

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 17th August

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 19th August

Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams - *Catalogue Online*
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 24th August

Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 25th August

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Saturday 26th August

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Tack Sale - 1pm

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST

488 Prime Lambs

An unbelievable lift on the trade this week with the SQQ nearly 30p up at 283.12p/kg. A great showing of lambs saw a best end trade with the vast majority over 42kgs. George Thompson Farms topped the day with a sterling uniform run of Charollais crosses at 44kgs selling to 300p/kg with 45.5kgs to £132. Heavy lambs continue to outshine and outsell with Henry of JEJ Harrison & Son topping the market in weight and price with 57.5kg Lleyns at £165.

Highlights - Raveley Fen Farms drew a fantastic run of Charollais and Beltex lambs with 45.5kgs selling to £133 for two pens; HD & PJ Cranfield saw another best end run of Texels with their smartest at 44kgs selling to £131; DB Standing & Son penned an outstanding run of Charollais with 50kgs selling to £148 for two pens and 49kgs to £143; NC & S Sheppard & Son saw the best of the Suffolks at 51kgs sell for £146.50.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
269p	£105.00	265p	£102.00	266.4p	£103.00
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
300p	£133.00	256p	£110.00	283.7p	£123.97
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
296p	£150.00	255p	£122.00	283.4p	£135.90
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
287p	£165.00	287p	£165.00	287p	£165.00

53 Cull Ewes & Rams

Another lift similar to the lambs with ewes topping to £180 and averaging £84.43 including a run of Herdwick ewes at £46 and £51; DJ & AL Underwood topped the day at £180 with a big frame Texel cross ewe, their Blue Texel ewes seeing comparable highs at £135; M Wilkinson saw the smarter shape ewes top to £170 for Texel/Beltex; JEJ Harrison & Son topped their Lleyne ewes to £120 for big frames; JL Spendlove saw a flyer with their Mules topping the day at £104. Lean meat continues to out sell the fat around £90, with feeding types between £55 and £75 dependant upon the breed.

To	From	Average
£180.00	£46.00	£84.43

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Thrapston Breeding Sheep & Ram Sales

Entries are now being taken for the following sales

Saturday 19th August

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Wednesday 9th August

Wednesday 13th September

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Monday 4th September

Saturday 14th October

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Wednesday 4th October

Please contact us with your entries,
for cataloguing & advertising purposes.

Entry forms can be found online.

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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

Store & Breeding Cattle

22 month British Blue heifers sold to £1185; Limousin steers sold to £1140; A C Downing sold two Friesian steers 30 month to £800; JP Parkinson sold four Blonde steers 25 months to £730; and G Blackby sold four Aberdeen Angus heifers 16-17 months to £790 from £690.

Calves

Looking well sold, 3-4 week Aberdeen Angus heifers to £40 and 4 week Holstein bulls sold to £12.

Goats

Sold to £98 for a Dairy bred Nanny, lean Doelings and Wethers sold to £29 from £25 for K Dancer-Farren.

340 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs - A strong trade throughout with many active accounts. Another best end showing forward with all grades on show. All in average £74.83. Letchworth Garden City penned a sterling run of Charollais and Kerry x Charollais with the best end topping to £128, leading down to £103, £93.50, £87.50, £82; RJ Garley penned their usual goods with Texel crosses topping to £115, and leading at £87.50 for smaller frames; J Grace saw the trade of the day with smart bred Texels at £89 and Texel crosses to £88.50 and £88; JL Hammond topped their run to £85.50. Smaller long term lambs were still seen well into the £70's with very little under £60.

Feeding ewes - a smaller entry forward this week selling to £74 from K Dancer-Farren for Charollais and Continental crosses.

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.

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

C E Hancock & Son

23 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

S A C Holgate

35 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

Yorkshire Ltd

150 Charollais & Continental x Store Lambs

Dipped & Wormed

H H Marten

1 Suffolk x North Country Mule Feeding Ewe

1 Suffolk x North Country Mule Wether

S H & R S Whinney

10 Suffolk x Mule Store Lambs

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST

HORSES

Miss J Gibbs

Malteaser - Tricoloured Miniature Shetland yearling gelding. Passport and microchipped. Regularly wormed and foot trimmed. Lives in or out. Used to all farm machinery and happily lives with sheep and cattle. Good to catch, bath, groom, load. Has been well handled and shown in hand. Malteaser is friendly and has a cheeky personality. He is very intelligent and quick to learn. Malteaser is very good with all other horses and ponies, making him an excellent companion.



FOR SALE

Land off Station Road, Blunham, Bedfordshire

****** BEST & FINAL OFFERS BY 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST ******

4.75 acres (1.92 ha) of permanent pasture in the village of Blunham, Bedfordshire, available for sale as a whole.

