

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 29th August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 30th August
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale
Catalogue available online

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

Thursday 5th September
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 7th September
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Smallholders Sale

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

536 Prime Lambs

Trade eased slightly on the week with quality seeing another strong trade. All meat was in demand, with over 44kgs seeing slightly stronger demand. SQQ 298.91p/kg. R & M Arrowsmith topped the day pence per kilo with Beltex crosses at 331p/kg for 45kgs. WF Knight & Son topped overall at £170 for 59.5kgs, for their best end Continentals, with their 51.5kgs selling to £160 and 49kgs to £159.

Highlights - D Daghish topped their run of best meat Texel Lleys to £140 for 44kgs with their 43kgs to £139; Raveley Fen Farms penned a best meat showing of Charollais and Continental crosses seeing a high of £155 for 49.5kgs and £150 for 47kgs; JR Smith & Son saw their Texels to £135.50 for 44kgs for a really good showing of meat.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
305p	£119.00	286p	£111.50	298.5p	£115.71
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
331p	£149.00	282p	£123.00	299p	£130.98
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
324p	£160.00	270p	£132.00	302.6p	£144.83
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
288p	£170.00	286p	£160.00	287.4p	£163.33

81 Cull Ewes & Rams

Another best end trade this week with a strong showing of lean meat and heavy ewes, averaging £120.36. Raveley Fen Farms topped the day at £165 for best meat Charollais Continental ewes; EC Hartop penned a smart run of big frame Continentals seeing the best meat to £162, and leaner types to £156.50, £140 and £134; CE Schwier & Son topped their run with a flying trade of £160 for 2-tooth Continentals seeing followers at £148; D Barnett Farms penned a strong run of Mule ewes seeing a top of £126 for the thickest and leaner meat types to £119, £115, £110.50. All meat was over £90 with feeders in the £70's.

To	From	Average
£165.00	£71.00	£120.36

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.

eddie.smith@talk21.com

NOTICE

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

Gransden and District Agricultural Society Show

To be held at Great Gransden on Saturday 28th September 2024

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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 24TH AUGUST

Store & Breeding Cattle

Top price went to S Hill with two 27 month Hereford heifers at £1370 and two others at £1240, he also entered a 28 month Hereford heifer with a Hereford calf at foot that sold to £1260; R Munns sold Angus steers to £1350 and £1300 with Herefords to £1280 and Angus heifers to £1280. Another 100% clearance from the trade selling way past their expectations. A better entry will be forward this week, have a look at the entries so far.

Calves

Prices topped at £360 for a Blue bull with others from £330 and heifers to £315 all from JEG James.

479 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store Lambs - a two tier trade this week with lambs not showing the best in the wet. Stronger mid term lambs look dearer this week with longer term lambs steady on the trade. All in average £88.95. R & M Arrowsmith topped the day with best end Charollais lambs to £137, with Suffolks to £122; M & C Ramsay topped their run of Easycare Texels to £136; JK & JM Breare penned a smart run of Texel, Beltex and Blue Texels seeing a high of £135, £132.50, £126.50 and £125; S Garley penned a healthy run of Romney crosses seeing the best to £113 with followers at £100 and £98; ATC Lepper continues with a well grown run of Charollais crosses seeing their first pen at £110 followed at £107 and £90. Longer term small frame lambs sold between £75 and £90 breed dependent.

Feeding Ewes - following the cull trade prices, feeders looked strong again this week averaging £79.38. M & M Hutton topped the day at £190 for a Badger Texel ram; PR Rogers saw a strong trade for Suffolk cross rams at £120 with equivalent wethers to £104; JK & JM Breare topped with best shape but small frame Beltex at £114, with Dorset crosses to £79. Any meat were seen at £85 plus with true feeders £55 to £80.

Breeding Ewes - JEG James penned a smart run of North Country Mule ewes, full mouth and flock age selling to £158 and £145.

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY SALE - POLITE NOTICE

When delivering your items please ensure you report to the mobile office prior to unloading and obtain your computer number, this is to be clearly displayed on your lots prior to leaving the site. Reserves and payments will not be processed if unidentifiable.

SATURDAY 31TH AUGUST

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

S Hill

16 Hereford Heifers & Steers 24-27 Months

A C Downing

3 Aberdeen Angus Steers 23-24 Months

3 Saler Steers 23-25 Months

3 British Blue Steers 25-27 Months

1 Friesian Steer 24 Months

C E Hancock & Son

18 Store Cattle 17-27 Months

CALVES

J E G James

1 British Blue Heifer 3-4 Weeks

1 British Blue Bull

Chellington Partners

20 Calves to include:

Herefords, British Blues & Friesians both Bulls & Heifers 3-4 Weeks

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14th September

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

Entries close Wednesday 4th September

GRAZING LAND ENQUIRIES

We have received several enquiries from farmers looking for winter sheep keep. Any area 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. We also have a client who is looking for long or short term blocks of sheep grazing within 20 miles of Northampton. If you have any sheep grazing available, or are looking for grazing land please contact george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk

SATURDAY 31TH AUGUST

HORSES & PONIES

T Rouse

Rocket - 13.1/13.2hh Grey gelding Section B Type. Good to load, travel, farrier and catch. Lives in or out. Has jumped and hunted in Ireland. Only for sale due to no jockey as outgrown. Been turned out all summer.

