

The Market Report

October 2023

Professional Ponderings

We are in the middle of party conference season and it is always interesting to look out for announcements which may have a bearing on the work that the planning and development team get involved in. You may have heard about recent news to water down environment restrictions, the most recent being a delay to the introduction of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), which was due to become mandatory for larger sites in November of this year. Don't be fooled however, this is only a delay, and BNG is still expected to come into force next year, once guidance is published and assuming that Local Authorities are geared up to deal with it. This will put ecological considerations at the forefront of any development plans, and will impact upon all but the smallest schemes. It will require prior assessment of the biodiversity of any given site and a demonstration that post development there will be a 10% net gain in biodiversity. This gain should ideally be provided on site or alternatively adjoining the site. Failing that, it may be possible to deliver the Net Gain further afield and this may involve buying credits from schemes being set up to deliver this new planning mitigation. In some circumstances the requirement to deliver Net Gain may make schemes unviable. It will certainly add greatly to the cost of pursuing planning, with even greater emphasis on the need for ecological surveys as part of any planning submission. Bear in mind that many of these surveys will be seasonally sensitive, and careful advance preparation to deal with timings will therefore be essential.

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These added restrictions are in stark contrast to the other public declarations made by the political parties that they want to deliver more housing development. Although this cry for more housing appears somewhat more muted at what is perhaps the last conference season before a general election. In my March Ponderings I commented upon a sensitivity within government about being seen to be pressing for housing growth which might harm votes in the run up to a general election. This was also apparent at the recent Liberal Democrats conference, where a somewhat less ambitious housing policy was adopted, below the 350,000 houses a year that was advocated previously.

There is no doubt that an underlying demand for new housing remains, but in the midst of a cost of living crisis, and following a surge in mortgage rates, there has clearly been an impact upon houses sales and this is beginning to translate into price reductions. Residential Development sites are difficult to place at the current time, with the increased uncertainty impacting upon developer interest and resulting in lower land values. We remain hopeful that this will only be a short term correction, but only time will tell.

In the meantime we continue to strive to obtain planning consents for clients across a wide spectrum of different projects. Successes since our last Ponderings include: 3 Farm Workers Cottages in Huntingdonshire, a 4 house redevelopment in South Cambridgeshire, a 2 house farmyard redevelopment in Bedford Borough, an Equestrian/Agricultural building in Market Harborough, an Agricultural grain store in Huntingdonshire and a Class MA Change of Use in South Northamptonshire. Planning determinations continue to be slow but persistence remains the key and a carefully considered proposal which addresses all potential concerns can still bear fruit.

Andrew Middleditch – Salaried Partner

Contact Our Planning and Development Team
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14th October

Third Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

Catalogue Entry Deadline - Wednesday 4th October

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 5th October
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 7th October
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Smallholders Sale

Thursday 12th October
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 14th October
Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 19th October
Prime & Cull Sheep

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

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

A Genuine Suckler Cow Dispersal Sale

***** 50 Head Sale *****

Comprising

22 Cows with Calves at Foot
1 Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Stock Bull
3 In-Calf Cows
2 Store Cattle

On behalf of A R Adams

Catalogue available online now.
Please contact the office for further details

REPORT FOR THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

432 Prime Lambs

A very mixed entry forward, with a large entry of store lambs that should be here at a store sale on a Saturday. The other half of the lambs were exceptional with a best end draw of weight and meat, leading to an SQQ at 256.98p/kg. Manor Farms topped the day with best shaped Texel lambs to 291p/kg for 43.5kgs, with the same stamp of lambs to £126 for 45kgs and 43kgs to £118; WG Childs & Sons topped the day overall with a tremendous run of Charollais and Texels topping to £142 for 54kgs with 49.5kgs to £134.

Highlights - Corney & Sons Ltd had and best end draw of Charollais with smart meated lambs to £130 for 49kgs with their 47.5kgs to £129, £127 and £126.50; Raveley Fen Farms saw another smart draw of in demand lambs seeing their Mule crosses at 56.5kgs top to £130, with their Charollais at 45kgs to £122.50; WF Knight & Son drew their usual quality with Continentals at 44kgs flying to £122 and £121.50 and their 48kgs to £124. As always weight and meat are wanted with a fantastic trade to match, with buyers keen to fill orders. Store lambs achieve better prices on a Saturday.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
229p	£80.00	229p	£80.00	229p	£80.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
291p	£126.50	230p	£98.00	257.1p	£111.69
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
273p	£134.00	223p	£110.00	255.7p	£122.18
Over 52kg					
263p	£142.00	230p	£130.00	240.7p	£134.00

121 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade holds well for meat, with feeding types falling away. Lean meat are still a comparatively good price but weight and meat are seeing the premiums. All in average saw £76.74. KA Titmus topped the day with a tremendous show of Charollais ewes to £153, with smaller frame ewes to £134 and Texels to £136; KS Lee topped the day for Suffolks with a pen of power to £110; MR Smith continues to draw a smart runs of Charollais ewes with the best meat selling to £109; W Veal topped the Mules for the day with big framed best meat ewes to £76. Feeding types were seen in the £60's with the exception of the leanest ewes.

