

Bletsoes

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The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 20th March

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 22nd March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 27th March

Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 28th March

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

Saturday 29th March

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 3rd April

Prime & Cull Sheep

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

247 Prime Hogs

A mixed showing of hogs forward. Very few were in spec, under 48kgs sold to premiums with heavies easier on the week. Store lambs spoilt the trade on the day. SQQ 313.04p/kg. M & L Blakemore & Sons topped the day with a tremendous show of Beltex and Texel hogs at 355p/kg and £187.

Highlights - M & L Blakemore & Sons topped the lighter hogs with 42kgs Beltex to 355p/kg with their best end Texels at 81kgs selling to £187; TJ Collins & Sons saw a smart show of Charollais at 45kgs selling to £143; Corney & Sons saw a similar trade with their 45kgs Charollais at £142; JH Jones & Son topped their Charollais Mules full of meat to £158 at 52kgs; IS & NK Johnson topped their Texel Mules to £155 for 52kgs; RG Saunders saw the biggest entry of the day with a monster at 90kgs to £184; JLB Farming saw their usual stamp of Texels to £179 for 61kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
350p	£133.00	312p	£112.00	317.5p	£116.87
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
355p	£149.00	297p	£123.00	312.6p	£134.87
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
315p	£158.00	296p	£140.00	306.3p	£148.29
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
297p	£187.00	204p	£141.00	271.3p	£161.80

66 Cull Ewes & Rams

A stand on trade for the week with only culls forward changing the averages. All in £132.42. M & L Blakemore & Sons topped again with best end Texel ewes to £283, with followers at £242, £222 and £189; R Swinfen & Son saw their Continental ewes top to £191; E Brooks saw the top of the ram trade with Texels to £184; D Shearn topped the Mules with big framed best meat at £150; M Holyland topped their meat Lleyne ewes to £139. All meat ewes were £110 plus with leaner ewes in the £90's, true feeders were around £75.

To	From	Average
£283.00	£39.00	£132.42

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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Saturday 5th April 12.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

A Single Vendor Sale of Poultry

A selection of over 300 Birds - To Include

Bantams – Silver Sussex, Polish, Gold Tops, Sumatra & Silkies

Large Fowl – Light Sussex, Jersey Giants, Legbars, Marans, Araucana, Welsummers & Blue Orpingtons

Hybrid Pullets – Bluebells, Warrens, Black Tails, Leg Horns, Crested Olive Egg Layers & Easter Eggers

Ducks – Runners, Cayuga, Cherry Valley, Khaki Campbells, Call & Mandarins

Mixed Peafowl, Turkeys & Geese

A full list of entries will be available online or sent by request



on behalf of Lincs Poultry & Waterfowl

Held in accordance with current APHA Rules

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

Store & Breeding Cattle

Feeding cows sold to £2200 from J Millbank with others to £1660 from £1000; R Booth sold Lincoln Red cows to £1900 from £1340; and K J Hunt sold a Simmental cow to £1280.

Store cattle sold to £2430 for a Limousin from W Darby & Son; next top sold to £2330 for a 14 month Beef Shorthorn from BC & MB King; B W Costin & Sons sold their Simmental steers to £2320; J Kimbell with 12 month Charolais steers selling to £1980.

R Booth sold a 25 months Lincoln Red heifer to £1080 and 6-7 month steers to £840; J Kimbell sold Saler and Charolais heifers to £1620 and £1430 from £1060; Hames & Young sold Holstein heifers to £810 and Angus steers to £700; BW Costin & Sons sold Simmental heifers to £1600 from £1500; GH Rome & Sons sold 33 month Belted Galloway steers to £800 from £670; C Banks sold a 19 month Gloucester steer to £1350; C & R Farming sold 17-22 month Hereford steers to £1360 from £1240 and an 8 month to £860; M & F Farms sold 22-24 month Lincoln Red steers to £1580; R Munns sold 19 month Angus steers to £1440; Webb Hatherley Livestock sold 9-11 month Angus steers to £650 and heifers to £570; JSW Handy sold a 36 month Blue heifer to £1315 and 11-12 month Blue steers to £1110; PR Rogers sold 20 month Lincoln Red heifers to £940; BC & MB King sold 14 month Blonde heifers to £1480 and Beef Shorthorns to £1350; RL, GL & JF Pierce sold 18 month British Blue steers to £1420 from £1230 and Angus heifers to £1350 from £1060; J & D Bavington entered a 33 month Limousin steer which sold to £1890.

