

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Thursday 4th May

Online Timed Auction Starts - 12 noon

See main advert for further information

Tuesday 9th May

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Online Timed Auction Finishes from 12 noon

Friday 12th May

Farm Dispersal Sale - Nr Hitchin

See main advert for further information

Tuesday 16th May

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales
please contact the Market Team*

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 2ND MAY

Prime Lambs

A quality showing forward this week with well finished lambs driving the trade. SQQ 346.68p/kg. TR Tame & Son topped the day with a sterling show of Continental Charollais selling to 348.5p/kg for best finished 43.5kg lambs, with their lighter lambs at 39.5kgs reaching 344p/kg. AV Taylor had a smart showing of Suffolk lambs forward with highs of 348p/kg for 41.5kgs and 35kg Continentals to 347p/kg. More lambs are needed to meet the buyers demand.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
347p	£133.02	345.5p	£121.45	345.8p	£130.91
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
348.5p	£151.60	344p	£135.88	347p	£144.02

Prime Hogs

Meat continues to reach top end prices with a mixed bag forward on the day. Trade remains at similar levels with the SQQ 272p/kg. J & M Ironmonger topped with a best end showing of Texels selling to 290p/kg for 44.5kgs, with 286p/kg for their lighter hogs at 39kgs; Clark Farms topped the day overall with a best end showing of Continental crosses reaching £138.32 for 56kgs; AV Taylor saw a strong trade for Texel crosses with 40kg meat hogs topping to 288p/kg; DH Higgins saw a smart run of Suffolk hogs forward with highs of 280.5p/kg for 46.5kgs; MJ Gillet & Partners topped the heavy hogs of the day seeing their Texels at 53kgs fly to 250p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
286p	£111.54	260p	£85.80	266.5p	£100.27
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
290p	£129.05	260p	£104.00	272.9p	£120.74
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
280.5p	£134.68	242p	£116.16	268.5p	£130.01
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
250p	£138.32	210p	£119.90	243.5p	£135.13

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you would like to talk.

richardwilde.FCN@gmail.com

Store Lambs

Trade of the year so far with demand flying. All in average £91.55. R Righton topped the day with big frame lean Suffolk hogs selling to £124, with followers at £115 and £98; B Hemmings saw a smart trade for his Continental crosses at £88.

To	From	Average
£124.00	£76.00	£91.55

Cull Ewes & Rams

Demand remains at a solid rate with meat ewes continuing on a flyer. All in average saw £112.88. R Righton topped to £132 for Texel rams with meat, also seeing the best price on the day for Mule ewes topping to a fantastic £124; S Collett saw the trade of the day with their Lleyn ewes topping to £130; Griffiths Partnership saw an equal trade with their ewes reaching £129 and £128. All meat ewes were above £105 with leaner meat types looking dearer, selling between £85 and £100.

To	From	Average
£132.00	£48.00	£112.88

Plants & Shrubs

Another great array of top quality Plants, Shrubs and Trees, along with Planters and Garden Ornaments. A Flower Stand sold to £22, Plum Trees sold to £14, Rhododendrons sold to £11 per pot, Pots sold to £11, a Ladies Head Planter sold to £7, Logs sold to £6.50, Clematis sold to £6. Many others on offer at bargain prices compared to other outlets, with an excellent clearance seen on the tables. Hydrangea, Cordyline, Delphinium, Lupins and some Raspberry canes all on show.

Produce & Feed Stuffs

Plenty of 25kg bags of food forward today, something for every pet to include, Cats, Dogs, Poultry, Ducks, Llamas & Alpacas and Wild Bird seed selling from £8 to £14. Also bundles of Rhubarb and bags of Onions made an appearance in the sale.

Hatching Eggs

An Incubator forward today which sold to £32, a dozen Araucana eggs sold to £6, trays of Pheasant eggs sold to £5, two dozen eggs sold to £4 from £3.50, tray of Bantam eggs sold to £3, also in the sale were Goose eggs, Duck eggs and Chicken eggs.



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

Sundries

All sorts in the sale including the Kitchen Sink! A tool box of Sheep Shearing accessories sold to £58, a Metal Detector sold to £50, a Leaf Blower sold to £25, Petrol Hedge Cutters sold to £20, a Saw Horse sold to £20, also in the sale a Metal Framed Gazebo, Office Metal Drawers, Trailer Light Board, Rope, Barbed Wire, Pine Chests, Vintage Fire Guards and much more. If you have any Garage or Household Clearance items we would be happy to sell for you.

Please contact the Auctioneer - Alastair 07885 804450 if you have anything to advertise or you would just like some advice on what to sell.

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Pip Careless, who passed away peacefully at home on Sunday. A great character and supporter of Stratford Market who will be sadly missed. Our condolences to his family from all at Bletsoes and the Stratford Team. We will inform you all in due course of the funeral details.