For further information please contact

Richard Spendlove on 01832 732241

or richard.spendlove@bletsoes.co.uk

Sustainable Farming Incentive

2023 is the last year of BPS. De-linked payment will be available to those that are eligible for years 2023-2027. Mitigating the loss of the BPS income may future proof your business. There are various schemes and grants available to farmers which may help replace this. The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is due to be launched for applications in August 2023. This scheme may offer some additional income to soften the loss of BPS. This is a 3-year scheme aimed at both arable and grass land. There is a list of 23 actions to choose from, each action has a different objective and payment rate. Farmers can choose the options that suit their holding as long as the land type is eligible for that option.

CS Mid-Tier Capital Grants

You may wish to improve your holding by erecting new fencing, renewing concrete in yards, or planting new hedges. Under the Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier scheme grant money may be available to you to complete the actions you wish to undertake.

Please contact a member of the Agricultural team for more information on 01832 732241

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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CONTRACT FARMING ARRANGEMENTS & HOW BLETSOES CAN HELP

With the loss of BPS, high input prices and increased machinery costs, now could be a good time to consider a change in your farming business. If your current machinery fleet is coming up for renewal, you want to sharpen your costs or you're looking to relieve your workload. A Contract Farming Agreement might be the solution to meet a number of objectives while still retaining your status as a Farmer.

How do Contract Farming Agreement work?

A farmer instructs a contractor to undertake the practical operations and management of a crop or other enterprise within the farmer's stated policies.

Roles and operations are defined by the contract between farmer and contractor. The crop or other produce is the farmer's and the contractor provides labour, machinery and any other services specified on an agreed basis for remuneration.

Key points

1. The instructing farmer is and remains the responsible person with financial risk from the outcome of farming.
2. The contractor is a supplier of services to the farmer.
3. The contractor's role is defined by the contract and has access to the land by the farmer's consent.
4. A good working relationship and liaison between the two parties is essential to make this work, aided by prior agreement on expectations and responsibilities.

How can Bletsoes help?

Bletsoes can advise and talk you through how a Contract Farming Agreement (CFA) works highlighting the potential tax benefits and will explain in detail each parties' responsibilities. We can create and implement the contract agreement and ensure that the agreement works for both parties.

CFA Management

We can simply set up the new agreement or we can provide a management service ensuring that everything runs smoothly running a comprehensive cash book which can then be used to complete a computation of figures to work out a profit share for the growing year. We will be able to provide a schedule of performance giving you an insight into yields and costs.

Rob Russell
Agri-Business Consultant



ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT - CALF HOUSING UPGRADES



Further funding has recently been made available to cattle farmers in England. The new £10 million Animal Health and Welfare Infrastructure Grant set out by DEFRA now allows cattle farmers with over 10 cattle to apply for a grant of between £15,000 and £500,000 to co-finance improvements to farm buildings used for calf housing.

The aim is that buildings built or upgraded under the grant will deliver health and welfare benefits for calves up to the age of 6 months. The grant can pay for the capital costs to build new, upgrade, or replace existing calf housing buildings such as:

- A-frame buildings with 4 walls
- Mono-pitch buildings with 3 walls and one open side
- Permanent open-sided structures with igloos or hutches
- Other types of building that do not fit the above categories.

In addition to this, farmers are also able to access funding for **roof top solar panels** on calf housing buildings providing both improved thermal insulation and lower energy costs for calf housing.

Before applying, you need to discuss your project with a vet and include a letter of confirmation in your full application. The building must be in situ for a minimum of 5 years.

Grants can cover up to a maximum rate of:

- 40% of the eligible costs of a project OR
- 25% if rooftop solar PV panels are included as part of your project.

You can claim the grant payment after the work is finished and has been paid for. The RPA have indicated that similar grants will become available in due course for adult cattle, pig and poultry housing.

If you would like to discuss this grant in greater detail, please speak to a member of the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241.

NOTICE

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

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL - NEW LOCAL PLAN

Peterborough City Council have started preparations for a full update to their Local Plan setting out how the city will grow over future decades. The new Local Plan will set out an overarching approach to development in Peterborough and aims to deliver on many of the issues facing the local area at present.

As part of the Local Plan Review, a Call for Sites exercise is taking place inviting landowners to submit sites of potential interest to these sectors, these include:

- Residential such as housing (market and affordable), specialist homes, self-builds, moorings etc.)
- Commercial (such as employment, retail, commercial leisure, logistics and distribution etc.)
- Infrastructure (such as education, health facilities, transport hubs, renewable energy etc.)
- Open space (such as sports and recreation parks, biodiversity gain, flood mitigation and travelling showpeople site)

The Call for Sites runs until 15th September 2023.

