

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 2nd November

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 4th November

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Smallholders Sale

Thursday 9th November

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 11th November

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
One Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm
Small Dispersal of Workshop Tools,
Sundries & Agricultural Effects

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

589 Prime Lambs

On the whole a strong trade with best meat lambs finding clear premiums. Once again week on week store lambs and lean lambs should only be sold at the Saturday Store Sale for the VENDORS benefit. The SQQ levelled to 250.86p/kg. Export types and heavy meat flew today with WF Knight & Son topping overall at £156 for 64kg Continental Charollais, with their run of 49kg lambs across all three pens selling to £139 or 284p/kg.

Highlights - W Veal topped the lighter lambs with their Texel crosses to £118.50 for 45.5kgs; George Thompson Farms saw their usual stamp of Continental lambs sell to £118 for 43kgs for best meat; F & SM Stamper drew their usual goods with Beltex crosses at 43.5kgs topping to £117 and 43kgs to £115, only to be outdone by the heavies at 52kgs selling to £145; M Wilkinson had a top draw of meated quality seeing their Charollais crosses at 51kgs sell to £140; WG Childs & Sons had another draw of quality with Texels to £136.50; J & V Short had their first draw of the season with a real show of Texel power topping to £130 for their first three pens at 52kgs, 51kgs and 50.5kgs; JLB Farming topped their run of Texel crosses to £146 for 63.5kgs

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
271p	£97.00	238p	£88.00	256.5p	£94.61
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
277p	£118.50	231p	£95.00	250.5p	£106.42
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
284p	£145.00	181p	£93.00	255.8p	£125.44
Over 52kg					
262p	£156.00	230p	£129.00	251.9p	£142.29

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197 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade looks to have eased in recent weeks, but it's a true reflection of the final draw of ewes from farmers. This weeks average saw £76.56. J Towers topped the day with thick Continental ewes at £129; SJB Lockett topped with a smart draw of Texel crosses of lean meat and big frame at £120.50; Fineseasons saw the best of the Suffolks with meat ewes at £120; D Sansom had a pearl of a Beltex small in frame but best shape selling to £118. Meat and weight saw a run of seventeen pens all over £100. E Sansom & Sons topped the Mules for the day with big framed meat ewes at £98, well bred part meat ewes were in the £80's with true feeders of the right breed in the £70's, longest term ewes were still seen at £65.

To	From	Average
£129.00	£34.00	£76.56

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 25th November 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

2024-2025 PLACEMENT

Hello all, I am currently a student at Hartpury College and as part of my course we have a year placement 2024-2025. I have experience with beef and dairy, and a small amount with pigs, sheep and arable. I have my tractor test coming up so would hope to have that by the summer. Preferably I would like to be on a mixed farm to gain the most experience in multiple sectors, but I would be happy to turn my hand to anything. If you have an opening or know of someone please get in touch. Many thanks, Charlie 07703 910780

SHEEP VENDORS

New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13th December 2023.

Action Needed Now.....

What's changing?

Changes in legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of the new rule is to comply with EU export requirements to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm biosecurity.

Why is this changing?

The Statutory Health Attestation is required from the 13 December 2023 to certify exports of POAO (Products of Animal Origin) to the EU. The EHCs (Export Health Certificates) require that the animals' farm of origin has undergone regular visits by a veterinary surgeon.

What do producers need to do?

Producers will be required to obtain a signed declaration from their vet that the visit has taken place. The veterinary attestation template can be found here: [veterinary attestation template](#). This should be signed and completed by the farm vet.

Obtaining a signed veterinary attestation must be done at least once over a 12-month period and can be combined with any other routine veterinary visit, including government supported initiatives such as the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway in England.

Farmers and vets must keep a copy of their completed declarations and the "unique reference number" created, for their records and to provide to their livestock auction market or meat processor.

Farms that are part of qualifying assurance schemes do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. Membership of these farm assurance schemes is accepted as evidence that a premises of origin meets the requirement for regular health visits from a vet.

The qualifying schemes are:

- Annual health and welfare review (England only)
- Quality Meat Scotland (QMS)
- Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb Scheme (FAWL) (Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd (WLBP))
- Red Tractor

Please contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803 for further information.

