

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 15th August**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 17th August**

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams - [Catalogue Online](#)  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 22nd August**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 24th August**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 29th August**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 30th August**

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale  
*Entries close Tuesday 20th August*

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

### 608 Prime Lambs

A strong number forward this week with many looking to have drawn lambs at weaning. This was the finest example of a two tier trade, seeing well meated lambs on a flying trade, with lean under finished lambs penalised hard. Lean/Store lambs are far better sold on a Saturday at the store sale to active store buying accounts.

SQQ 296.77p/kg. WF Knight & Son penned another quality draw of Charollais and Texel cross Continentals seeing a high of 355p/kg for best meat at 44kgs, with their 45.5kgs selling to £156 and £150, 50.5kgs to £169 and 49kgs to £160; Cambridge University Farm topped the day overall with best meat Suffolks to £170 for 60kgs.

**Highlights** - S Clark topped the lighter lambs with Texels at 39kgs to £124; MR Peters & Son saw a flying trade for their Blue Texels with 45kgs selling to £151 and 50kgs of the same stamp to £160; I Birden penned a best end run of Dutch Spotted lambs seeing highs of £144 for 45kgs; W Veal penned a smart run of Texels seeing the best at 48kgs topping to £159.50; J Gowling & Sons continued their run of best meat Charollais and Texels crosses seeing highs of £159 for 49kgs, £158 for 48.5kgs and 47kgs to £153.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
318p	£124.00	273p	£95.00	284.9p	£109.59
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
355p	£156.00	274p	£110.00	300.1p	£130.17
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
339p	£169.00	272p	£125.00	312.4p	£149.83
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
308p	£170.00	288p	£163.00	303.3p	£164.40

### LAND TO LET

#### CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

Approx. 5 acres of Permanent Pasture at Castor, Peterborough available on a short term Farm Business Tenancy agreement or Grazing Licence.

For more information, please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk)



## 105 Cull Ewes & Rams

Another fantastic trade this week with numbers forward, seeing an average at £116.27. R Swinfen & Sons penned a tremendous run of Texel and Continental ewes seeing best shape and size to £199, £193.50, £174 and £169; CP Hankins & Son topped with a Cheviot cross ewe of top end weight at £174; IW Parrot topped the Suffolks on the day selling to £167 and £165. Good meat, heavy ewes were all seen over £140. R Swinfen & Sons topped the Mules for the day at £129. Lean meat big ewes were seen around £125. Grazers were harder sold again this week looking between £65 and £80.

To	From	Average
£199.00	£30.00	£116.27

### NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

## Gransden & District Agricultural Society Show

The 2024 Gransden Show will be held on Saturday 28th September at the Show Field, Caxton Road, Great Gransden, Cambs.

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MEMBERSHIP TODAY FOR ONLY £35

#### Benefits Include

- 2 complimentary entry tickets (normally £12/£15 each)
- Members badges
- Use of the Members tent on show day
- Complimentary tea/coffee
- Lunches will be on sale (subject to availability) or can be pre-ordered from the Event Manager @£32 a head
- Access to Members licensed bar



To become a Member of the Society or to help the show financially with a donation or sponsorship, complete the slip below and return it with the appropriate contribution to the address below BEFORE 8th September 2024. Membership can also be purchased online at [www.gransdenshow.org.uk](http://www.gransdenshow.org.uk) and click on the membership section on the website.

TO: The Event Manager, 20 Whiston Way, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 6AU

I would like to become a 2024 Member of The Gransden & District Agricultural Society

Please find enclose cheques for £.....payable to: Gransden & District Agricultural Society

Name:

Address:

Email:

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For information on how we process personal data please go to [www.gransdenshow.org.uk](http://www.gransdenshow.org.uk) and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

## NFU SURVEY

NFU are currently conducting a survey about tail docking and castration in lambs to help inform discussions with the government on potential new restrictions.

**We kindly ask that you complete the survey, and share the survey with your customers, to gather vital information on the impact of any proposed restrictions to the current practises of tail docking and castration within both farming businesses and the lamb market.**

Please see full details and the survey link below.

Tail docking and castration in lambs is considered necessary to manage negative health and welfare impacts caused by fly-strike, or to avoid unwanted pregnancies and complications during post-slaughter processing.

