

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 22nd August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 24th August
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 29th August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 30th August
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale
Entries close Tuesday 20th August

Saturday 31st August
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Tack Sale - 1pm

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

575 Prime Lambs

A stronger trade and quality to match with heavy meat and lighter quality in demand, a good show of export types with fierce competition ringside. Some leaner lambs still coming forward and would be better sold in the stores. SQQ 304.93p/kg. J Gowling & Sons topped the pence per kilo with 46kg best meat Texel crosses flying to 333p/kg and topping the day overall at £178.50 for 56.5kgs of the same stamp.

Highlights - JI & JA Claypole topped the lighter lambs with Cheviot crosses flying to £142.50 for 45kgs with HD & PJ Cranfield seeing a high of £139.50 for best end Beltex crosses at 39kgs; George Thompson Farms penned a smart run of Continentals seeing their 44.5kgs top to £142, with 39kgs to £139; SJB Lockett & Son topped their Texel crosses to £171 for 51.5kgs; SJ Hubbard topped their Texels with 49kgs at £159; JR Smith & Son drew another quality run of Texel and Charollais crosses seeing highs of £155 for 47.5kgs, 52.5kgs to £171 and 52.5kgs to £170.50; J Patrick saw the best of the Suffolk trade with good shape meated lambs at £174 for 56.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
328p	£142.50	270p	£115.00	304.9p	£131.14
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
333p	£171.00	270p	£130.00	306.7p	£146.66
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
325p	£178.50	290p	£160.00	311.9p	£170.93

76 Cull Ewes & Rams

A sterling show of quality held the trade for the majority with an all in average of £127.09. C & R Farming topped the day with a pen of best end lean meat Suffolk ewes to £175; WF Knight & Son saw an exceptional run of Continental ewes, heavy and thick selling to £159 for three pens and smaller thick types to £152.50; M Turner saw smart meated Texel Charollais to £151.50 with smaller frame sorts at £147. All meated ewes were £110 plus with a few lean meat edging on feeding ewes at £85 to £105. True feeders were in the £70's.

To	From	Average
£175.00	£65.00	£127.09

LAND TO LET

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

Approx. 5 acres of Permanent Pasture at Castor, Peterborough available on a short term Farm Business Tenancy agreement or Grazing Licence.

For more information, please contact Verity Garlick at verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk



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.

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NOTICE

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

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This year the show is to be held on Saturday 28th September

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Memberships can be purchased online at www.gransdenshow.org.uk and click on the membership section on the website

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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

NOTICE

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

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

Store & Breeding Cattle

A fantastic trade for all types in the cattle ring with Newlands Farm selling 16-19 month Angus steers to £1135 from £1045 and heifers sold to £1075; Webb Hatherley Livestock saw their 11 month Blue heifers sell to £830, yearling Simmental heifers to £780, 10 month Hereford steers to £715, 11 month Angus heifers sold to £620. The trade saw a 100% clearance topping at £1510.

Calves

Ayrshire bulls sold to £155 and Holstein Friesian bulls sold to £90 from FH Pullin & Sons. This week two Blue heifers, a Blue bull and a Saler will be forward from JEG James.

442 Store Lambs

Trade a bit easier on the week with a larger showing of longer term lambs. Short term lambs have taken a resurgence with trade looking stronger. Longest term lambs continue to look the best sold in comparison. Averaging £82.44. Webb Hatherley Livestock topped the day with Texels in forward condition selling to £128 with followers at £98; GK Doyle saw the trade of the day with Texel and Cheviot crosses selling to £117, £110 and £106; M & M Hutton topped to £114 for Blue Texel crosses in forward condition; CL Fraser & Son continues to draw quality runs of Suffolk and Charollais crosses topping to £107 and £104. Mid term 30kg lambs were seen in the high £80's to mid £90's. Long term lambs were £60 to £75 with ram lambs £15 behind the same size goods.

39 Feeding Ewes

A strong trade for the goods forward, averaging £86.67. D Morgan topped with Continental ewes to £132 with rams to £125; A & L Burr topped the Suffolks with thick ewes to £120, seeing the best of the Mule trade at £119 for lean meat; M Burke topped with young good meat Herdwicks to £114; P Childs topped to £90 for aged Herdwick rams; RD White & Partners saw Herdwicks to £81 with true feeders at £50.

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.

