

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 7th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Saturday 11th November

Single Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 14th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 21st November

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 31ST OCTOBER

234 Prime Lambs

A harder days trading with only meat and export lambs in demand. SQQ 242.57p/kg. DM & A Andrews topped the day with a smart showing of Beltex crosses selling to 249p/kg for 44kgs. C Clews topped the day overall with best end Texels at 48kgs selling to £121.68 or 248p/kg.

Highlights - A Summers saw their usual stamp of Texel lambs forward with good shape meat at 43.5kgs selling to 248p/kg with their 40kgs reaching 246p/kg. A & KM Byrd topped their show of Charollais crosses with 43.5kgs to 245p/kg; TJ Hyatt saw best shape Charollais at 46kgs to 245p/kg; GF Heath & Sons topped the Suffolks for the day with 46kgs at 243p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
235p	£88.53	227p	£88.13	232.3p	£88.26
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
249p	£111.48	235p	£98.40	243.9p	£105.80
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
248p	£121.68	234p	£109.94	238.5p	£117.28

159 Store Lambs

Another lift in trade this week with quality runs forward. All in average £82.98. AV Taylor topped the Suffolks at £96 with their Texels crosses to £95 for big frame lean lambs; NK Butcher had a sterling run of 108 lambs forward seeing their Charollais top to £89 with followers at £81 and smaller better shape Texels topped to £85 followed by £83; Townsend Farms saw their run of Charollais to £79 for good going on lambs. The vast majority of lambs were over £74, and more are needed to meet buyer demand!

To	From	Average
£96.00	£46.00	£82.98

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.

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120 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade looks to have steadied on the whole with meat still holding the trade, lean ewes look dearer on the day in comparison. All in average £75.95. JE Harrison topped the day with big frame meated Suffolks selling to £113.50; K Elgar started the day with a best meat Charollais cross ewe flying to £109; Lambs End Ltd saw the best of the rams with Texels to £103 for meat and frame; R Hood topped the Mules for the day with big frame meat selling to £91.50. Ewes of frame and meat were seen in the £80's, with feeding types £65 and above.

To	From	Average
£113.50	£50.00	£75.95

Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs & Sundries

Plants, Shrubs, Containers and Ornaments - Tables full of unusual items forward today, a tin eagle sold for £12, a cat doorstep sold to £10, bags of logs to £5 and kindling sold to £4. Trays of Pansies on offer sold to £3, some spooky Halloween masks and skulls sold to £6 and 25 litres of garden fertiliser sold to £50. More lots are needed every week.

Produce - A clear out of feed today saw the tables full, layers pellets sold to £11, goat mix also to £11 per bag, chick crumbs sold to £9, bags of bedding to £8, alpaca food sold to £8 and duck food to £7, pig pellets look good value at £5, bags of bread sold to £4, jars of jam to £3, marmalade to £2.50 and carrots, leeks and cabbage sold to £1 from 50p.

Hatching Eggs - Trays of eggs sold to £9 from £5 and ½ dozen hen eggs to £1.50.

Sundries - A chainsaw sold to £160, garden rotavator sold to £75, a hay rack to £35, twenty fence stakes sold to £27 from £24, trolley jack to £22, a sack truck to £12, racing bike £10, poultry crate £9, crash helmet to £5 and Christmas decorations to £5.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th December
Fat Stock Show

Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Sale of Dressed Poultry

*Please forward your entries as soon as possible
for advertising purposes.*

SHEEP VENDORS

New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13th December 2023.

Action Needed Now.....

What's changing?

Changes in legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of the new rule is to comply with EU export requirements to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm biosecurity.

Why is this changing?

The Statutory Health Attestation is required from the 13 December 2023 to certify exports of POAO (Products of Animal Origin) to the EU. The EHCs (Export Health Certificates) require that the animals' farm of origin has undergone regular visits by a veterinary surgeon.

What do producers need to do?

Producers will be required to obtain a signed declaration from their vet that the visit has taken place. The veterinary attestation template can be found here: [veterinary attestation template](#). This should be signed and completed by the farm vet.

Obtaining a signed veterinary attestation must be done at least once over a 12-month period and can be combined with any other routine veterinary visit, including government supported initiatives such as the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway in England.

Farmers and vets must keep a copy of their completed declarations and the "unique reference number" created, for their records and to provide to their livestock auction market or meat processor.

Farms that are part of qualifying assurance schemes do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. Membership of these farm assurance schemes is accepted as evidence that a premises of origin meets the requirement for regular health visits from a vet.

The qualifying schemes are:

- Annual health and welfare review (England only)
- Quality Meat Scotland (QMS)
- Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb Scheme (FAWL) (Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd (WLBP))
- Red Tractor

Please contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803 for further information.

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Saturday 11th November 12.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

A Dispersal Sale of Poultry

A selection of over 300 Birds - To Include

Bantams – Seramas, Ayam, Showgirl Hens & Brahmas

Large Fowl – Wellsummers, Black Rocks, Blue Bells,
White Leghorns, Warrens, Black Tails & Easter Eggers

Pigeons – Fantails, Short Faced Tumblers & Pygmy Pouter

Guinea Fowl – White & Pied

Ducks – Swedish, Khakis, Cherry Valley, Carolinas,
Muscovys & Blonde Catalonia

Turkey Poults, Geese & Peafowl

A full list of entries can be viewed online or sent by request



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Christmas Prime Stock Show & Sale

*Tuesday 5th December at 10.30am,
Judging at 10am*

Classes:

- 1 - Best Pen of 3 Continental Lambs**
- 2 - Best Pen of 3 Native Bred Lambs**
- 3 – Best Single Cull Ewe**
- 4 – Champion & Reserve Champion**

Prize Cards & Prize Money will be awarded to the top 3 places

Please forward your entries to Jake as soon as possible.

Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Tuesday 19th December
at 12 noon*

To be held at Stratford Livestock Market

Entries are invited to include all types of oven ready birds and meats.

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants.

Long Legged & Other Poultry sections will also be available.

Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office

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TB RANGE AUCTION

at Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 28th November at 4pm

Sale of 85 Suckler Bred
Blonde D'Aquitaine Steers & Heifers
20-24 Months

On behalf of Northen & Son, Oakham

Further entries are invited

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