Both procedures are permitted in the UK and governed by legislation however, the [Farm Animal Welfare Council's report](#) released in December 2022 discussed the implications of castration and tail docking (which are in the legal terms described as mutilation procedures) on the welfare of lambs and makes several recommendations related to these routine management procedures.

As a result of this report and due to growing pressure on the veterinary profession and resource, there is potential for regulatory changes to be taken forward by the new government.

The NFU is therefore seeking sheep producers' participation in a short survey on the lamb production and husbandry and management methods. (Open to both members and non-members)

This will provide us with a comprehensive understanding of practices within the sector and the necessary information and data to highlight the detrimental impact of introducing restrictions on these routine management procedures.

**[Survey link: NFU members – take our survey on lamb castration and tail docking – NFUonline](#)**

The deadline for the survey is **26 September 2024**

**Please note. Question 3 – If you are NOT a NFU member please put the answer as N/A**

## NOTICE

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

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST**

### **475 Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Store Lambs** - no let up in the trade this week with some early vendors now getting through their lambs. A larger entry of longer term lambs on the day, averaging £90.40. R Spencer topped the day with a fantastic showing of Texel lambs selling to £136.50 for Ram lambs and followers to £127; C Thompson penned another strong run of Suffolks seeing £126 for their top and £104 for followers; RJ Garley had another quality run of Texel crosses forward with a high of £125 for the biggest framed lambs through to £108, £100 and £98; CL Fraser & Son penned a real smart run of Continental lambs seeing mid frame tight skins sell to £120, £115, £114 and £102; PT Harris & Son sold another draw of Hampshire crosses of strong frame but long term to £108.50. All Continental smart shape lambs were £98 plus with well bred healthy mid to long term lambs £84 to £95. Long term lambs were £75 plus.

**Feeding Ewes** - trade continues to hold on the back of the cull trade averaging £71.30. JA & MJ Kitchener topped the day with Suffolks to £131.50 and £105 for lean meat; A Chaffe saw the trade of the day with Herdwick ewes to £100. Mid frame lean ewes were around £85 with C Haste having a flying trade for Welsh ewes to £55.

### **Pigs**

N Gabriel penned a smart show of Landrace crosses, seeing store gilts to £44, with their gilt weaners to £30 and boars to £20.

### **Calves**

Chellington Partners drew a smart well done run of TB4 calves, seeing their British Blue heifers to £290 and Hereford heifers to £275 and £265, their bull calves sold to £255 for Herefords and £100 for Holstein Friesians; FH Pullin & Sons saw another smart entry of TB1 Holsteins Friesians at a month old to £60.

### **LAND AVAILABLE**

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston.  
Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk) for further details.

## LAND FOR SALE

### LAND OFF WELFORD ROAD, SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Approximately 5.90 acres (2.39 hectares) of Permanent Pasture off Welford Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire.

For Sale as a Whole.

Offers are invited in excess of £170,000

For more information please contact

Alex Abrahams on 01832 732241



## KEYSOE RC HORSE SHOW

Monday 26th August 2024

Forty Foot Farm, Chapel Lane, Souldrop, Beds. MK44 1HB

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Open to all - for further information please use the link below.

[Keysoe Riding Club Horse Show - The UK's Biggest Show Directory \(myridinglife.com\)](https://myridinglife.com/shows/keysoe-riding-club-horse-show)



## UK FARM ASSURANCE REVIEW - YOUR THOUGHTS NEEDED

As you may be aware, the National Farming Unions and AHDB have commissioned an **independent review of farm assurance in the UK**.

The independent commission have now opened up a survey, inviting feedback from across the agricultural industry.

Evidence collated from the survey will assist in the development of the recommendations made in the final report regarding the future of assurance in the UK, due in autumn 2024.

We would strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to feedback your thoughts in this survey, to inform the future of assurance in the UK.

The survey should take between 10-15 minutes to complete.

