

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 16th February
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 18th February
Finished Cattle, Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 23rd February
Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 24th February
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Saturday 25th February
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Horse Tack & Equine Sundries

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

461 Prime Hogs

Prices lifted on the week, with heavy hogs making the biggest increase. Lighter lambs harder sold on the day. SQQ 221.92p/kg. WF Knight & Son topped to 248p/kg for their best end Continental crosses at 49.5kgs with 51.5kgs to £120. CJ White topped overall with a sterling run of Beltex and Charollais crosses selling to £140 for 63kgs, with 70kgs to £130.

Highlights - Pentelow Farms saw top end highs with their Suffolks topping the breed at £132 for 62kgs, with more pens at £130, £130 and £127; Corney & Sons penned a best end run of Charollais with the top at £126 for 56kgs; John Gowling & Sons penned the usual goods with their Continental crosses to £125 for 55kgs; William White saw some of the best end trade with Beltex cross lambs at 53kgs and serious shape topping to £125; C Stancombe & Son saw a smart trade for their Texel Mules with 45.5kgs selling to £103 and £118 for their 51kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
234p	£90.00	222p	£80.00	228.7p	£86.07
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
241p	£103.00	209p	£86.00	220.4p	£95.91
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
248p	£123.00	172p	£86.00	227p	£111.22
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
236p	£140.00	179p	£105.00	219.3p	£124.07

94 Cull Ewes & Rams

Prices continue at the same level, with ewes averaging £88.61 for all grades of ewes. John Gowling & Sons topped the day at £154 for thumping Texel ewes with both condition and shape, sheep from the same home topped the Mules for the day at £89 for fit big framed ewes; F & SM Stamper drew a run of shape with Blue Texel ewes topping to £143, with small framed extreme Beltex ewes peaking at £119; R Truss saw the highs of the rams with Texels to £128 for solid frames; WF Knight & Son drew a smart run of Continentals topping to £118.50; R & M Arrowsmith topped the Suffolks with lean meat ewes to £114.

To	From	Average
£154.00	£30.00	£88.61

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.

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

FAT CATTLE

More Entries Required

E F Wootton & Son - TB4

6 Limousin Steers

24-28 Months

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

W Keeves

5 In-Calf Cows - Due end March-April to a Aberdeen Angus

Consisting of:

1 Limousin x

5 Years

1 Limousin

6 Years

1 Limousin x

8 Years

1 Aberdeen Angus x

10 Years

1 Hereford x

7 Years

W A Yeomans & Son

6 Limousin Cull / Feeding Cows

14 Limousin & Blue Steers & Heifers

12 Months

R Law - TB4

25 Pure Bred Saler Heifers

10 Months

C E Hancock & Son

28 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

S A C Holgate

50 Continental Steers & Heifers

17-27 Months

K & S Miles

1 Limousin Steer

18 Months

R Truss - TB4

1 Pure Lincoln Red Steer

25 Months

2 Lincoln Red Steers

25 Months

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

S G C Hill

7 Charolais x Steers

All 12 Months

5 Charolais x Heifers

5 Saler Steers

THRAPSTON FAT STOCK SHOW - CHARITY CHEQUE PRESENTATION

On Saturday 18th February in the main Cattle Ring, prior to the sale of cattle, our 2022 President John Martin will present a cheque for £3,301.85 to Jason Royce from the Souster Youth Trust.

We thank you for all your support in helping us to raise such an incredible amount.

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Finished, Store & Breeding Cattle

Finished Cattle – Averaged 297p or £1999.39

Sold to 3.22p or £2400 for a 800kg Limousin steer from EF Wootton & Son.

Cull Cows & Bulls

Sold to £1210 for a 10 year old Limousin cow from KJ Hunt; TEW Farming sold a 4 year old Simmental cow for £1080; and David Self sold a 4 year old Limousin bull to £1210.

Store Cattle – Steers to £1640, Heifers to £1555

David Self entered a 24 month Simmental heifer that sold for £1100; TEW Farming entered four Angus steers 10-11 months which sold to £900; IS & NK Johnson entered 20-24 month Continental steers which sold to £1640; SE Johnson 24 month Limousin steers to £1600; EE Johnson sold two Limousin heifers 13-25 months for £1070; BC & MB King sold six heifers to £1555 for two Limousins 20-24 months, a 27 month Angus to £1505 and a 26 month Blue to £1210; R Law sold twenty-five, 8-10 month Saler steers to £900 to average £800; RA Ford sold 20-21 month South Devon heifers to £960; D Daghish sold 18 month Angus steers to £1300, Angus heifers to £1160 from £950, Blue heifers to £1110 and British Friesian steers to £1070.

Calves

Two weaned calves forward sold to £250 for a 5 month Angus heifer and £120 for a 4 month Friesian bull for K Finch.

Goats

Three empty Nannies sold to £100 from £80 for kids for P Fraser.

Pigs

Two young sows sold to £68 from £60 for T Bately; and D Morris sold weaned pigs to £38 from £20.