ENTRIES TUESDAY 9TH MAY

28 Suffolk Mule Theaves
with 44 Charollais Lambs at Foot
Ewes - Heptavac, Cydectin, Zolvix
Lambs - Ovivac, Zolvix



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Advertising Charges

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

TUESDAY 30TH MAY

**A Special Collective Vintage Sale of Bygones,
Barn Finds and interesting items of age.**

Items to include:

Troughs, Signs, Tools, Furniture & Effects, and anything of interest

ALSO

**A Special Sale of Summer Plants,
Shrubs, Veg & Produce & Gardening Equipment**

In conjunction with the usual normal weekly sale.

*If you have anything to advertise a week before the sale
please do not hesitate to contact the Auctioneer.*

Text, Messenger, WhatsApp, Email, Phone Call

Alastair 07885 804450

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SUMMER GRAZING OPPORTUNITY

Approximately 9 acres of well fenced grazing land with water,
has come available near Barford, Warwickshire.

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07967 963874 / 01926 651790 for further details

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BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW – MICHAELMAS 2023

DATE - SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

After the turmoil caused by Covid over the last few years and the very successful 2021 Bedford Christmas Show, followed by the cancellation of the Fatstock Dinner, to avoid holding a Covid “super spreader” event, the committee have met to consider their options for the future.

It has been decided that, rather than merging with the Thrapston and Northampton Christmas Fatstock Show, Bedford Show should retain a separate event, in order to retain our independence and identity. It is therefore proposed to hold a Bedford Show at Michaelmas, to be hosted in Thrapston Livestock Market on Saturday 23rd September 2023. It is proposed to move the focus away from prime finished stock, towards breeding and store stock and animals will be judged according to potential, as well as finish. Our main objective is to hold a successful Show and, whilst exhibitors will be able to offer their animals for sale on Show day, they will not be required to sell, in order to claim their prizes.

We will be sending out letters to potential sponsors, judges, etc, over the coming weeks but, if you are interested, we would ask you to speak to a member of the committee, in order that we can gauge the level of support. Entry fees and prize money will be set at the same level as the successful 2021 Christmas Show.

We hope that you will support this event, which will be open to all local farmers and, hopefully, will reflect the proud spirit of independence shared through the whole of the county of Bedfordshire.

The following classes will be held and entries are invited.

Cattle Classes	Best Haltered Beast Best Continental Beast (unhalted) Best Native Bred Beast (unhalted) Best Store Beast (under 12 months – unhalted) Best Cow & Calf (unhalted) Best Calf (unhalted)
Sheep Classes	Best Pen of 3 Continental Sired Lambs (Prime) Best Pen of 3 Native Sired Lambs (Prime) Best Pen of 6 or more Store Lambs Best Pen of 3 or more Breeding Theaves Best Pen of 3 or more Ewe Lambs Best Pen of 3 or more Cull Ewes Best Ram
Pig Classes	14. Best Single Butcher’s Pig of any weight 15. Best Pen of 2 or more Pigs of any weight
Poultry Classes	Unlikely to be possible – Avian Influenza

Bedford Fatstock Dinner – To be held November/December – Venue & Details to be confirmed.

Will Saunders - Chairman

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ONLINE TIMED AUCTION

Tractors, Vehicles, Garden Machinery Equipment, Mowers, Farm Machinery & Effects

Starts: Thursday 4th May at 12 noon

Finishes: Tuesday 9th May from 12 noon



Briefly to include:

2014 **IVECO** EEV 75E16 16' Beaver Tail Lorry with Ramps, **JOHN DEERE** 855 Tractor, 2 x **MASSEY FERGUSON** 35 3 Cylinder Diesel 2WD Tractors, **ZETOR** 4712 2WD Tractor, **FORD** LGT 14D Diesel Tractor, 2009 **JOHN DEERE** 997 ZTRAK 60" Cut Zero Turn Mower, 2006 **JOHN DEERE** X748 Ultimate 4x4 Tractor Mower, **KUBOTA** G2160 Ride-On Tractor Mower, **IFOR WILLIAMS** Trailers. Various Farm Machinery, Garden Mowers, Strimmer's, Hedge Cutters & Equipment

on behalf of **Greenland (Midlands) Ltd**
Desford, Leicestershire

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Friday 12th May, 11.00am

at Elmdene Farm, Bedford Road, Holwell,
Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 3RS

A Genuine Farm Dispersal Sale



To Include:

2019 **JCB** 526-56 Agri Plus Loadall with Pallet Tines, 2009 **McCormick** CX110 T3 Xtrashift 4WD Tractor, 2004 **McCormick** CX85 4WD Tractor, 1997 **NEW HOLLAND** 8340 4WD Tractor, 2008 **MITSHUBISHI** L200 DI-D 4Work Pick-Up Truck, 2020 **ATCO** GTL 43HR Twin Ride On Lawn Mower, 2019 **WARWICK** WB12HD Dump Trailer, 2007 **AS MARSTON** 24' Flat Twin Axle Bale Trailer, 24' Flat Bale Trailer with Wooden Floor, 10T **REED & UPTON** Twin Axle Dump Trailer with Auto Door, 3 Grain Bins

Also Farm Machinery. Grain Augers, Various Gates,
along with various Workshop Tools & Miscellaneous Effects

on behalf of The Late B F Walker

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Catalogue available online or by request