

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

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

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

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

**Friday 24th November**  
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

**Saturday 25th November**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Tuesday 28th November**  
TB Orange Auction - 4pm  
*see main advert for further information*

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

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

### Prime Lambs

National lift this week with export lambs forcing the trade and lighter lambs saw premiums for over 42kgs to 47kgs. Lighter than 40kgs were hard sold and comparable to store price, heavies continue on the same trade as recent weeks and lean meat is still not sought after. SQQ 260.93p/kg. L Blackman topped the day with a best end showing of Beltex lambs selling to 298p/kg for 42kgs. F & SM Stamper topped the day overall with 50.5kgs Beltex lambs to £145.

**Highlights** - R & M Arrowsmith saw Continental lambs weighing 57.5kgs to £144. F & SM Stamper saw a high of £126 for best end Beltex lambs at 43kgs with their 47.5kgs to £134. RW Spencer had a strong showing of meat with their Continentals at 45.5kgs selling to £120. C Stancombe & Son topped their Texel Mule lambs at £133 for 51.5kgs. More meat lambs are needed to fill buyer demand.

To		From		Average	
<b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>					
279.0p	£109.00	230.0p	£87.50	246.5p	£92.50
<b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b>					
298.0p	£126.00	235.0p	£95.00	262.3p	£113.71
<b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>					
287.0p	£145.00	216.0p	£105.00	256.2p	£124.15
<b>Over 52kg</b>					
250.0p	£144.00	192.0p	£115.00	233.6p	£131.00

### Culls

Prices held with meat and weight in demand, the grades of ewes are reflecting the averages at £79.47. L Blackman topped the day with a tremendous showing of lean meat Texels of best shape selling to £157 with thicker versions of the same ewes at £134. F & SM Stamper saw a big framed Texel cross ewe to £137 and compact Beltex ewes to £119. J Donald topped the Suffolk ewes at £116 and the Mules to £91. Big frame meat Mules regularly sold between £85 and £90. Leaner Continentals were seen in the £70's with feeders between £40 and £60.

To	From	Average
£157.00	£79.47	£37.00

### NOTICE

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

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## **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 11TH NOVEMBER**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

A strong trade throughout with shorter term big frames in demand. PC Bath topped the day with thick framed Longhorn steers at 22 months old selling to £1280. AB & PJ Nightingale saw a smart run of Aberdeen Angus through, with their steers at 15 months topping to £1050 and their heifers at 13 months to £680. RA Ford saw their usual goods forward with South Devons at 12-16 months old selling to £950 from the steers and £700 for the heifers. JP Watts struck the day with a smart run of Limousin heifers selling to £1085 at 19 months with their over 30 months heifers to £1210, their steers are forward next week.

### **Calves**

Reared Hereford steers at 3 to 8 months came up trumps in the calf ring selling to £455 from AJ Saunders & Son. AG Burton topped their day with Aberdeen Angus bull calves to £58 and heifers to £80 with their Holstein bulls selling to £10 throughout the board.

### **Pigs**

J Mutters had a smart show of large white weaners forward with their gilts selling to £45 and the boars to £40.

### **412 Store Sheep**

**Store Lambs** - Another strong week's trading with numbers continuing to come thick and fast, all grades forward with long term lambs looking dear on the day and best hopper types looking to have increased demand. All in average £83.91. R Spencer topped the day with Texel and Beltex crosses to £128 for best shape and frame with their followers to £120 and £111.50. CA Freeman topped with a smart show of Beltex ram lambs flying to £108 with Texels of the same style to £100. JH Jones & Son drew a smart run of Texel Mule lambs seeing the biggest frame to £102 for two pens and followers at £100 down to £94. WG Childs & Son drew their usual stamp with tight skinned Continental types to £101 and £96 twice and through to £94. C & A Morley saw some of the strongest trade on the day with late born Texel crosses to £95.50. Smart bred Continental types were consistently through the £80 with longer term types in the high £70's. Very little was seen below £55 other than native bred.

**Feeding Ewes** - weight and size force the trade with an all in average of £63.56. PR Rogers topped the day with young Suffolk crosses to £116, B Conner saw the trade of the day with meat Cheviot ewes to £108. WG Childs saw Charollais 2 tooth to £107 for shape. P&J Green saw their run of Suffolk ewes top to £69 with their Mules to £68. Smaller frame bright ewes were seen in the high £60's with the longest term small ewes sub £40.

## 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

## FOR PRIVATE SALE

Quality Pedigree Hereford Bull - 5 Years Old – Polled  
For sale as coming back on its daughters  
Contact Brian Pile - 07778 970628

## FODDER BEET

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

## 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>

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**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**K & S Miles TB4**

2 Limousin Steers

19-20 Months

**JC & JS Helliwell TB4**

4 Limousin x Steers

9 Limousin x Heifers

18 months old - suckler bred

**JP Watts**

8 Limousin Steers

20-24 Months

**James Caden TB4**

9 Charolais Steers

9-18 Months

8 Charolais Heifers

9-18 Months

**C E Hancock & Son**

26 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

**S A C Holgate**

38 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

**NOTICE**

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

**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.

Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

[eddie.smith@talk21.com](mailto:eddie.smith@talk21.com)

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

#### **Advertising Charges**

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1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week
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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)



**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

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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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