

# The Market Report

## Stratford Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday 27th August

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce, Poultry & Misc - 10.00am

### Tuesday 3rd September

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce, Poultry & Misc - 10.00am

### Tuesday 10th September

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce, Poultry & Misc - 10.00am

### Wednesday 11th September

Field Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams - 11.00am

Hampshire Down Sale - 1.00pm

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

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

### 247 Prime Lambs

A very similar trade on the week, with lighter meat lambs commanding the trade. SQQ 294.57p/kg. Baylis Farming topped the day pence per kilo with best end Charollais lambs at 39kgs selling to 318p/kg; W Stock & Son topped the day overall at £136.80 for a tremendous show of Charollais at 47.5kgs.

**Highlights** - T Young saw a smart show of Charollais at 38kgs topping to 314p/kg; WJ Barnett & Son saw their 35.5kgs and 38.5kgs Charollais to 311p/kg and 308p/kg; NA Dawson saw the trade of the day with a smart run of Texel crosses selling to 311p/kg for 40kgs and 308p/kg for 42kgs; FG Belcher & Sons topped with smart meat Texel crosses to 280p/kg for 46.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
318p	£124.02	292p	£98.67	303.9p	£113.18
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
311p	£133.77	274p	£114.96	289.4p	£123.30
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
288p	£136.80	250p	£122.50	272.5p	£130.55

### 36 Store Lambs

Another smart trade this week averaging £79.63 with a majority showing of long term lambs. GD Killmister topped the day with mid frame Charollais and Texel crosses selling to £89 and £87; P Taylor saw their final draw of lambs with Suffolks to £76 and rams lambs to £45.

To	From	Average
£89.00	£44.00	£79.63

### 115 Cull Ewes & Rams

Lean meat lead the way again but not quite as high as recent weeks. All in average £91.28. RW Kerby topped the day with a smart show of Suffolks to £145; TR Tame & Son saw similar highs with lean meat Suffolks to £138 and thick ewes to £110; GC Hodges & Son topped the Mules with lean meat to £100. All meat with frame sold to £90.

To	From	Average
£145.00	£40.00	£91.28

## 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**

## STAFF WANTED

We are looking for an individual for Cleansing & Disinfecting duties after market.

Hours to suit. Good rate of pay.

For further information contact Jake 07487 526803

## **Plants, Produce, Poultry, Hatching Eggs & Sundries**

**Plants** - The start of winter plants already. Trays of Pansy's sold to £1.80, buy them while they are cheap, they'll last all autumn and winter. Bird feeders sold to £20, half the price in the shops. A rose arch also sold to £20 and a wishing well sold to £20. A number of interesting garden ornaments sold from £2 to £20. Leek plants sold to £2.

**Produce** - Tables full of fresh produce including apples, plums, beans, beetroot, aubergine and jars of pickled onions, prize winning jams and lots more. Also twenty lots of poultry and rabbit feed at prices a lot less than in the shops.

**Poultry** - Another great sale with all types forward to include hens, ducks, cockerels, POL, game and chicks. Star of the day was a Yokohama hen with chicks selling to £70, a pair of Saddled Yokohamas sold to £26 each, six Rhode Island Red chicks sold to £18, seven Khaki Campbell ducklings £25, White Star POL £15, Light Sussex bantams £16, Blue Bells £12, Calder Ranger £12, Silver Sussex £12, Cuckoo Orpingtons pullets £10.

**Hatching Eggs** - Trays of hen eggs sold to £6.50, six Bantam eggs 60p, trays of Pullet eggs £4, eight Silkie eggs £3, quantity of Egg boxes £1.50.

**Sundries** - Another large selection with boxes of brass selling to £40, cordless drills to £30, vintage fuel cans £10, boxes of tools £5, a vice £14, socket sets £9. Shed clearance items in boxes are keenly sort after if you want to clear a space in your shed.

### **Contact us with your entries pre sale.**

Poultry form & Entry form

– <https://www.bletsoes.co.uk/assets/Entry-Forms/997a447209/Stratford-Fur-Feather-Entry-Form-2024-v2.pdf>



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What's in the sale – <https://youtube.com/watch?v=xiFhB1-tl48&feature=shared>

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY**

**Wednesday 11th September**

Field Sale of Breeding Sheep, Store Lambs & Rams  
Hampshire Down Club Show & Sale



## 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>

## Livestock theft.

Do you know who's behind it?



Tell us what you know, and remain 100% anonymous.

[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555111**

100% anonymous. Always.

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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## 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***

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## Preventing Water Pollution & Avoiding Cattle Watering Breaches

The Environment Agency have highlighted a number of breaches where farmers have not taken reasonable precautions to prevent agricultural diffuse pollution occurring in relation to cattle watering.

Livestock access to watercourse can cause various issues, including:

- Banks to collapse which increases flood risk
- Build-up of sediment causing pollution and damaging habitats
- Siltation and affecting how channels work
- Animal wastes in water posing a risk to human and animal health

Measures can be taken to prevent these issues:

- Fence off surface water to prevent livestock damaging the banks and fouling in the water. This will also allow natural habitats to develop which will provide protection from soil erosion
- Previously managed or constructed drinking points in watercourse are no longer recommended as they can cause poaching in one area. Alternative watering facilities should be installed.
- Position livestock feeders and drinkers away from water courses and move at frequent intervals to avoid poaching.
- Plant hedges alongside watercourse to prevent access and enhance biodiversity.

Funding through Countryside Stewardship Capital Grants is available for capital items such as fencing. Please contact a member of the Agricultural Team for further information.



# DID YOU KNOW?

**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.

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