For sites to be included in the Local Plan they must be capable of delivering 10 or more dwellings or for sites of economic development and commercial sites, a size of 0.25 hectares (or 500 square metres of floor space). We will be submitting sites on behalf of landowners to this process, along with supporting information and if you should have any land which you feel should be promoted through this Local Plan Review then please contact a member of the Planning and Development Team and we will be happy to assist you.

FOR SALE

Land off Deeping Road, Peakirk, Cambridgeshire

5.53 acres (2.23 hectares) of permanent pasture on the outskirts of Peakirk, near Peterborough, available for sale as a whole.

For further information please contact

Grace Millbank on 01832 732241
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CONSULTATION LAUNCHED INTO PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Following the speech by Housing and Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove, a consultation has started on proposed amendments to permitted development rights (PDRs). This proposes amendments to various PDRs including those relating to:

- Agricultural diversification and development for the conversion of agricultural buildings to commercial (Class R) or residential (Class Q) use.
- The extension of both domestic and non-domestic buildings.

These proposed amendments include:

- Expanding PDRs to include other rural buildings (such as equestrian and forestry buildings) enabling diversification to commercial or residential uses.
- Converting derelict, unused or obsolete roadside barns to residential dwellings in designated areas and Article 2 land including AONBs, National Parks, the Broads and World Heritage Sites. It is important to note however that the Government report does already mention the inclusion of PDRs on Article 2 land for both commercial use and residential use, up to 10 dwellings.
- Accepting new housing developments in designated areas and article 2 land. Nothing has been mentioned regarding legislation enabling the building of new homes within article 2 land with the government report stressing the protection of greenfield sites and greenbelt.
- Allowing rear extensions and simplifying the floorspace restriction within Class Q PDRs.
- Increasing the maximum area of agricultural development such as new agricultural buildings to [1,500sqm](#) (for agricultural units of 5ha or more).

The Consultation runs until 25th September 2023 when it will be reviewed.

As part of the call for evidence for the consultation on PDRs, DEFRA is interested in understanding planning and any other issues associated with nature-based solutions, farm efficiency projects and the diversification of farm incomes beyond that covered by PDRs.

CONSULTATION ON PLAN-MAKING

In addition to the launch of the consultation on PDRs, a consultation on plan-making has started. This consultation seeks views on proposals to implement the parts of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill that relate specifically to plan-making.

Some of the proposals within this consultation are:

- A timeframe of [30 months](#) to prepare, examine and adopt new local plans.
- A single local plan for a district rather than multiple documents.
- New assessments through the plan-making process.
- Piloting of 'Community Land Auctions' to identify land for development that benefits local communities.
- Introduction of 'Supplementary Plans' to enable local authorities to react to change in their areas quickly.

The Consultation runs until 18th October 2023 when it will be reviewed.

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

Friday 25th August 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 15th August to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



Horse Tack & Equine
Sundries

Saturday 26th August at 1.00pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 14th August

NO entries will be accepted after this date

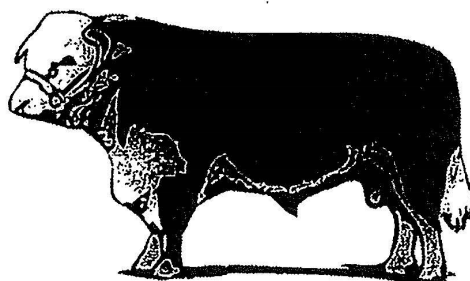
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BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW SOCIETY



Michaelmas Show Saturday 23rd September 2023 at Thrapston Market

Please come along and support our Show
Entries invited for Breeding, Finished & Store Animals
Cattle, Sheep & Pig Sections

Dinner & Dance Friday 24th November 2023 at Bedford Blues Rugby Club 7pm for 7.30pm

Presentation to Winners
Cups, Trophies and Prize Money

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Oakhurst Farm Eye, Cambridgeshire

In all about 115 acres (46 hectares)
For sale as a whole or in up to 5 lots

- 5 Bedroom Farmhouse and 4 Bedroom Barn Conversion
- Consent to convert farm buildings to create 3 dwellings
- 105.65 acres of Arable Land
- Environmental and Redevelopment Opportunities



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Land at Lower Farm Barnwell, Northamptonshire

In all about 197.68 acres (80 hectares)
For sale as a whole

- Approximately 193.28 acres (78.22 ha) of Commercial Arable Land
- Spinney & Ponds Across Rolling Countryside
- Environmental Opportunities



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