To	From	Average
£153.00	£10.00	£76.74

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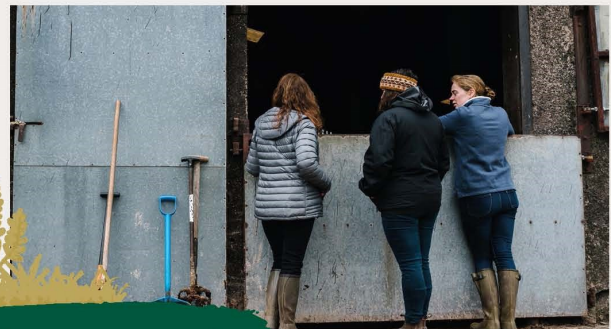
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REPORT FOR FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Collective Machinery Sale

A great day was achieved once again. The usual guaranteed splash of rain presale caused no problems apart from a slippery surface on the way into the sale field, but a beautiful sunny autumn day was seen, which made for a field full of happy customers. Buyers from many miles travelled to the sale, to purchase from this ever expanding sale.

As usual all sorts of items went under the hammer from Vehicles, Tractors, Trailers, Farm Machinery and Effects, New and Used Timber, Power Tools, Gardening Equipment, Fencing Equipment, Cattle and Sheep Equipment, Vintage Items and much, much more.

We can't believe we have such fantastic sales, with the lack of support for the FREE advertising we offer, there were 160 lots entered in the catalogue, 963 lots turned up for the sale. We achieved a 92% clearance of lots on offer. What could we achieve with your help by entering your items presale? We could attract more buyers to achieve even better prices on the day. Please help us to enable to make the best price for you.

Some of the Top Prices recorded on the day

£2,650	2009 Range Rover	
£2,500	Farmall Tractor	<i>Not advertised</i>
£2,050	Horsebox Trailer	
£1,550	Grain Bucket	<i>Not advertised</i>
£1,500	Godzilla Quad Bike	
£1,350	Plant Trailer	
£1,300	3 In 1 Bucket	<i>Not advertised</i>
£1,200	Shipping Container	<i>Not advertised</i>
£1,120	Kuhn Topper	
£1,100	Flail Topper	<i>Not advertised</i>
£1,000	Rotavator & Attachments	<i>Not advertised</i>
£900	Grain Trailer	<i>Not advertised</i>
£850	2005 BMW X5	<i>Not advertised</i>
£554	Quantity of Timber Posts	
£520	Husqvarna Tractor Mower	<i>Not advertised</i>
£520	McHale Bale Grab	
£500	Grain Trailer	<i>Not advertised</i>
£480	Stiga R-O-Mower	<i>Not advertised</i>

£450	Trailer & Tank	<i>Not advertised</i>
£400	Muck Fork	<i>Not advertised</i>
£300	Mole Plough	<i>Not advertised</i>
£250	Welder	<i>Not advertised</i>
£240	Chain Saw	<i>Not advertised</i>
£240	Lamb Creep Feeder	<i>Not advertised</i>
£220	Feed Trough	<i>Not advertised</i>
£200	Anvil	<i>Not advertised</i>
£200	Timber	
£200	Pipe/Cable Laying Implement	<i>Not advertised</i>
£190	PZ CM165 2 Drum Mower	
£190	Grader	
£160	2 FIRESTONE 6.00x16 Wheels & Tyres	
£160	Welder	<i>Not advertised</i>
£150	Batteries	<i>Not advertised</i>
£150	Aga	<i>Not advertised</i>
£150	Armco Barrier	<i>Not advertised</i>
£140	Tip Skip	<i>Not advertised</i>
£140	Pair of Gates	<i>Not advertised</i>
£130	Bags of Logs	

NEXT SALE

Friday 27th October

Advertising deadline TUESDAY 17th October 12 Noon.

Thrapston Market Report 2023 Advertising Tariff

Advertising Charges

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week
	+ VAT

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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Store & Breeding Cattle

Cows & Calves – PR Rogers sold a Red Poll cow with a Lincoln Red bull calf at foot for £1020; WA Yeoman & Son had an excellent sale, with prices topping at £2950 for a British Blue cow with a British Blue heifer calf at foot, four other Limousin cows with calves sold to £2700 to average £2054.50. The British Blue stock bull sold to £2000.