211 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs - a mixed entry forward with shorter term lambs seeing the rise in prime trade having a positive effect. Longest term lambs seeing reducing demand with some sceptical about the long term trade. All in average £62.15. W Hammond topped the day with a sterling show of Beltex lambs seeing £130 with more extreme smaller types to £105; P Cawley saw a smart showing of Texel crosses with good frame reach £92.50; WG Childs & Sons saw their usual goods forward with best shape and biggest frames selling to £90, with followers at £76 and £70;

MF Grace & Son topped their run of Continentals with Charollais to £84. Well bred lambs in forward condition were seen in the £70's, with longer term lambs in the low £60's.

Feeding ewes - a full scale of ewes forward with all scopes covered. All in average saw £80.76. Prices ranged from £20 to £181 from W Hammond and their Beltex ewes with similar goods to £143 and £130; R Swinfen & Son saw a similar hype with Texel ewes to £127 over several pens; WG Childs & Sons saw slighter framed Continental ewes to £66.50 with Suffolks to £66. Longer term, lightweight ewes continue a steady trade, with limited outlets.

Breeding ewes - Webb Hatherley Livestock penned another top draw of ewes with mixed ages. Their North Country Mule theaves scanned doubles topped to £131 with full mouth North Country Mule ewes scanned with singles to £112. The same home saw full mouth Texel ewes to £140 scanned triple, with Cheviots at the same age making £125.

Produce

Round Bales of Hay sold to £30 for J Cheadle

Round Bales of Haylage sold to £32 for JI & JA Claypole

2022 Quadrant Bales of Hay sold to £36 for MF Longfoot & Son

2021 Round Bales of Hay sold to £20 for MF Longfoot & Son

2022 Round Bales of Hay sold to £28 for D Matcham

120x70 Bales of Hay sold to £39 for RW Chapman & Son

8'x4' Bales of Wheat Straw stored outside sold to £20 for Northen & Son

Big bales of Straw saw bids to £20-22 but were unsold and small bales of straw didn't receive any bids at all. Next sale - Saturday 11th March.

Sheep Equipment

A fantastic genuine dispersal of sheep equipment on behalf of J Millbank saw prices soar skyward. The sale was very well attended with buyers from far and wide, with phone bids from international buyers on the day also. The seasonal sale caught the best of the trade with lambing in full swing. Highlights saw 4ft hurdles to £25 and 6fts to £30, drafting gates topped at £175 with lamb adopter fronts to £112, the personal gates all sold to the same buyer at £142, near new lamb creep topped at £325 with the sheep snacker reaching £700, the 8ft walk through feeders drew a lot of attention topping to £250.

Bletsoes offer sales to suit any vendor, please feel free to contact the team and discuss your options.

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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	

Discounted Rates Available

For further information, or to place and advert,
please contact Beth Kitchener on 01832 732241 or beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk

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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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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THRAPSTON COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALES 2023

Last **Friday** of **Every** Month

March 31st

May 26th

July 28th

September 29th

February 24th

April 28th

June 30th

August 25th

October 27th

November 24th

Entry Forms are Available Online or in the Market Office.
Please forward your entries 10 days prior to the sale date.

Auctioneers: Alastair Brown 07885 804450
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An Auction



of
Horse Tack & Equine
Sundries
on

Saturday 25th February at 1.00pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 13th February
for cataloguing & advertising purposes

For further information contact Beth Kitchener



Sustainable Soil Management: Farming, Food & Climate Change Workshop

Hosted by Catchment Sensitive Farming and Anglian Water, you are invited to attend a free informal event with presentations from:
Stacey Branson (CSF Adviser) on schemes and grants available.

Neil Fuller - Technical Director of Atlas Sustainable Soils Program

Neil will join us on the day to discuss Sustainable Soil Management. Taking a deep dive into the impact of soil management on climate change, regenerative agriculture, soil carbon balance and carbon emissions, along with the challenges and opportunities of Nitrogen and the use of cover crops for biogenics and atmospheric carbon drawdown. Neil will also introduce the concept of the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) for agriculture and what this means for your business in the journey towards becoming Carbon Neutral. Following on from Neil's presentation he will also be putting your soil under the microscope in a soil safari.

Anyone attending the event is welcome to bring along a sample soil profile from their own farm to be reviewed. Samples need to be up to 30cm in depth and with plants if possible.*

**Due to numbers expected we cannot guarantee all samples will be reviewed on the day.*

Anglian Water Agricultural Adviser

Kim Hemmings will give an introduction on Anglian Water's 'Get River Positive' Plan, how they are working with farmers, and grants available.



Environment Agency Senior Agricultural Adviser

Alan Jones will be on hand to advise and answer questions.

Wednesday 15th February 2022

9:30am – 2:30pm

(Booking Essential & Lunch Provided)

BASIS and NRoSO points available

Great Gidding Village Hall, Main Street, Great Gidding, PE28 5NU

What3Word Location: gold.unloaded.elevated

Please reserve/confirm your attendance either by emailing
stacey.stringer@naturalengland.org.uk or phone 07500 097169.

Alternatively, follow CSF South Anglia on Eventbrite to book a place.

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Approximately 7.13 acres (2.89 hectares) of arable land

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