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Store & Breeding Cattle

An entry of five **Cows & Calves** from ATC Lepper & Son sold to £1190 for a Charolais cow with a Limousin Bull Calf at foot.

Store Cattle - RA Bounds entered sixteen Herefords, their steers sold to £1375 and their heifers sold to £1300; MJ & JA Pinny sold a 15 month Longhorn steer to £980 and a 21 month British Blue heifer to £960; RI & C Sadler sold two Limousin steers to £1500 from £1240; S & E Dow sold 17-19 month Limousin and Angus steers to £1100; AF Salmons sold 18-26 month Angus steers to £1250 from £1230; P Mackintosh sold an 11 month Angus heifer to £435; AJ Day & Son sold 21 month Limousin heifers to £1230; ATC Lepper & Son sold British Blue steers to £1140, Angus steers to £1010, Limousin steers to £1000 and Angus heifers to £960; SS Gawthroup & Sons sold a 19 month Simmental steer to £1440; JE Parsons sold yearling Angus heifers to £435 and Blue heifers to £400.

Calves

AG Burton sold Aberdeen Angus bull calves to £165, heifer to £160 and Holstein Friesian bulls to £24 from £10; JE Parsons sold month old Hereford heifers to £175 and bulls to £170; JEG James sold British Blue heifers to £320, bulls to £300, Angus bulls to £190 and heifers £180.

439 Store & Breeding Sheep

Breeding Sheep - a fantastic trade for a late date in the season. W Hammond topped the day with Suffolk cross shearling rams to £205 with a Beltex cross to £150; I Birden drew another smart show of Grade 3 Dutch Spotted ewe lambs selling to £160 for well marked lambs and £140 for darker sorts; Webb Hatherley Livestock saw a quality showing of powerful full mouth ewes seeing their pens of Mules all sell to £132 and Texel crosses to £130; R Paton saw the start of their flock dispersal of Easycares with double theaves at £92 and flock age at £85.

FODDER BEET

For Sale at Cransley, Kettering, Northampton
Contact John Claypole 07774 269403

NOTICE

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

Store Lambs - week on week buyers build momentum with a strong show of genuine lambs forward. All in average £81.55. WG Childs & Sons topped the day with Charollais and Texel lambs of big frame and part meat selling to £113, £109 and £107; M Kellet had a smart show of Texels forward with lambs to £111 and £108; M Wilkinson topped their run of Texels to £105 for the best shape; H Houghton & Son saw their first draw of the season with Suffolk Mule lambs flying to £102.50; GH Rome & Son saw another first draw with Texel Mules of big frame selling to £101, £89.50 and £89.50; AC Downing penned a smart run of Continentals selling to £99. Any lambs with frame were in the £90's with smaller well bred lambs in the high £80's, very few were seen at £78 or below with ram lambs looking £10-£15 less than comparables.

Feeding Ewes - looking dearer on the week with many looking to ewes instead of lambs this season. All in average £66.48. GWM Farms Ltd topped with Texels to £114 with following smart sorts at £108, £105, £103 and £97; JR & J Bradford topped the native breeds with Jacob rams to £108 and Dorsets to £95; JD & JA Miles & Sons topped the Mules for the day with big framed ewes to £77. Native bred types smaller in frame were seen in the £60's, with the longest term chancier types in the high £50's.

Tack, Saddlery & Equine

A 9 year old Jack Donkey sold to £360. Over 500 lots of tack saw a good number of buyers for all sorts that went under the hammer, best things sold were Rugs, Coats and Boots. A selection of something to suit all pockets with a wide range of new and old items on offer. The NEXT Equine sale will be held on Saturday 24th February 2024.

RSPCA - FERAL CATS

The RSPCA charity based in Middlesex have been in contact with regards to rehoming a number of feral cats (barn cats). For further information click the link.

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/findapet/rehomeapet/process/rehomeacat/farmcat>

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.

