named Sire*

16 Months

**C E Hancock & Son**

17 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

**R Truss - TB4**

3 Lincoln Red Steers  
*Homebred, Outwintered*

27 Months

**GOATS**

**S L Fletcher**

4 Boers - 3 Wethers, 1 Doeling

3½ Months

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**J Barnett**

1 Pure Beltex Ewe Lamb  
1 Suffolk x Beltex Ewe Lamb  
2 Texel x Ewe Lambs  
1 Pure Blue Texel Ewe Lamb  
1 Pure Suffolk Double Theave with Pure Suffolk Ewe Lamb at Foot  
1 Pure Suffolk Double Theave with 1 Ewe & 1 Tup Lamb at Foot  
7 Scotch Half Bred Theaves with Suffolk Lambs at Foot  
5 Beltex x Theaves with Beltex x & Dutch Spotted Lambs at Foot  
2 Texel x Theaves with Texel Lambs at Foot

*All ewes Heptavac P & Cydectin LA when lambed. Ewe lambs Cydectin & grass fed*

**A Lund**

9 Suffolk x Mule 6tooth 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

**A J Geary**

15 Mule Theaves with Texel x Lambs at Foot

**NOTICE**

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

**SATURDAY 20TH APRIL**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**T & J H Scrimshaw - TB4**

2 Simmental Cows - *Empty*  
2 Simmental Heifers  
4 Simmental Steers  
1 Simmental Steer  
2 Simmental Heifers  
*Named Pedigree Sire*

10 & 12 Years  
11-12 Months  
11-12 Months  
14 Months  
17 Months

**K S Lee**

20 Continental Steers & Heifers

12-15 Months

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**HAY, STRAW & FODDER**

150 x Claas Quadrant Bales - a Mixture of Meadow & Seed Hay  
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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

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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## 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,  
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**on behalf of M V Weston**

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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



No further Tack Entries are being taken for this Sale.  
Entries now being taken for the next sale on Saturday 29th June

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)	<b>Closed</b>
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**

## SFI Update

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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