

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 25th July**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 26th July**  
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

**Saturday 27th July**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs  
Sale of Pedigree Southdowns

**Thursday 1st August**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 3rd August**  
Smallholders Sale  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

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

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 18TH JULY

### 652 Prime Lambs

Trade remains steadfast on the week with the SQQ at 294.10p/kg. A strong showing of quality lambs selling to premiums with heavy lambs seeing a lift in trade. Meat is in demand with a national flood of lean under finished lambs. DM Walsh topped the day at £170 and 333p/kg for Charollais at 51kgs.

**Highlights** - JK & JM Breare topped the light lambs with Blue Texel crosses to £119 for two pens of 38.5kgs; WF Knight & Son saw their usual best end stamp of Continentals forward at 44.5kgs selling to £144 with 44kgs to £140; R & M Arrowsmith saw a best end showing of Beltex crosses to £140 for 43.5kgs; Hyde Lane Farms topped the heavy lambs with 57kg Texel crosses at £169 followed by their 50kgs to £159 and 49kgs to £150; RA Bounds saw a smart run of Suffolk crosses to £153 for 51.5kgs. More are needed to meet demand. Make sure they are booked in the day before, to notify buyers and trade predictions.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
309p	£119.00	272p	£102.00	287.8p	£109.28
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
332p	£143.00	270p	£108.00	294.7p	£125.51
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
333p	£170.00	276p	£134.00	300.4p	£145.20
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
296p	£169.00	296p	£169.00	296p	£169.00

### 65 Cull Ewes & Rams

A bigger show of ewes nationally as lambs are being weaned, but a fantastic trade at Thrapston looking to have held on for the extra week . All-in average £117.50. R Swinfen & Sons saw a best end showing of Texel cross ewes with the big framed meat topping at £151, seeing several more pens at £144; R Truss saw the best trade with lean meat Continentals at £149 and £140; AH Knight & Son saw a similar trade for their lean meat Continental ewes with highs of £140 and £139 with thicker ewes at £120; DM Walsh topped with Charollais 2tooth ewes to £138. The vast majority of ewes sold at £110 plus with the exception of a few grazing ewes or very lean meat at around £100.

To	From	Average
£151.00	£65.00	£117.50

## 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>



The poster features a background image of sheep grazing in a field. On the left, a list of event activities is provided. On the right, the event title 'SHEEP EVENT' is prominently displayed in large blue letters, with the NSA logo and website above it. Below the title, the event's theme 'UK Sheep Farming: A positive future' and the date 'Tuesday 30th July 2024' are shown. The location 'THE THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR13 6NW' and the time '9:00AM - 5:00PM' are also listed. A circular badge on the left side of the poster offers 'EARLY BIRD TICKETS £18.75 BOOK ON WEBSITE' and 'Free entry for NSA members'. A circular logo on the right side of the poster contains the words 'HEALTH • ENVIRONMENT • ECONOMY • PEOPLE' around a central sheep icon.

- PRE EVENT DINNER
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- SHEEP BREED SOCIETIES
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- TRADE STANDS
- WORKSHOPS
- SHEEP DOG SALE

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# SHEEP EVENT

UK Sheep Farming: A positive future

**Tuesday 30th July 2024**

THE THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND  
MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR13 6NW

9:00AM - 5:00PM

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## **REPORT FOR FRIDAY 19TH JULY**

### **Lutton Farm Sale Report**

The hottest day of the year drew a huge crowd to the sale, with over 400 lots going under the hammer, prices reached £26,500 for the John Deere 6930 Tractor, closely followed by the John Deere Combine at £25,000, JCB Loadall sold to £23,000, Land Rovers sold to £19,000 from £2,400, AH Dump Trailer sold to £15,200, AS Tanker to £10,600, SIMBA Cultivator sold to £5,400, Husqvarna Ride-on-Lawnmower sold to £4,100. 250 lots of Workshop items all sold extremely well, new Timber Posts sold to £7.80 each.

Overall a sale much better than was anticipated. If you would like us to conduct a sale for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **HAY, STRAW & FODDER**

80 x Large Square 4 String Bales of Good Quality Hay – Baled last week  
Currently on Pallets or Trailers Undercover, Assist & Loading Facilities.  
Located East Langton, Leics. Contact Jim 07973 367456

### **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.

### **KEYSOE RC HORSE SHOW**

**Monday 26th August 2024**

Forty Foot Farm, Chapel Lane, Souldrop, Beds. MK44 1HB  
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Open to all - for further information please  
use the link below.

