

# The Market Report

## November 2023

### Professional Ponderings

#### Lettings Ponderings

Back in November 2022, Bletsoes wrote to those Landlords whose properties were identified as likely to be affected by the Government's proposed new EPC regulations. In Autumn 2020, the Government started a consultation on tightening The Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 even further, by looking to improve the energy performance rating of private rented properties. At the time of writing to our Landlords, the proposals were just that, and no regulations had been drafted.

During the Prime Minister's speech about Net Zero, on the 20th September 2023, Rishi Sunak announced that no legislation will be introduced requiring property owners to make energy efficiency improvements and extra money will be made available to those wanting to replace current heating systems with a Heat pump or Biomass boiler.

Mr Sunak said the UK Government are still committed to achieving Net Zero by 2050 but a new approach was needed, which should be realistic.

Although the UK Government will continue to encourage improvements, policies to force Landlords to make improvements to their properties, which in turn would increase the EPC ratings have been ruled out.

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Bletsoes are hopeful this will bring a sense of relief to many of our Landlords, by negating the prospect of additional costs and no Wind turbines would need to be installed in back gardens around the Country, as one of the recommendations on many an EPC!

Another positive note for Landlords, taken from the Prime Minister's speech, was the announcement that the grant available through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme will be increased from £5,000 to £7,500, and will not be required to be paid back. It is available to those wishing to change their current heating system to Heat pumps or a Biomass boiler.

We at Bletsoes believe that any future targets must provide incentives for Landlords and encourage them, rather than penalise and can only hope if there is a change of Government after the general election next year, that the new Government will be of a similar mindset.

We are hopeful this revised approach will allow Landlords to improve their properties according to their own timescale and budgets.

If you would like some more information on the types of service the Bletsoes Lettings Team offer, then please do get in touch and a member of the Team will be happy to help.

*Teresa Mutton*  
*Residential Lettings Manager*

**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 25th November 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)

# Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 9th November**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 11th November**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs  
One Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm  
Small Dispersal of Workshop Tools,  
Sundries & Agricultural Effects

**Thursday 16th November**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 18th November**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 23rd November**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

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

## **Thrapston Market Report 2023 Advertising Tariff**

### **Advertising Charges**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1/8 Page  | £10 Per Week |
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| 1/2 Page  | £30 Per Week |
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### **Discounted Rates Available**

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

### Prime Lambs

A majority penning of quality meat lambs with a strong buying force to meet the in spec lambs. SQQ saw a lift at 251.88p/kg. More lambs are needed nationally, driving the trade with an expected lift next week. CX White topped the day with heavy lambs to 266p/kg for Texel crosses at 56kgs and £149 overall.

**Highlights** - CW Webb & Partners topped the lighter lambs on the day with Charollais crosses at 44kgs selling to £114, with their 51kgs to £127.50 and 53kg Suffolks to £130. C Stancombe & Son saw a continuation with their Texel Mule lambs selling to £112 for 45.4kgs and 52kgs to £128. John Gowling & Sons saw a sterling draw of quality with Charollais and Texels Continentals at 51kgs selling to £133, 50kgs to £130.50 and £130 with their 59kgs flying to £145.

| To                             |         | From |         | Average |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 259p                           | £114.00 | 244p | £104.00 | 251.9p  | £109.89 |
| <b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b> |         |      |         |         |         |
| 264p                           | £133.00 | 235p | £114.00 | 252p    | £122.55 |
| <b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 266p                           | £149.00 | 202p | £110.00 | 252.9p  | £136.02 |

### Culls

A proper run of quality ewes forward, with a real show of meat and power. All in average saw £83.28. JR Smith & Son topped the day at £122 for Continental ewes with similar goods all through at £121.50, £119, £114.50 and Suffolks to £111.50. Thornby Farms topped their ewes with Suffolks at £103 and with their Mules at £70. Feeding types were seen at £60 and below.

| To      | From   | Average |
|---------|--------|---------|
| £122.00 | £30.00 | £83.28  |

### 2024-2025 PLACEMENT

Hello all, I am currently a student at Hartpury College and as part of my course we have a year placement 2024-2025. I have experience with beef and dairy, and a small amount with pigs, sheep and arable. I have my tractor test coming up so would hope to have that by the summer. Preferably I would like to be on a mixed farm to gain the most experience in multiple sectors, but I would be happy to turn my hand to anything. If you have an opening or know of someone seeking help, please get in touch. Many thanks, Charlie 07703 910780

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The Planning & Development Team undertake a broad range of planning and development work with direct involvement in some of the largest regional development schemes, including new settlements and large edge of settlement developments. We regularly promote land directly for clients and have achieved a number of notable allocations in local plans. We also act for clients in negotiations with developers/promoters and regularly conclude transactions with PLC House Builders, SME House Builders and Promoters. We are also heavily involved in rural planning with the re-development of farmyard sites, class Q applications and applications for rural worker dwellings.

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A competitive salary will be offered. Primarily based in Thrapston, Northamptonshire. A Job Description is available upon request and please apply with a CV and covering letter to:

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All applications will be treated in strictest confidence, and we would be happy to discuss the role in more detail before applications are submitted.