Calves

Blue bull calves sold to £435 and heifer calves to £390 from £300, a Saler heifer sold to £200 all from JEG James; AG Burton entered Angus bulls which sold to £245 and heifers to £215 from £175, his Holstein bulls sold to £108 from £90.

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.

243 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs - numbers are starting to dry up with many farmers getting through their lambs and focusing on lambing. A majority showing of final draws forward with some bigger framed rangey lambs that needed further finishing. All in average £85.97. B Currie topped the day with a smart show of big framed Continentals selling to £134.50, with followers at £132 and £110; Ulmus Flock saw a well grown show of Zwartble ewe lambs selling to £122; Hadley Farms saw a smart show of compact lighter weight Continentals topping to £120 and £107 for rams. R & G Draper penned their first show of market lambs and final draw of the season with cross breeds of mid to small frame at £115 and £107 with smaller smarter Texels to £93.50. Any mid to big frame lambs sold over £107 with smaller frame well bred lambs £85 to £93. Longest term chancy sorts sold at £30 to £50.

Feeding ewes - a smaller smart entry forward with numbers still in demand, averaging £95.59. C Burrows topped the day at £156 for Suffolk crosses with smaller framed thick ewes at £126; B Currie saw a flying trade with lean Mules to £119. Hebridean types sold to £42 and £38.

Ewes with lambs at foot - a sterling show of quality forward with D Stanley topping the day at £160 a life for Dutch Spotted ewes with single lambs at foot, with their twins at foot selling to £405 an outfit; Jones & Sons, Manor Farm saw their first consignment of best bred big framed Welsh Mule ewes at 4-crop with single Texel lambs forward, all selling to £128 a life or £256 an outfit.

72 Cade Lambs - the clear epicentre of the UK Cade Lamb Market shone through again with another bumper entry averaging £19.79. PK & KF Chapman topped the day with Dutch Spotted ram lambs selling to £65; M & S Turner saw a smart show of best bred Texels all at £34; G Tew saw their Texel ewe lambs at £32; RA Bounds saw a quality draw of Continentals at £26; FH Pullin & Sons penned a bumper entry of fifty-seven Southdown Mule lambs selling to £18 and £16 for a total clearance.

GRAZING LAND AVAILABLE

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston.

Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Alex Abrahams at alex.abrahams@bletsoes.co.uk

for further details.

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

J Patrick

2 Kerry Hill Ewes with 4 Suffolk x Lambs at Foot

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

R Wood & Son

2 Hereford Cows - *Empty*

7 Years

16 Hereford Steers - *Named Sire*

12 Months

P Rogers - TB4

2 Aberdeen Angus Cows

13 Years

1 Aberdeen Angus Cow

5 Years

1 Aberdeen Angus Steers - *Named Sire*

13 Months

1 Aberdeen Angus Heifer - *Named Sire*

13 Months

S G C Hill

2 Charolais x Steers

10-11 Months

6 Charolais x Heifers

10-11 Months

14 Saler Steers

11-14 Months

10 Pedigree Saler Heifers

12 Months

J Kimbell

15 Saler Steers

12-14 Months

Suckler Bred, Homebred

NOTICE

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

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The following three local authorities can no longer demonstrate a five-year housing land supply, Buckinghamshire, Market Harborough and Huntingdonshire.

Both Buckinghamshire and Market Harborough have officially released that they are unable to meet their five-year housing land supply.

This means that paragraph 11D of the 2024 NPPF, colloquially known as the titled balance, can be engaged in favouring the grant of planning permission.

If you have land with residential development potential in these three authorities and wish to discuss development opportunities, please contact our Planning and Development team, who would be happy to help.