Store Cattle – RG Percival entered a bunch of Aberdeen Angus steers which sold to £1330, his South Devon steers sold to £1070 and two Simmental steers sold to £1405.

Goats

Sold to £100 for a Boer Billy from S Robinson who also entered two Boer Nannies which sold for £92 and four Wethers to £65. A Dairy bred x Nanny with a kid at foot sold to £124 for R Head.

Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs - A stronger week this week with feeding men now looking to buy for root crops. The all in average saw £80.46. W Griffin topped the day with a sterling show of Texel ewe lambs to £140 with followers at £130; CA Freeman saw comparable highs with Texel rams to £120 and ewe lambs to £90; SM Jackson topped their run with smart bred Texel lambs to £95; M Mansell saw well grown Texel crosses to £92.50; ATC Lepper & Son had another smart draw of Continental lambs forward with highs of £81.50. Mid size well bred lambs with potential saw mid £70's all day, the smallest, long term lambs looked the dearest sold in the high £50's.

Feeding ewes - Another section on the up with ewes looking well sold. The smallest lean ewes flew on a strong trade with part meat looking cheaper on the day. All in average £58.09. M Mansell topped the day with a smart run of Charollais ewes selling to £101 for meat; L Dexter topped the Texels with lean meat ewes at £96; J & S Bardwell topped the Mules to £65, bigger frame feeders were in the £50's, small lean ewes were high £30's.

Poultry Sale

An excellent single vendor sale of poultry from S & G Fur & Feather Supplies, with a tremendous crowd to match the sale saw over 320 lots forward with a 100% clearance. The afternoon sale commenced with trios of chickens topping to £28 for Ayan Cermani and laying hens seeing unbelievable highs of £48. Guinea fowl saw

a high of £55 with big numbers forward. Leading down to the pigeons topping at £7 per bird for a pair of Irish Tumblers. The ducks sold extremely well with large orders seeing runner ducks to £15 with cherry valleys to £7. The boxes of younger birds were the highlight of the day with Gold Top pullets to £75 and Mille Fleur Pekins at £55. The geese saw a strong trade to £35, with peacocks selling regularly to £25. Turkeys were another highlight selling to £35. The biggest crowd draw were the Rhea with singles topping to £145 with the smallest looking by far the dearest sold. More sales are welcome with the facilities and repeat customers looking to come to Thrapston again.

Some of the Top Prices Achieved

WHITE UNSEXED RHEA	£145.00	PAIR OF CAROLINAS	£50.00
WHITE UNSEXED RHEA	£130.00	BROWN WARREN HENS	£50.00
WHITE UNSEXED RHEA	£125.00	TRIO OF O.E.G	£48.00
QUARTET BLUE MUSCOVY DUCKS	£120.00	P.O.L LEGHORNS	£47.50
TRIO OF TURKEYS	£105.00	3 TURKEY POULTS	£45.00
BLUEBELL HENS	£96.00	TRIO OF BROWN HENS	£45.00
PAIR OF MANDARIN DUCKS	£96.00	TRIO OF LIGHT SUSSEX	£45.00
TRIO OF BARNACLE	£96.00	TRIO OF WHITE RUNNER DUCKS	£45.00
BROWN P.O.L HENS	£90.00	BROWN WARREN HENS	£45.00
PEKIN HENS	£84.00	LEGBAR HENS	£45.00
TRIO OF AYAM CERMANI	£84.00	PIED GUINEA FOWL	£45.00
BOURBON RED TURKEYS	£84.00	KHAKI CABBELL FEMALES	£45.00
BRONZE TURKEYS	£80.00	WHITE DOUBLE BREASTED HENS	£44.00
4 GOLD TOP PULLETS	£75.00	PAIR BLUE MUSCOVY DUCKS	£44.00
TURKEY POULTS	£72.00	BROWN WARREN HENS	£42.50
PAIR OF TOULOUSE GEESE	£70.00	3 BUFF SUSSEX BANTAM PULLETS	£42.00
PAIR OF BARNACLE	£70.00	SERAMA X HENS	£40.00
5 JAPANESE FEMALE QUAIL	£65.00	JERSEY GIANT P.O.L HENS	£40.00
MILLE FLEUR PEKIN HENS	£60.00	BRONZE TURKEYS	£40.00
PLYMOUTH ROCK HENS	£60.00	PAIR OF CALL DUCKS	£40.00
PAIR OF TOULOUSE GEESE	£60.00	P.O.L LEGHORNS	£40.00
BRONZE TURKEY HENS	£60.00	WARREN HENS	£40.00
TRIO OF PARTRIDGE PEKINS	£60.00	O.E.G HENS	£39.00
TRIO OF WHITE PEKINS	£57.00	4 OLIVE EGGER PULLETS	£38.00
O.E.G HENS WHITE	£56.00	3 LAVENDER PEKIN PULLETS	£38.00
PAIR GREY CHINESE GEESE	£56.00	PIED GUINEA FOWL	£37.50
5 PIED GUINEA FOWL	£55.00	MIXED GUINEA FOWL	£37.50
MILLE FLEUR PEKIN PULLETS	£55.00	FEMALE AYLESBURY DUCKS	£37.50
4 LAVENDER PEKIN GROWERS	£55.00	FEMALE KHAKI DUCKS	£37.50
BOURBON RED TURKEYS	£54.00	PARTRIDGE PEKIN HENS	£36.00
TRIO OF LIGHT SUSSEX	£54.00	PAIR OF O.E.G BLACK	£36.00
TRIO OF HYBRIDS	£54.00	OPAL PEACOCKS	£36.00
LEGBAR HENS	£52.50	TRIO OF PARTRIDGE PEKINS	£36.00
CAROLINA DRAKE	£50.00	LIGHT SUSSEX BANTAM PULLET	£35.00
BLACK PEKIN HENS	£50.00	6 MIXED PULLETS	£35.00
HYBRID HENS	£50.00	FEMALE KHAKI DUCKS	£35.00
BLACK ROCK HENS	£50.00	TRIO OF ASIL	£33.00
PLYMOUTH ROCK HENS	£50.00	6 MILLE FLEUR PEKIN PULLETS	£32.00

