

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 27th March

Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 28th March

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Saturday 29th March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 3rd April

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 5th April

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep, Goats & Pigs

Smallholders Sale

Single Vendor Poultry Sale

Sale of Pet Food & Sundries

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

187 Prime Hogs

A strong day with the hogs on offer, heavies were harder sold with 40-46kgs far out selling anything over 50kgs. Lloyd & Walton topped the day at 333p/kg for best end Texels at 40kgs, with their 45kgs to £145 and 49kgs to £150; DO Threadgold topped with their usual stamp of Texels at £125 for 39kgs; Grange Farm saw a meat show of Continentals to £133 for 44kgs; Scott & Scott topped the day at £170 for best meat Texels at 58kgs; S Gawthroup topped with Beltex crosses to £165.50 for 56kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Lights (25.5-32kg)</i>					
310p	£98.00	303p	£91.00	307.7p	£95.38
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
333p	£130.00	296p	£112.50	306.8p	£117.75
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
322p	£145.00	295p	£124.00	303.2p	£129.09
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
310p	£152.00	287p	£143.00	296p	£146.39
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
296p	£170.00	240p	£140.00	280.2p	£157.13

62 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade continues on the same path with a strong grade for meat and weight, averaging £135.13. DJ & AL Underwood topped the day at £189 for smart meat good shape Charollais crosses; Morgan-Pell Livestock saw highs of £180 for Continental ewes; T Prowse saw Texel Mules to £167 with Mule ewes to £149; David Barnett Farms topped with their Dorsets at £145 for meat with thicker ewes at £135. All meat sold in excess of £117 with four lots of feeding types £70 to £98 frame depending.

Cull Ewe Prices

To	From	Average
£189.00	£86.00	£135.13

NOTICE

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

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Saturday 5th April 12.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

A Single Vendor Sale of Poultry

A selection of over 300 Birds - To Include

Bantams – Silver Sussex, Polish, Gold Tops, Sumatra & Silkies

Large Fowl – Light Sussex, Jersey Giants, Legbars, Marans, Araucana, Welsummers & Blue Orpingtons

Hybrid Pullets – Bluebells, Warrens, Black Tails, Leg Horns, Crested Olive Egg Layers & Easter Eggers

Ducks – Runners, Cayuga, Cherry Valley, Khaki Campbells, Call & Mandarins

Mixed Peafowl, Turkeys & Geese

A full list of entries will be available online or sent by request



on behalf of Lincs Poultry & Waterfowl

Held in accordance with current APHA Rules

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

Store & Breeding Cattle

Feeding cows sold to £2850 for a 61 month Angus cow from Blakesware Stud Farm with their other 13 year old cows selling to £1540 and £1460; PC Bath Ltd sold Longhorn cows to £1270 from £900; R Wood & Son sold Hereford cows to £1620 from £1520; AJ Moulding sold a Limousin Stock bull to £2200.

J Kimbell entered 12 month Saler steers which sold to £1840 and younger Charolais steers sold to £1400; TL Pilsworth sold four Saler heifers to £1240 from £1005; SGC Hill sold yearling Saler steers to £1280 and heifers to £1220; JSW Handy sold Holstein steers to £550; O Black sold British Blue steers to £2700 and £2440; M Towler sold Devon steers to £1670 from £1320; R Wood & Son sold yearling Hereford steers to £1800 from £1200; E Dahm sold Beef Shorthorn steers to £2320 and £2020; Blakesware Stud Farm sold an Angus steer to £1620 and a heifer to £820; Webb Hatherley Livestock sold Blue steers to £670 and Angus heifers to £605 and a bunch of Holstein and Ayrshire steers to £540.

Calves

A 9 day old Lincoln Red bull calf sold to £240 and £210 for a heifer, both from S Howes & Son.

266 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store Lambs - a better quality showing forward this week, averaging £93.64. TP Hinch topped the day with smart bred Texels to £143 for short term with followers £130 and £125; S Arkwright saw their Continentals to £125; J Towers penned a smart run of mid frame Continental lambs seeing highs of £124, £121 and £120; Ritchie Farm Partners saw their first show of Dairy Bred Friesians forward topping at £85 to £84 and £77. No lambs sold under £75.

Feeding Ewes - trade was on fire averaging £131.85. TP Hinch topped at £180 for Texels with Cheviot crosses to £150 and Jacob ewes to £135; SM Jackson saw the best of the ram trade with good meat Texels to £178; J Towers topped with meat Continental ewes at £159 with lean meat Suffolks to £140 and true feeders to £107, their Mules looked the best sold at £134.

Ewes with Lambs at Foot - a smart trade for tidy outfits. J Patrick topped the day with 6-tooth Kerry ewes and twin lambs selling to £115 a life or £345 the outfit, with their full mouth Continentals to £90 a life; S Garley saw a smart trade with full and broken mouth cross bred ewes with singles to £108 a life.