Peter Moore, Andrew Middleditch, Will Simpkins

HAY, STRAW & FODDER

60 x 4' Round Bales of Quality Meadow Hay

60 x Midi Sized Square Bales of Quality Meadow Hay

100 x Midi Sized Square Bales of Wheat Whole Crop Silage - Wrapped - Farcet Fen
Stored Undercover

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Haddon, Peterborough. Contact Tom 07740 301270

150 x 5' Round Bales of Barn Stored Meadow Hay

Stored Undercover on Pallets

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Rushden, Northants. Contact Roy 07850 867385

LAND AVAILABLE

Land off Church Street and Nags Head Lane, Hargrave, Northamptonshire
extending to approximately 25.92 acres (10.49 ha) of permanent pasture and
grass ley available as a whole or two lots.

And

Land and Buildings off Occupation Road, Middleton, Northamptonshire
extending to approximately 6.35 acres (2.57 ha) of permanent pasture
available as a whole or two lots.

Contact

George Pullin - george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk

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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 19th April 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

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE UPDATE

With the sudden closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive announced on Tuesday 11th March, this has left the farming community and many of our clients feeling disappointed, frustrated and uncertain.

So what does this mean for you and your business?

- Existing SFI Agreements will remain unaffected.
- New SFI applications submitted before the 11th March will be accepted, subject to the application being eligible.
- Those who were in the SFI pilot (which opened in 2022) and do not have an existing SFI Agreement, will be eligible to apply for a new SFI Agreement.

Other than the exceptions set out above, the SFI application process is now closed for all new applicants. The government have explained that this is due to the budget spending cap on SFI being reached.

Whilst this all seems contradictory to the government's promise of the largest budget for farmers in the country's history, it appears that they are developing a wider and more holistic farming strategy and have set out that they will deliver the following:

- A reformed SFI Scheme – details to be confirmed in Summer 2025 and applications expected to open early in 2026.
- A commitment of £110 million in farming grants, encouraging productivity and innovation.
- Plans to invest over £200 million in a new National Biosecurity Centre.
- Reforms to protect farmers in trade deals, support British produce and fair supply chains.
- Extension of the seasonal worker scheme for a further 5 years.

The Bletsoes team are still busy gathering information for capital grant applications in order to submit in a timely manner for the anticipated application window opening in summer 2025.

We will be monitoring all new announcements closely and if you are concerned or have questions about what this means for you and your farm, then please do contact a member of the agricultural team who would be very pleased to assist you on 01832 732241 or enquiries@bletsoes.co.uk.

FOR SALE

Quantity of second hand telegraph poles, various sizes from 6M to 11M, all stripped and clean of metal. Based near Peterborough, Loading Available, Buyer Collects, All Enquiries - 07753 119451

REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LILFORD



LILFORD SAWMILL, LILFORD NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,
PE8 5SG

Three Former commercial buildings with Planning Consent for conversion into a total of three dwellings.

Overall Site Area 0.18 Hectares (0.44 acres)

Guide Price: £550,000

For Sale by Private Treaty as A Whole

YAXLEY

99 MAIN STREET, YAXLEY, PE7 3LP

Former equestrian centre with three-bedroom dwelling.

Potential for Redevelopment Subject to Planning Permission

Approximately 1.87 ACRES (0.75 hectares)

Inviting offers for the property, including proposals for option or promotion agreements and unconditional freehold purchase.



COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Friday 28th March 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 18th March to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



**Horse Tack & Equine
Sundries**

Saturday 26th April at 1.00pm

*At Thrapston Livestock Market
Market Road, Thrapston. NN14 4JU*

Entries by Monday 14th April

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener 07736 143630

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NOTICE

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

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LEN'S  LIGHT



It's Good to Talk



Free Tea & Coffee

Thursday 27th & Saturday 29th March

Come and take a tea break with us
at Thrapston Market.

Bring some stock and pause for a moment,
understand how you are. How your best
friend is and how those around you are.

If you need to, reach out.

www.lenslight.co.uk/reachout