Breeding Sheep & Rams

117 Ewe Lambs

A fantastic start to the Breeding Sale season with a real show of quality forward on the day. All in average saw £138. M & H Pick topped the day with several pens of Texel crosses selling to £158 for great frame size and shape; I Birden saw a top price of £150 for his well grown Dutch Spotted crosses; SC Wells penned their usual stamp of Texels with smart shape compact lambs selling to £145; JL Hammond saw a smart trade for homebred Scotch Mules with two pens selling to £140; PA McDonald saw their Scotch half bred x Suffolks top to £140 followed at £135.

138 Breeding Ewes

The ewes saw a blinding trade with many looking for something that already knows the ropes for this season. A strong showing of well bodied sheep. All in average saw £181. I Birden saw a flying trade with a strong show of double theaves forward seeing their Cheviot Mules top to £235 and their Dutch Spotted crosses to £220; JB Elkington saw a tremendous show of power with flock age Texel and Beltex crosses selling to £220, £215, £210 and £195; JW & BA Deacon saw their flock age Mule ewes forward selling to a high of £170; RJ Paybody & Sons saw their full mouth Mule ewes to £152.

453 Breeding Theaves

A real stamp of quality forward with a consistent trade throughout. All in average for all theaves saw £199.36. On a tough year for numbers, quality prevailed with a classy entry on the day.

North Country Mules - a strong show forward on the day with all the Mules averaging £205. JA & P Dickinson topped the day at £220 for a pen of well grown smart theaves; Pentelow Farms started their annual show of theaves with a top class well marked and well grown run seeing highs of £218, £215 twice, £210 and £208; DM Walsh penned a quality show selling to £215; W Ellingworth & Sons continued their annual showing with another top end show of well marked theaves, selling to £210 twice and £205 twice; R Stanley saw their well presented theaves top to £200 and £180.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14th September

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams
Entries close Wednesday 4th September

Continentials - M Turner topped the day with an extreme show of Beltex theaves seeing a high of £280 with their followers at £195 and £192; M Burke penned a smart show of well grown pure Texels topping at £275; JB Elkington drew the most uniform run of the day with quality well grown, smart shape and un-pushed Texel crosses seeing highs of £228 and £220 with the rest of their run well above £210; T Sansom drew their usual goods with Beltex and Texel crosses flying to £218; JA & P Dickinson penned a fine example of Texel Mules seeing very well grown theaves to £215; RR Angood & Son penned a Charollais and Texel cross run with their highs of £210, £205 and £200.

Suffolks - JB Elkington penned a quality run of un-pushed Suffolk Mules seeing their big bodied sheep top to £205 twice and £202; Golden Valley Livestock drew another sterling run of smart headed theaves selling to £200 for both pens.

MV Theaves

T Blunt sold Texel x Suffolks to £220 from £205. K Shaw sold Zwartable double theaves to £168

Breeding Rams

MV Accredited - Ram lambs sold to 440gns from 420gns for MJ & JA Pinny; Sam Lee sold a 2-shear Dutch Spotted to £480 and a ram lamb to 210gns, other Dutch Spotted ram lambs from S Ghiorghita sold to 400gns from 300gns; Mrs JA Longhurst sold a Beltex Shearling to 220gns; Mrs Y Mackney sold three Zwartable Ram lambs to 220gns, A & P Payne sold Texel shearlings to 450gns and a Southdown ram to 150gns.

Non MV - AJ Smith Farming sold Texel shearling rams to 550gns and Beltex to 480gns; CJ White sold Texel rams to 570gns; SJ Hubbard sold Texel rams to 520gns from 480gns; P & KF Chapman sold Dutch Spotted 2-shear to 400gns and a 3-shear from I Birden sold to 300gns; A Blue Texel ram from AH EA & EJ Breare sold to 230gns; P Goldsworthy sold Southdowns to 160gns and a 2-shear Valais Blacknose sold to 140gns.

GRAZING LAND ENQUIRIES

We have had several enquires from farmers looking for winter sheep keep. Anything would be considered for well sized blocks including permanent grass, grass leys and cover/catch crops on arable land with graziers especially willing to travel for 100 acre or larger blocks. If you have any sheep grazing available, or are looking for grazing land please contact george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk

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Open to all - for further information please use the link below.

[Keysoe Riding Club Horse Show - The UK's Biggest Show Directory \(myridinglife.com\)](https://myridinglife.com)



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>

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

M Finch

3 British Blue Heifers
1 British Blue Heifer

13 Months
23 Months

S A C Holgate

31 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

C E Hancock & Son

16 Store Cattle

17-27 Months



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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 24th August 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.

