

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 2nd March

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 4th March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Smallholders Sale

Thursday 9th March

Prime & Cull Sheep

Online Timed Auction Starts - 5pm

See main advert for further information

Saturday 11th March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

277 Prime Hogs

Lighter export hogs see a massive lift on the week, with a better than predicted trade throughout. SQQ 228.42p/kg. BJ Reynolds topped the day with 256p/kg for their Beltex hogs at 32kgs. ME Darby topped the day overall with Charollais crosses selling to £115 for 53kgs.

Highlights - BJ Reynolds saw more highs with 38kgs Texel crosses selling to £89; K Mallinder saw the same price for smart Texel hogs at 37.5kg and 35kgs; M Turner drew the usual quality of goods with 44.5kg Texel and Beltex crosses selling to £106 with 42kgs at £104; C Stancombe & Son saw comparable highs with Texel Mules to £102 for 45.5kgs. Heavier hogs saw similar levels to previous weeks with R & M Arrowsmith topping to £110 for 50kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Lights (25.5-32kg)</i>					
256p	£82.00	256p	£82.00	256.3p	£82.00
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
254p	£89.00	221p	£85.00	239p	£88.56
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
248p	£106.00	180p	£72.00	225.8p	£96.84
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
224p	£110.00	204p	£97.00	215.9p	£104.28
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
213p	£115.00	208p	£110.00	208.5p	£110.83

73 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade continues at the same level with this weeks average not reflecting the trade, a big showing of Manx and Hebridean restricted the average, but saw a strong trade themselves. All in average saw £55.14 with prices ranging from £6.50 to £119 from ME Darby for their Continental ewes; J Towers saw similar highs with a great showing of meat Suffolks selling to £112.50; D Morgan topped their run with Continentals to £112; R & M Arrowsmith topped the Mules for the day selling to £90.50.

To	From	Average
£119.00	£6.50	£55.14

FARMING EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY FUND

New round of Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF):

With DEFRA currently producing new information on the rollout of new and existing grants available to farmers and landowners, we have now had information on the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund as part of the Investment Fund available in England for farmers, foresters, and growers.

Grants are available between £1,000 and £25,000 for equipment that assist in improving land's productivity, sustainability and to improve animal health and welfare on farm. The new round of grants for Productivity and Slurry items under FETF will open towards the end of February, while Animal Health and Welfare items will open in March, following on from a successful first round in Late 2021.

Annexe 3 and 4 outline eligible items of equipment that are available, with a few examples including:

- Direct Drill with Fertiliser Placement 3m – this would contribute up to £25,000 based on an estimated cost of £68,000.
- Robotic Silage Pusher – this would contribute up to £5,800 based on an estimated cost of £14,500.
- Heat and Service Detector – contribute up to £438 based on an estimated cost of £1,095.
- Badger Proof Lick Holders – contribute up to £68 based on an estimated cost of £170 per holder.

Funding will be allocated on a score assigned basis in relation to how well the applicant meets the scheme's objectives. As part of the second rollout, the list of items available within the grant has been significantly multiplied, including 66 more items to support animal health and welfare, as well as 19 to aid productivity and 2 items to support slurry management.

DEFRA strongly advise that, should applicants have not been successful in receiving funding in the first round of applications, they should not be deterred in applying again for this second instalment. Each item is given a clear grant value, and following a successful application, the item can then be bought, with the grant money being paid after the item is received and installed (where applicable). It is encouraging that the second rollout of FETF has been issued, and we look forward to providing further guidance on the future of ELMS as we transition away from direct payments. Should you wish to discuss this grant scheme or any others, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241.

REPORT FOR FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

A great start for the 2023 Collective Machinery Auction at Thrapston.

A good crowd of Bidders and Buyers came to the field, to the usual chilly sale. A great sale was achieved with 99% clearance. As usual some fantastic prices and some bargains to be had. The next sale is on **Friday 31st March**, if you have any items for the sale, please forward us the details, so we can advertise in good time. Below are a few of the prices achieved on the day.