**Survey link:** <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/promaraf-2021/the-uk-farm-assurance-review>

More information regarding the review and survey can be found here: <https://ahdb.org.uk/farm-assurance-review-latest-updates/survey2024>

## SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### Webb Hatherley Livestock

9 British Blue x Heifers	7-12 Months
8 British Blue x Steers	8-10 Months
2 Aberdeen Angus x Steers	8-10 Months
5 Aberdeen Angus x Heifers	9-15 Months
4 Hereford x Steers	11 Months
1 Simmental x Heifer	12 Months

#### Newlands Farm

15 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers	19-22 Months
<i>Named Sires</i>	

#### C E Hancock & Son

15 Store Cattle	15-25 Months
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#### S A C Holgate

31 Store Cattle	17-27 Months
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### CALVES

#### F H Pullin & Sons

4 Black & White Bull Calves	2-4 Weeks
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### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### H Nichols

10 Store Lambs

#### J Breare

20 Store Lambs

There is a separate catalogue for the Breeding Sheep Sale

### 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.

### HAY, STRAW & FODDER

80 x Large Square 4 String Bales of Good Quality Hay – Baled last week  
Currently on Pallets or Trailers Undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities.  
Located East Langton, Leics. Contact Jim 07973 367456

**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 24th August 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

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 [Andrea@fcn.org.uk](mailto:Andrea@fcn.org.uk)

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Huntingdonshire**

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**By using the Livestock Information Service (LIS) to report your sheep, goat and deer movements, you are not required to post a copy of your on-movement form.**

**All you need to do is accept the move issued by the market on your LIS account.**

## Get Started Today!

Save time and money using LIS online. Visit the Livestock Information website to create your LIS account today.

Scan Here!



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[www.livestockinformation.org.uk](http://www.livestockinformation.org.uk)

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### NOTICE

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

## Thrapston Market Report 2024 Advertising Tariff

### 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](mailto:beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk)

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre  
Haldens Parkway  
NN14 4QT

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> August to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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## An Auction



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 1.00pm**

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

Entries by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**NO** entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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Eastern Region

## HAMPSHIRE DOWN CLUB SHOW & SALE

**At Stratford Livestock Market**

*Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. CV37 8LP*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm**

*Judging at 11am*

**To include MV & Non MV Sections**

Entry Forms are available by request or online

Entries to be made by Grassroots & Entry Form

***Entries Close Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August***

***No late entries will be accepted***

For further information contact Alastair Brown – 07885 804450

Beth Kitchener – [market@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:market@bletsoes.co.uk)

Kevin or Jane Byford – [jka.byford@btconnect.com](mailto:jka.byford@btconnect.com)

# **BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW SOCIETY**



## **Michaelmas Show Saturday 21st September 2024 at Thrapston Market**

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

## **Dinner & Dance Friday 22nd November 2024 at Bedford Blues Rugby Club 6.00pm for 7.30pm**

**Presentation to Winners  
Cups, Trophies and Prize Money**

**For Entries & Dinner Tickets please contact:**

**Bletsoes: 01832 732241 / Mark Blakemore: 07802 291171  
Charles Tomkins: 07801 420747 / William Saunders: 07711 089677**

**[www.bletsoes.co.uk](http://www.bletsoes.co.uk)**

**Entries close 12 noon Thursday 12th September 2024**



# THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Thrapston Livestock Market

The Fat Stock Show is an important date in the calendar at **Thrapston Livestock Market**. It is a day when everyone is welcome from competitors, to Young Farmer stock judges to spectators. It is an opportunity for all generations in the rural community to get together.

It may seem a long way off, but when it comes to the Fat Stock Show, planning is already in full swing!

This year we are going big, with our **Prize Money** for the Champion Beast increasing to a whopping **£1000** with the Reserve Champion receiving **£500**! Our Champion Sheep haven't been forgotten and this **Prize Pot** is also increasing in 2024. Exhibiting livestock at the Show isn't just for those who have done it for years. Why not enter animals this year and you could win one of the many monetary prizes on offer for cattle, sheep, pigs and non-livestock classes. You could enter as an individual, as a pair, as a group or even as a Club, enabling you to share the responsibilities, support each other or even have a little bit of healthy competition between friends.



*The Society is always looking for new committee members with new ideas and suggestions.*

*If you would like to get involved with the Show including advice about livestock you could enter, please do get in contact.*



**Secretary: Beth Kitchener**



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Chairman: Hugh Brightwell

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