

# The Market Report

## Stratford Forthcoming Events

### Friday 22nd March

Dispersal Sale of Game Rearing Equipment - 12 Noon  
*see main advert for further information*

### Tuesday 26th March

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am  
Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

### Wednesday 27th March

Online Timed Auction Starts at 12 Noon

### Tuesday 2nd April

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am  
Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am  
Online Timed Auction Finishes from 12 Noon

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

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

### Prime Hogs

Trade continues on the same level path, although today saw better quality forward on the whole. SQQ380.48p/kg. J & M Ironmonger topped the day pence per kilo with a sterling show of Charollais and Texel hogs seeing a high of 406p/kg for 43.5kgs with their 43kg and 45kgs Texels at 388p/kg and 50kgs to 375p/kg. B Rawlinson saw a quality show of Continental hogs at 45kgs also selling to 406p/kg. DM Harris topped the day overall with Bleu du Maine hogs at 56kgs selling to £211.68.

**Highlights** - Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd saw a best end entry of meated Easycares with 42.5kgs selling to 384p/kg; WR Haines topped the Suffolks for the day with meated 45.5kgs at 380p/kg; C Ridgway & Son topped their run of Texels with 58kgs to 353p/kg and GF Heath & Son saw a high of 352p/kg for massive framed 60kg Suffolks.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
384p	£144.38	375p	£134.40	378.6p	£140.65
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
406p	£182.70	371p	£153.90	380.8p	£163.37
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
379p	£187.50	373p	£171.58	375.3p	£179.89
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
378p	£211.68	330p	£191.40	352.5p	£207.98

### Store Lambs

Another knock on week with the prime market bolstering the confidence of the store men with an all in average of £107.29. Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd topped with big framed Easycares to £133; JD Weaver topped with Charollais Mules mid frame lambs selling to £129.50; P Dowding saw the trade of the day with Texel crosses to £119 and ram lambs to £109. All well bred mid frame lambs were £98 plus, longest term chancey lambs were around £70.

To	From	Average
£133.00	£50.00	£107.29

**Cade Lambs** - K & M Farming topped with 3 week old Texels to £26; with D & S Hutsby sold week old Texels to £20.

## Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade eased slightly again with an all in average of £99.62. Meat, weight and shape are driving the trade with N Farmer topping the day at £131 for best meat Suffolk ewes; Baylis Farming topped the Texels with heavy good shape ewes to £130; D Blunn saw the best of the rams with Charollais at £123; JD Weaver topped the Mules for the day with best meat big framed ewes to £108. All meat was £95 and above with feeders around the £70 mark.

To	From	Average
£131.00	£56.00	£99.62

## Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs & Sundries

*Every week at 10am at Stratford. An indoor Auction.*

*Doors open for collection at 7am*

*The Café's open from 8am*

**Plants** - A great seasonal entry with some super entries of Pots, Planters and Garden Sundries. A warm welcome to one vendor who is bringing some new items at some bargain prices, come down and have a look.

**Produce** - A small show on the tables due to the time of year, as there is not much produce in the ground at the moment. A number of bags of bread used as animal / sheep feed.

**Hatching Eggs** - A large selection of Trays of Hen eggs forward today, selling from £4 -£7.50. Goose eggs sold to £2 each. A dozen mixed Large Fowl eggs sold to £4, six Khaki Campbell Duck eggs sold to £1.80. Much excitement around the sale with buyers wanting fertile eggs to incubate for the new season. Please inform us prior to the sale of what you have, so we can tell the potential buyers.

**Sundries** - Tables full of all sorts, from Household items to Agricultural lots, Power Tools, Gardening Equipment and lots more. A number of office desks and office furniture turned up this week unannounced, which will be in the sale next week. If you have any items for sale please forward details to us before the sale.

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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# Bletsoes

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## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12 Noon

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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## 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

Over 400 Lots of Miscellanea to include: Cattle & Sheep Equipment, Gates,  
100 Lots of Various Wheels & Tyres, 50 x Digger Buckets, Workshop Tools & Effects  
A Sale of over 800 Lots

**on behalf of E Gadsby  
Loughborough, Leicestershire**

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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*



**on behalf of S & G Fur & Feather Supplies**

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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**

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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**