Top Prices

IW TIPPER	£2,300.00	GENERATOR	£260.00
YAMAHA QUAD BIKE	£1,550.00	HOWARD ROTAVATOR	£260.00
IW TRAILER	£1,550.00	VALTRA WEIGHTS	£250.00
LIGHTING TOWER	£1,500.00	60'X20' LEAN TO SHED	£240.00
IW PLANT TRAILER	£1,200.00	TRANSPORT TRAILER	£240.00
ROLLER MILL	£1,100.00	HURDLES	£225.00
GREEN TRAILER	£1,000.00	ROLLER	£220.00
FORD RANGER PICK-UP	£900.00	JD R-O-MOWER LX178	£210.00
MOFFET FORK LIFT	£750.00	CONCRETE MIXER	£210.00
GENERATOR	£500.00	GATES	£200.00
NH 990KG FRONT LEAF		WATER PUMP	£200.00
WEIGHTS	£500.00	MUCK SPREADER	£200.00
FUEL STATION	£500.00	CATTLE CRUSH	£200.00
VAN VN61 XZG	£500.00	CALF CREEP	£190.00
STIGA TRACTOR MOWER	£420.00	TIP SKIP	£180.00
LAWNFLITE R-O-MOWER	£420.00	FUEL STOVE	£180.00
PROSEED GRASS DRILL	£400.00	ROTAVATOR	£180.00
POST KNOCKER	£380.00	2 X RSJ'S	£160.00
SHEEP DIP	£360.00	GATES	£160.00
TRAILER CHASSIS	£360.00	TIP SKIP	£145.00
FLEMING TRANSPORT BOX	£340.00	WACKER PLATE	£140.00
BALE SPIKE	£320.00	DOG PEN	£140.00
4 H/D RSJ'S	£300.00	DOG PEN	£140.00
ALM PICK-UP BACK	£300.00	FUEL STOVE	£135.00
T/A PLANT TRAILER	£280.00		

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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SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

F Baker

2 Belted Galloway Bulls

18 Months

K & S Miles - TB4

1 Limousin Heifer

6 Years

Never had a calf, in forward condition, empty

A T C Lepper & Son

3 Cull Cows

24 Limousin, British Blue & Angus Steers & Heifers

18 Months

S A C Holgate

48 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

C E Hancock & Son

35 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

GOATS

R D Masters

1 Pygmy Nanny Goat with Kid (the kid is 3 weeks old)

1 Pygmy Nanny Goat with Kid

Folly Meadow Farm

1 Pygmy Billy

3 Years

2 Pygmy Billies

7 Months

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

E Payne

1 Herdwick Ram

4 Years

Folly Meadow Farm

1 Jacob Shearling Ram

R Bird

6 Hebridean Full Mouth Ewes

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.

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Store & Breeding Cattle

Store Cattle – Steers to £1750, Heifers to £1700, Feeding Cows to £1320

Feeding cows sold to £1320 for a 10 year old Charolais, G Farrington sold a 12 year old Simmental cow to £1260 and a 14 year old Simmental to £780; a 10 year old Dexter cow sold to £170 for F Tuffey.

Beef Shorthorn x **In-Calf cows** sold to £1140 from £1080 to average £1088 for Maydencroft Farms.