[Keysoe Riding Club Horse Show - The UK's  
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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 24th August 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.**

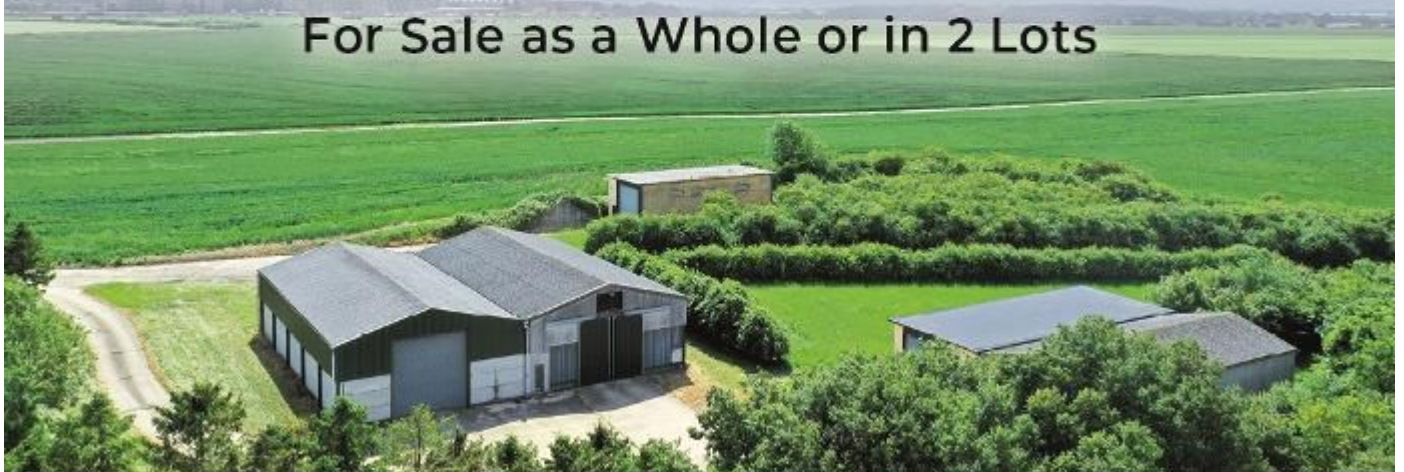
This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects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

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 [Andrea@fcn.org.uk](mailto:Andrea@fcn.org.uk)

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## Land at Upwood Airfield Huntingdonshire

In all about 164.48 acres (66.56 hectares)  
Commercial holding with strategic development potential  
For Sale as a Whole or in 2 Lots



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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 20TH JULY**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

What a trade for the time of year, we've never seen anything like it. Buyers seem to be panicking that there won't be enough cattle about for finishing. All in store cattle averaged £981, incredible.

Prices topped at £1300 for 20 month Angus with others to £1275 and £1270 (not Farm Assured); three young Charolais steers sold to £1220; Five British Blue heifers from GB Sear & Sons sold to £1000 from £810.

A 27 month untested Beef Shorthorn Non-Farm Assured sold to £1470 for Three Arches farm.

### **Calves**

An entry of sixteen British Friesian bulls 3-5 months sold to £330 from £245 to average £295.94; GB Sear & Sons sold a British Blue bull and heifer 18-20 days old for £300; FH Pullin & Sons sold five Holstein bulls to £60 from £35.

### **197 Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Store Lambs** - an unbelievable trade so far this year with a serious show of buyers and quality lambs to match. On the trade we're having, get your lambs forward. All in average £104.97. Ulmus Farm topped with late born Texel lambs to £125 with followers at £100; AJ Geary saw a flyer with Cheviot cross lambs smart but mid framed to £124 for both pens; M Burke topped the ram lambs with Charollais to £120; MF Grace & Son saw forward condition cade lambs to £110 with followers at £104; J Grace penned a smart run of Texel crosses topping at £109 and £106; Jack Harris penned a good framed run of Hampshire cross lambs selling both pens to £108. The vast majority of the day sold to £100 plus, with very few below.