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

A R Adams - Herd Dispersal

Separate Lotted Catalogue

C Harrell

2 Hereford Steers

11 Months

3 Dexter Steers

15 Months

Sired by Australian Lowline

C E Hancock & Son

22 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

R G Percival

4 Aberdeen Angus Steers

17-18 Months

S A C Holgate

35 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

Charles Hopperton

4 Aberdeen Angus Steers

22-24 Months

PIGS

C Cardell

8 Berkshire Pigs - 6 Boars & 2 Gilts

CALVES

J E G James

1 British Blue Bull

All 6-8 Weeks

2 British Blue Heifers

1 Angus Bull

2 Angus Heifers

GOATS

R Eastwood

2 Golden Guernsey Doelings

All 9 Months

1 Anglo Nubian x Doeling

1 Anglo Nubian x Wether

4 Bagot Goats - 3 Nannies, 1 Wether

S L Fletcher

1 Pure Boer Billy

2 Years

2 Boer x Nannies

18 Months & 2½ Years

2 Saanen x Nannies - *been running with Billy*

5 Years

2 Saanen x Doelings

5 Months

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER CONTINUED

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

R K Weston

4 Feeding Ewes

2 Blue Leicester Ewes

5 Beltex Store Lambs

4 Norfolk Horns Ewes

Heptavac P, Wormed 22/09/23 with Albacert, Mineral Bolus

K Toone

3 Registered Pedigree Jacob Ewes

3 Years

All lambed this year, Heptavac P

E Rowberry

2 Pedigree Registered Soay Ewes (1 crop)

4 Pedigree Registered Soay Ewe Lambs

4 Pedigree Registered Soay Ram Lambs (*to include one rare pied coloured*)

R Elliott

10 Dutch Spotted Ewe Lambs

1 Registered Dutch Spotted Ram

I Benton

7 Pedigree Llanwenog Shearling Ewes

1 Pedigree Llanwenog Ram

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.

NOTICE

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

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 21st October 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.

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Environment Workshops - choose from: South Ormsby Estate - Wednesday 7 February 11-2pm or Doddington Estate - Monday 12 February 11-2pm

Topic Workshops:

'The animal, the whole animal and nothing but the animal' - with master butcher Rich Summers - Tuesday 5 December, Launda Farm Meats (tbc), 5-7pm

'Healthy stock + healthy soil = healthy bank balance' - with veterinarian Tom Hume and soil expert Liz Genever - Wednesday 6 March, South Ormsby (time tbc)

'The power of the mob' - Grazing systems and equipment demonstrations - Wednesday 8 May - Inkpot Farm 11-2pm

'Introducing holistic farming' - exploring new ways to farm for the future with 3LM - venue and date to be decided

For further information contact Hannah on eastmidlands@pastureforlife.org or Sarah on sarah.juggins@pastureforlife.org

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on behalf of M V Weston

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Bletsoes

EST. 1881

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— EST. 1881 —

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