Cade Lambs - the national centre for cade lambs continues with seventy-two sold averaging £30.89. S Hill topped the day at £41 for Texel crosses with FE Harris & Sons selling Charollais crosses to £38; FH Pullin & Sons saw their Southdown Mules to £35.

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A SPECIAL SALE OF EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

Saturday 29th March

Please forward your entries as soon as possible,
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

Jake Wagstaff – 07487 526803

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

P Fraser

20 Pure Texels with 30 Texel Lambs at Foot

Theaves & Double Theave Ewes are eligible for Pedigree Registration. All on Heptavac P & Ovivac System

J Patrick

1 Suffolk x Ewe with Lamb at Foot

S Trubshaw

3 Birth Registered Pedigree Shropshire Theave

1 Pure Shropshire Theave

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

J C Brown (Stagsden) Ltd - TB4

1 Beef Shorthorn Cow

10 Years

1 Hereford Cow

9 Years

Both Empty

Webb Hatherley Livestock

2 Aberdeen Angus x Bulls

7 & 11 Months

2 British Blue x Bulls

7 Months

6 British Friesian Steers

7-8 Months

Campworth Farms - TB4

3 Hereford Steers

All 8-11 Months

2 Beef Shorthorn Steers

4 Limousin Steers

12 Aberdeen Angus Heifers

3 Limousin Heifers

3 Native Bred Heifers

B C & M B King - TB4

4 Blonde x Heifers

10-11 Months

8 Blonde x Steers

10-11 Months

3 Beef Shorthorn x Steers

11 Months

J Andrew & Son

3 Charolais x Steers

11-13 Months

3 Aberdeen Angus x Steers - *Named Sire*

13-16 Months

3 Aberdeen Angus x Heifers - *Named Sire*

13-16 Months

R Wood & Son

9 Hereford Heifers - *Named Sire*

12 Months

J A & P Dickinson

3 Limousin x Heifers

23 Months

1 Limousin x Heifer

35 Months

D L J Hughes - TB4

5 North Devon Steers

24 Months

1 North Devon Steer

35 Months

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.

LAND AVAILABLE

Land off Church Street and Nags Head Lane, Hargrave, Northamptonshire extending to approximately 25.92 acres (10.49 ha) of permanent pasture and grass ley available as a whole or two lots.

And

Land and Buildings off Occupation Road, Middleton, Northamptonshire extending to approximately 6.35 acres (2.57 ha) of permanent pasture available as a whole or two lots.

Contact

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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 19th 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

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE UPDATE

With the sudden closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive announced on Tuesday 11th March, this has left the farming community and many of our clients feeling disappointed, frustrated and uncertain.

So what does this mean for you and your business?

- Existing SFI Agreements will remain unaffected.
- New SFI applications submitted before the 11th March will be accepted, subject to the application being eligible.
- Those who were in the SFI pilot (which opened in 2022) and do not have an existing SFI Agreement, will be eligible to apply for a new SFI Agreement.

Other than the exceptions set out above, the SFI application process is now closed for all new applicants. The government have explained that this is due to the budget spending cap on SFI being reached.

Whilst this all seems contradictory to the government's promise of the largest budget for farmers in the country's history, it appears that they are developing a wider and more holistic farming strategy and have set out that they will deliver the following:

- A reformed SFI Scheme – details to be confirmed in Summer 2025 and applications expected to open early in 2026.
- A commitment of £110 million in farming grants, encouraging productivity and innovation.
- Plans to invest over £200 million in a new National Biosecurity Centre.
- Reforms to protect farmers in trade deals, support British produce and fair supply chains.
- Extension of the seasonal worker scheme for a further 5 years.

The Bletsoes team are still busy gathering information for capital grant applications in order to submit in a timely manner for the anticipated application window opening in summer 2025.

We will be monitoring all new announcements closely and if you are concerned or have questions about what this means for you and your farm, then please do contact a member of the agricultural team who would be very pleased to assist you on 01832 732241 or enquiries@bletsoes.co.uk.

FOR SALE

Quantity of second hand telegraph poles, various sizes from 6M to 11M, all stripped and clean of metal. Based near Peterborough, Loading Available, Buyer Collects, All Enquiries - 07753 119451





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COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Friday 28th March 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 18th March to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



of
**Horse Tack & Equine
Sundries**
on

Saturday 26th April at 1.00pm

*At Thrapston Livestock Market
Market Road, Thrapston. NN14 4JU*

Entries by Monday 14th April

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener 07736 143630

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NOTICE

Please be respectful of the neighbours to Thrapston Market and park responsibly.

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It's Good to Talk



Free Tea & Coffee

Thursday 27th & Saturday 29th March

Come and take a tea break with us
at Thrapston Market.

Bring some stock and pause for a moment,
understand how you are. How your best
friend is and how those around you are.

If you need to, reach out.

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Andy & Lynda Eadon will be visiting Thrapston Market on Saturday