TN Thomson sold three 13 month Angus steers to £930, a 13 month Hereford steer to £830 and a 13 month Limousin steer to £755; JA & P Dickinson sold two 28 month Angus steers to £1750 from £1490 with others at 23 months to £1285 and a 21 month steer to £1155; C Purse sold a 31 month Limousin bull to £890 and a 31 month Lincoln Red steer to £820; Hales Farms sold two 28 month Limousin heifers to £1560 and steers to £1490 from £1425; K & S Miles sold a Limousin heifer 67 months to £1700; D Self sold 16-18 month Limousin steers to £1100 and heifers to £1040 and a 25 month Limousin heifer sold to £1345; BC & MB King sold a 13 month Simmental steer to £1420, a 10 month Beef Shorthorn steer to £1100 and Limousin heifers to £1040; MF Longfoot & Son sold four 16 month Angus steers to £1040; SE Johnson sold a 14 month Limousin heifer to £1270; IS & NK Johnson sold a 20 month Limousin heifer to £1050; and EE Johnson sold two 21 month Limousin heifers to £1100; M Towler sold a 22 month Hereford steer to £1330 and 21 month Red Poll steers to £1120; WBK Smith & Son sold 11 month Simmental steers to £1070 from £990; AM & JE Kirby sold five 21-23 month Angus heifers to £1000; NE Pullin sold 10 month Angus steers to £1005, a 5 month steer to £710 and five 5-10 month heifers to £705; H Houghton & Son sold six 24-27 month British Blue steers to £1115 and heifers to £1010; AJ Moulding sold his 2 year old Limousin steers to £1550 and heifers to £1480; SGC Hill sold his 11 month Saler steers to £1180 and Charolais to £1220, his heifers sold to £1080; J & D Bavington sold 21-23 month Simmental steers to £1030.

Calves

Weaned calves sold to £460 for a British Blue steer from J & S Arrowsmith and their heifers to £380, two 1 month old Angus heifers sold to £190.

Goats

One Pygmy billy sold to £40.

Equine

Sold to £580 for a gelding Donkey, with the other gelding Donkey selling to £460. Section A Mares sold to £400, Colt foals sold to £300 with Yearling Colts selling to £280.

304 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs - a more even trade for the lambs forward, a longer term showing with the majority of big and small frames needing a lot of further finishing. All in average £63.85. M Holben topped the day with Blue Texel rams to £100, with Texel crosses at £96; DM Cutmore & Son drew a well finished run of Continental crosses to £91.50, with Texel crosses at £89.50; TR Dean saw a big run of long term Suffolk and Charollais crosses topping to £80.50; WG Childs & Sons continue to draw their usual stamp with smarter Continental crosses to £80. A large proportion in the £70's this week with the smallest in the £60's and £50's.

Feeding ewes - extreme ends of the spectrum forward this week, with ewes averaging £63.85. Prices ranged from £18 to £110 from RJ Garley for their Texels; with TR Dean topping to £102 for similar types; Webb Hatherley Livestock topped the Mules at £88. Prices remain the same week on week, with the stamp of ewes fluctuating the averages.

Breeding sheep - Webb Hatherley Livestock saw another quality draw of full mouth North Country Mule ewes, scanned with twins topping at £132 over three pens; RJ Garley saw the trade of the day with their ewes and lambs at foot, seeing double theave Suffolks top at £276 or £92 a life, with full mouth Suffolk / Scotch selling to £246 or £82 a life.

NOTICE

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

WANTED

Stock Bulls

Limousin, Hereford & Aberdeen Angus

Please contact Alastair 07885 804450 if you have any for sale

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ONLINE TIMED AUCTION

A Complete Dispersal Sale of Engineering Machines & Tooling

Starts: Thursday 9th March at 5pm

Finishes: Tuesday 14th March from 12 noon



Briefly to Include:

Company Van Fleet, Road Bike Collection, Mills, Lathes, Tooling
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Face Grinder, Consumables, Work Benches, Gear Boxes
Workshop Tools & Equipment

**on behalf of D Troisi of CMC Equipment UK
Wellingborough, Northamptonshire**

Contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803

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COLLECTIVE SALES OF HAY, STRAW & FODDER

2023

Saturday 11th March

Saturday 8th April

In the main cattle sale ring

All types of Hay, Straw, Silage & Haylage required.
Please forward your entries as soon as possible,
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

For Entry Forms & Catalogues, visit www.bletsoes.co.uk

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