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

J Bardwell

1 Charolais x Cow born 2017 with Limousin sired Heifer calf born 1/6/23

1 Charolais x Cow born 2017 with Limousin sired Bull calf born 19/7/23

1 Pure Angus Cow born 2018 with Limousin sired Heifer calf born 12/3/23

All been running with Limousin Bull since calving

S A C Holgate

35 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

R G Percival

4 South Devon Steers

17-18 Months

C E Hancock & Son

26 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

K W Kemp - TB4 - Farm Assured

4 Holstein Steers

25 Months

Grass fed only

J I Holmes

1 Aberdeen Angus Steer

26 Months

Named Sire

CALVES

J E G James

4 British Blue Bulls & Heifers

All 2-4 Weeks

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

M Towler

20 Feeding Ewes

10 Store Lambs

P T Harris & Son

30 Store Lambs

H Tunstall

5 Pedigree Southdown Ewe Lambs

3 Welsh Mountain Badger Face Ewe Lambs

C Robinson

6 Pedigree Shetland Theaves

Unregistered, Not had Lambs, Wormed

S Wajzner

5 Dorset x Breeding Ewes - *Full Mouth*

Rycoben 5/9/23, All homebred, well handled & come to call

Westfield Farm

1 Pedigree Texel Ram Lamb

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

HORSES & DONKEYS

R Berry

2 Gelding Donkeys - 8 years old, *very quiet & halter broken*

R Elliott

1 Registered Miniature Shetland Mare - 8 years old and in foal for 2024 to Registered Dun Stallion.

1 Registered Miniature Shetland Black & White Colt - 3 years old, home bred, extremely well handled, great show potential, loves a fuss and is used to being handled by children. Make a great Stallion or to be gelded for children's pony. (Photographed together)

1 Registered Miniature Shetland Palomino Mare - 8 years old and in foal for 2024 to Stallion entered.

1 Registered Miniature Shetland Dun Stallion - 5 years old

Very well handled by adults and children. Feet regularly trimmed, mare has been ridden in the past. Wormed 4th October 2023.

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

STORE AND BREEDING CATTLE

R A Ford

10 Purebred South Devon Steers

12-14 Months

4 Pure South Devon & Angus Heifers

12-14 Months

CALVES

R J Clark

20 Angus & Hereford Bulls & Heifers

6 Weeks

Out of British Friesian, Brown Swiss & Flechvieh Cows

They received 3 days of Colostrum as calves for a good start

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

SUNDRY ENTRIES

2 x Heat Lamps

2 x Infra-Red Bulbs

1 x Sporting Vehicle Lamp

1 x Night Vision Scope

1 x 30 Egg Self Turning Incubator

1 x 10 BRINSEA Egg Incubator

RITCHIE Sheep Turnover Crate

20 x Galvanised Sheep Feed Troughs

Bletsoes

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Saturday 11th November 12.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

A Dispersal Sale of Poultry

A selection of over 300 Birds - To Include

Bantams – Seramas, Ayam, Showgirl Hens & Brahmas

Large Fowl – Wellsummers, Black Rocks, Blue Bells,
White Leghorns, Warrens, Black Tails & Easter Eggers

Pigeons – Fantails, Short Faced Tumblers & Pygmy Pouter

Guinea Fowl – White & Pied

Ducks – Swedish, Khakis, Cherry Valley, Carolinas,
Muscovys & Blonde Catalonia

Turkey Poults, Geese & Peafowl

A full list of entries can be viewed online or sent by request



on behalf of L Smith

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Saturday 11th November

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A Small Dispersal Sale of Workshop Tools, Sundries & Agricultural Effects



Catalogue Available Online

The sale is being held due to the owners relinquishing the farm tenancy. All lots to be sold without reserve.

to be sold after the Poultry

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NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

Saturday 2nd December 2023

Christmas Fat Stock Show



New Cattle & Special Classes

TB Exempt Sections in the Cattle Section

Schedule Available Now

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PRIZE MONEY IN EXCESS OF £3,400



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NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

Fat Stock Dinner

on

Friday 8th December 2023

At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm



Tickets - £40 per person

Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630

Bletsoes

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TB RANGE AUCTION

at Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 28th November at 4pm

Sale of 85 Suckler Bred
Blonde D'Aquitaine Steers & Heifers
20-24 Months

On behalf of Northen & Son, Oakham

Further entries are invited

Contact Alastair Brown – 07885 804450