

# The Market Report

## Stratford Forthcoming Events

### 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

### Saturday 14th September

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

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

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

### 254 Prime Lambs

A good show forward with a two tier trade for quality. Light lambs continue to sell to a flying trade. SQQ 291.64p/kg. JD Weaver topped the day pence per kilo with best end Texel lambs at 315p/kg for 40kgs. TJ Hyatt topped the day overall at £143.10 for Texel crosses at 53kgs.

**Highlights** - TO Withers penned a smart run of Charollais lambs seeing the best to 314p/kg at 36kgs, with their 41kgs to 312p/kg; C Clarry penned a decent run of Hampshire lambs at lighter weights seeing their 39kgs to 296p/kg and 33kgs to 294p/kg; Saffron Estates Ltd penned best end Charollais at 43.5kgs selling to 300p/kg; RJ White saw the trade of the day with Texel crosses to 299p/kg for 39.5kgs; Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd topped their Easycare show with 47kgs to 289p/kg; JE Lea & Son continue to draw best meat Charollais Mules topping at 285p/kg for 47.5kgs.

| To                             |         | From |         | Average |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 314p                           | £115.44 | 287p | £97.02  | 297.7p  | £104.35 |
| <i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i> |         |      |         |         |         |
| 315p                           | £130.50 | 283p | £116.64 | 290.8p  | £122.66 |
| <i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 289p                           | £135.83 | 280p | £128.80 | 283.7p  | £133.04 |
| <i>Over 52kg</i>               |         |      |         |         |         |
| 270p                           | £143.10 | 270p | £143.10 | 270p    | £143.10 |

### 124 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade continues at best end highs seeing a fantastic all in average of £111.43. FG Belcher & Sons topped the day at £198 for Charollais rams, with ewes to £146 and Suffolks to £139; S Walby topped the Texels to £163; TJ Hyatt saw best meat Texels to £152 and topping the Mules for the day at £118; K Walby saw a smart run of meated Suffolks to £152 with Continental cross ewes of lean meat still in the wool selling to £150. All meat sold above £95, with true feeders seeing a drop down by comparison and selling between £55 and £70.

| To      | From   | Average |
|---------|--------|---------|
| £198.00 | £48.00 | £111.43 |

## 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**

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

**Plants & Pots** - A few more plants again this week along with a bench, some galvanised buckets and tubs and a wishing well.

**Produce** - Lots of fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables, plenty of apples, beetroot and lots more, along with animal feed for poultry, horses, rabbits and more.

**Poultry** - This section is getting bigger by the week. There was plenty on offer with something for everyone, to include chicks, growers, POL, ducklings and ducks. Come and have a look if you want some cheap poultry. **PLEASE contact us to book your poultry in prior to the sale, as this is now a DEFRA requirement.**

**Hatching Eggs** - A good number about even for this time of year. All sorts on offer to include bantams, large fowl, hen eggs, incubators and brooders.

**Sundries** - A small entry this week saw some items gain no interest, but others selling at a premium for what they are. Cutlery and brass saw premium prices today.

Come and join in the fun. FREE Parking, FREE entrance to the auction, a café on site and plenty to see, what more could you ask for on a Tuesday morning. USE US OR LOSE US.

What's booked in can be found on our Facebook page on the day before the sale

Contact the Auction Team for further details

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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/>

### 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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