## **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.

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

J & S Bardwell sold Charolais cows with Limousin calves at foot to £1520 and £1470 and their Angus cow with Limousin calf sold to £1240. Others sold to £1420 for Angus heifers with Angus calves at foot. Empty cows sold to £905 from £845 for NP & MJ Russell.

I Warpole sold two Hereford steers to £710, K & S Miles sold a Limousin steer to £765 and a Red Poll to £710; Corney & Sons sold Limousin steers to £710; JC Agriculture Ltd sold Angus steers to £650. M Holben sold his Continental steers to £1380 and 9 month heifers to £1040. RG Percival sold a bunch of South Devon steers to £1280. RA Cade sold Gelbvieh heifers to £1300 and a steer to £1070. JI Holmes sold a Angus steer to £960. Eastern Farms sold Angus steers to £975 and heifers to £500.

### **Calves**

British Blue Heifer calves from JEG James sold to £300 and their heifers sold to £290, K & A Badrick sold two INFA95 bulls to £200 and Angus heifers to £160 and a Bull to £90. WA Infield & Son sold Holstein bull calves to £60.

### **Pigs**

Pigs sold to £55 for A Pittom and Mini One Plant Hire sold theirs to £45.

### **Goats**

Three Pygmy Wether goats forward today sold for £80 from C Bull.

### **Equine**

Three Shetland Ponies forward today sold to £1720 and £1200 for two 8 year old Mares and a Stallion sold to £650.

### **FODDER BEET**

For Sale at Cransley, Kettering, Northampton  
Contact John Claypole 07774 269403

### **NOTICE**

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

## 491 Store Sheep

**445 Store Lambs** - A different trade this week with the weather against the odds, lambs forward hadn't faltered with some big runs of all grades. The average for the day looks harsh and doesn't reflect the trade on the day at £69.62. J Pringle topped the day with a sterling show of Texel rams selling to £125. CN Sansom topped their run with Texel ewe lambs to £120 for well grown best shape lambs. SJ Hubbard penned a sterling run of their usual types with best shape Texels to £107 with smaller types at £90. JC & JS Helliwell drew a tremendous run of power seeing their Beltex types to £105.50 over two pens with more at £100, £100 and £98. E Samsom & Son had the trade of the day with Texel Mule lambs to £100. CD Hughes saw a good going on run of Texel cross Scotch Mule lambs selling to £81, £80 and £78. Mid frame lambs were lower this week in the £70's with longer term types in the low £60's. Soay ram lambs were around £10.

**Feeding Ewes** - Ewes in general are harder sold at the minute reflecting the fat trade, all in average £55.37. S Wajzner topped with Dorset cross ewes to £105. E Sansom & Son saw a strong trade with Mule ewes to £80 and leaner types at £65. Leanest smaller frame ewes were sub £60.

### NOTICE

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

### RSPCA - FERAL CATS

The RSPCA charity based in Middlesex have been in contact with regards to rehoming a number of feral cats (barn cats). For further information click the link.

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/findapet/rehomeapet/process/rehomeacat/farmcat>

### 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.



## SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### R A Ford

10 Purebred South Devon Steers 12-14 Months  
4 Pure South Devon & Angus Heifers 12-14 Months

#### C E Hancock & Son

3 Continental Heifers with Calves at Foot  
18 Store Cattle 17-27 Months

#### S A C Holgate

26 Store Cattle - 14 Heifers & 12 Steers 15-25 Months

#### P C Bath Ltd

5 Longhorn Steers (De-Horned) 21 Months

#### G Kerr

3 Aberdeen Angus Steers (Reg Sire) 19-20 Months

#### J P Watts

14 Limousin Heifers 20-30 Months

#### A B Spackman

2 Aberdeen Angus Cows 8 Years

### CALVES

#### R J Clark

20 Angus & Hereford Bulls & Heifers 6 Weeks  
Out of British Friesian, Brown Swiss & Fleckvieh Cows  
They received 3 days of Colostrum as calves for a good start

#### A G Burton

4 Aberdeen Angus X Bull Calves 2-3 Weeks  
2 Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves 2-3 Weeks  
10 Holstein Friesian Bull Calves 2-3 Weeks

### PIGS

#### J Mutters

7 Large White weaners - Free Range (4 Gilts, 3 Boars) 12 Weeks

#### L A Burton

20 Ewe Lambs  
15 Store Lambs

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### M Towler

40 Store Lambs

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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*



**on behalf of L Smith**

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## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

at Thrapston Livestock Market

# A Small Dispersal Sale of Workshop Tools, Sundries & Agricultural Effects



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*The sale is being held due to the owners relinquishing the farm tenancy. All lots to be sold without reserve.*

**to be sold after the Poultry**

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## TB RANGE AUCTION

at Thrapston Livestock Market

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Contact Alastair Brown – 07885 804450

# THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Incorporating

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

**Christmas Fat Stock Show**



*New Cattle & Special Classes*

*TB Exempt Sections in the Cattle Section*

**Schedule Available Now**

**Lycetts**  
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**Fat Stock Dinner**

*on*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm**



**Tickets - £40 per person**

*Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630*

## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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 14<sup>th</sup> November to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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