**Feeding Ewes** - a top trade for the week with many looking to source earlier older breeders. All in average £123.45. S Hobbs topped the day with Texel cross ewes to £170 with Kerrys at £112; M Burke saw a high of £145 for good shape lean meat Charollais ewes; C Thompson topped with mid frame Suffolk 2tooth's to £128; Ulmus Farm saw true feeding Texels to £120 with Zwartble ewes to £88.

### **NOTICE**

Two weeks running Store Sheep have come to the market with fly strike, in shorn wool. Please check your stock before loading.

**SATURDAY 27TH JULY**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**W R B Farming**

2 Limousin Heifers with Limousin Heifer Calves 22 Months & 10 Days  
1 Purebred Limousin Heifer 24 Months  
*Suckler Bred*

**S A C Holgate**

31 Store Cattle 15-25 Months

**C E Hancock & Son**

17 Store Cattle 17-27 Months

**CALVES**

**F H Pullin & Sons**

3 Dairy x Bulls 3 Weeks  
2 Dairy x Heifers 3 Weeks

**A G Burton - TB4**

6 Aberdeen Angus Bulls All 2-5 Weeks  
5 Aberdeen Angus Heifers  
1 British Blue Heifer

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**J Harris**

50 Store Lambs  
*Noramectin, Clik Extra*

**J L Hammond**

20 Store Lambs

**E Oakley**

8 Continental Store Lambs

**C Watton**

2 Southdown Teaser Tups

**K Green**

4 Pedigree Southdown Shearling Ewes

**A separate catalogue will be available for the Pedigree Southdown Sale**

**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 3RD AUGUST**

### **PIGS**

#### **J Daubney**

6 Saddleback x Gloucester Old Spot Boars

8-9 Months

### **HORSES**

#### **C Haste**

Miss Meckenheim Megan (Meg), DOB 2004, 14.2hh, Dutch jumping mare. Due to foal late September. Brilliant mum get on with it on her own. Sire is 15.2hh correct big moving Cob. Previously been very successful with junior riders BSJA very talented mare with many more foals in her or I'm sure will equally happily be brought back into work. Easy to handle good to do in all ways.

Cardinals First Lady with Cardinals Firecracker at foot, DOB 01.06.2018 and 17.05.2024, Height 15.1hh, Expected foal height 15.2hh. Sire to foal 15.2hh correct big moving Cob. Irish bred mare. Good to handle sweet nature good broodmare gets on with it on her own.

Cardinals Twilight Vision, DOB 28.6.2023, Connemara x Cob, to make minimum 14.2hh. Slightly handled, but very kind temperament .

Cardinals Hickory Pop, DOB 15.09.2023, Dutch jumping mare x Cob, to make 15.2hh. Lightly handled but very kind temperament. Will go far in the right hands.

### **NOTICE**

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

### **NOTICE**

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

### **NOTICE**

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

### **LAND AVAILABLE**

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston.  
Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk) for further details.



## FOR SALE

Willoughby Static Caravan - Herald 28 - 28' x 10'  
Free on collection, can help load. Contact Thomas on 07860 577596

## LAND FOR SALE

LAND OFF WELFORD ROAD, SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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

For Sale as a Whole.

Offers are invited in excess of £170,000

For more information please contact

Alex Abrahams on 01832 732241



## LAND FOR SALE

SPLASH LANE, CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

In all about 37.46 acres (15.16 hectares) of permanent pasture with the potential for environmental uses.

For sale as a whole. Please contact

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for further information.



## 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](mailto: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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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre  
Haldens Parkway  
NN14 4QT

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 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 16<sup>th</sup> July to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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## **SALE OF PEDIGREE SOUTHDOWNS**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm**

*Judging at 11.30am*

**To include MV & Non MV Sections**

Entry Forms are available by request or online

All Entries **MUST** complete and return an Entry Form

***Entries Close Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July***

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# Breeding Sheep & Ram Sales 2024

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at Stratford Market**

*Field Sale of Store & Ewe Lambs*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Thrapston Market**

*Breeding Sheep & Rams*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Stratford Market**

*Breeding Sheep & Rams*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Thrapston Market**

*Breeding Sheep & Rams*

*Further details coming soon*

*Entry forms can be found online.*

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## An Auction



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 1.00pm**

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

Entries by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**NO** entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener



# THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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Chairman: Hugh Brightwell

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