J Gibbs

Rhosygarreg Sara - Sire: Fronarth Moriarty. Dam: Glanteifi Arianna. Exceptionally well bred going back to Synod, Parvadean, Fronarth, Menia, Parc and Thorneyside. All the top Welsh studs! Welsh section C. Yearling Filly. Bright bay with a blaze and 3 white socks. Sara is a pretty filly, who has excellent movement and a good temperament. Will excel in a kind home. Sara is very friendly and affectionate. Regularly wormed and halter broken. Has all the potential to be wonderful Welsh section C pony for someone.

Gilfach Primrose - Sire: Penbeoth Bond. Dam: Gilfach Wild Fire. Welsh section A. Yearling Filly. Bright bay with a blaze. Primrose is a very pretty upstanding filly. She has outstanding movement and a good temperament. Will be full up to height or may even be eligible to be re registered as a section B in the future? Primrose is very friendly and has regularly been wormed and is halter broken. Will be a super pony for the future.

D Everett

Evie - Welsh Section B broodmare, Bay, 10 years old, produced several beautiful foals.

Hattie - British Spotted Miniature Horse, 33", 12 years old, Red Spotted Appaloosa. Proven broodmare, middleweight.

Dacia - AMHA 13 year old Stallion, proven Sire, runs with mares. 31", Chestnut. Refined.

Princess - AMHA 31" Black Pinto mare. Produced a couple of foals, 10 years old. Refined.

Louis - AMHA 31" refined colt, Chestnut yearling with Flaxen mane and tail. Very sweet, perfect for a showing home.

Rebel - AMHA/British Spotted blend, 31", middleweight Miniature Horse Colt, Chestnut yearling.

NOTICE

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

KEYSOE RC HORSE SHOW

Bletsoes were pleased to sponsor this show that took place on Monday 26th August at Forty Foot Farm, Souldrop. Well done to all those who competed, with thanks to all those who helped make the day a success. Special mention to Nigel and Monica Russell.



LAND FOR SALE

LAND OFF WELFORD ROAD, SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Approximately 5.90 acres (2.39 hectares) of Permanent Pasture off Welford Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire.

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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.

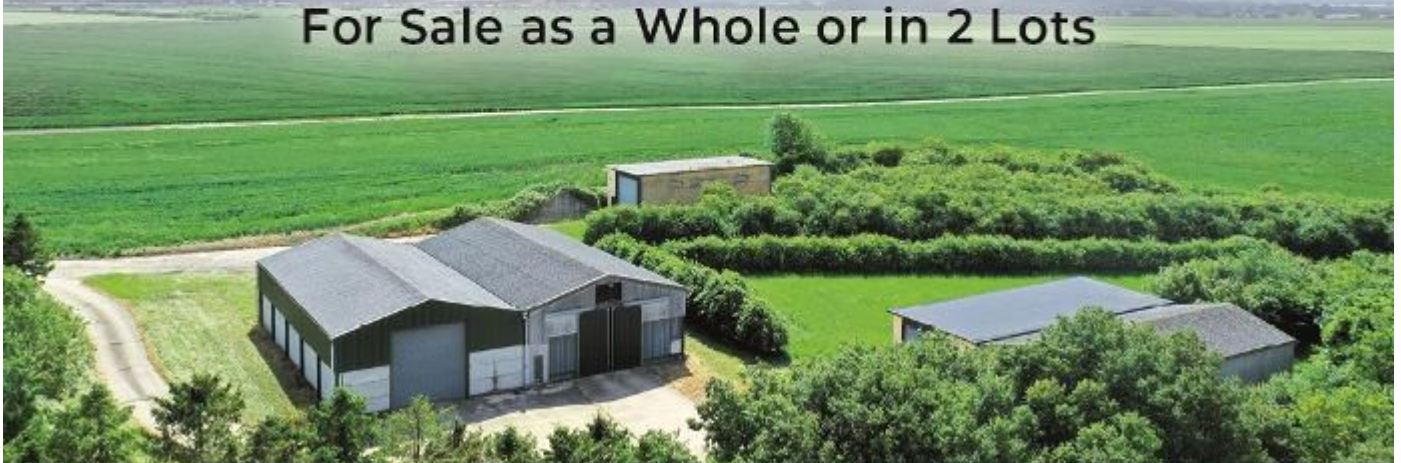
Survey link: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/promaraf-2021/the-uk-farm-assurance-review>

More information regarding the review and survey can be found here: <https://ahdb.org.uk/farm-assurance-review-latest-updates/survey2024>

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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

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Catalogue coming soon

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

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Arable Land & Oxen Wood at Green Lane, Aldwincle Northamptonshire

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For Sale as a Whole

- 91.89 acres (37.19 ha) of Arable
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- Viewings by Appointment