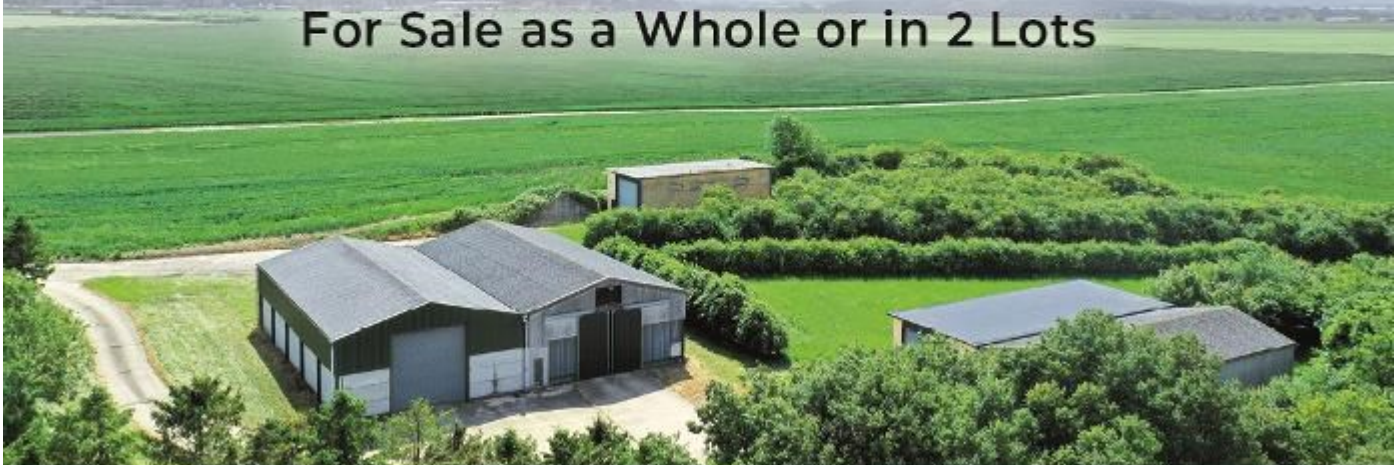
This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects including stress management, bereavement and dementia

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Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:	
Grant to Improve Productivity	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improve Slurry Management	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	Those invited to make a full application have until 30 June 2025
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.
Harborough Rural Grant Scheme	Applications close 27 th September

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1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
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COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Friday 30th August 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 20th August to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



Saturday 31st August at 1.00pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 19th August

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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Eastern Region

HAMPSHIRE DOWN CLUB SHOW & SALE

At Stratford Livestock Market

Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. CV37 8LP

Wednesday 11th 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 23rd August

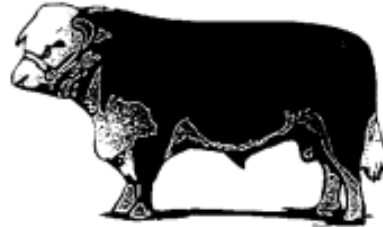
No late entries will be accepted

For further information contact Alastair Brown – 07885 804450

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BEDFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW SOCIETY



Michaelmas Show Saturday 21st September 2024 at Thrapston Market

**Please come along and support our Show
Entries invited for Breeding & Store Animals
Cattle, Sheep, Pig, Goat and Poultry Sections**

Dinner & Dance Friday 22nd November 2024 at Bedford Blues Rugby Club 6.00pm for 7.30pm

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Entries close 12 noon Thursday 12th September 2024



THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Saturday 30th November 2024
Thrapston Livestock Market

The Fat Stock Show is an important date in the calendar at **Thrapston Livestock Market**. It is a day when everyone is welcome from competitors, to Young Farmer stock judges to spectators. It is an opportunity for all generations in the rural community to get together.

It may seem a long way off, but when it comes to the Fat Stock Show, planning is already in full swing!

This year we are going big, with our **Prize Money** for the Champion Beast increasing to a whopping **£1000** with the Reserve Champion receiving **£500**! Our Champion Sheep haven't been forgotten and this **Prize Pot** is also increasing in 2024. Exhibiting livestock at the Show isn't just for those who have done it for years. Why not enter animals this year and you could win one of the many monetary prizes on offer for cattle, sheep, pigs and non-livestock classes. You could enter as an individual, as a pair, as a group or even as a Club, enabling you to share the responsibilities, support each other or even have a little bit of healthy competition between friends.



The Society is always looking for new committee members with new ideas and suggestions.

If you would like to get involved with the Show including advice about livestock you could enter, please do get in contact.



Secretary: Beth Kitchener



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Chairman: Hugh Brightwell

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