

# The Market Report

## July 2023

## Professional Ponderings

### Agricultural Team Update

The Agricultural Team are currently busy with a number of tasks including, land sales, FBT tenders and Countryside Stewardship applications. The deadline for Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship applications is 18th August 2023, so if you are looking to enter into a new Countryside Stewardship Agreement, please do get in touch with a member of the Agricultural Team as soon as possible.

It is worth noting that, if your existing Countryside Stewardship agreement ends as at 31st December 2023, you will not be offered an agreement extension (“Mirror Agreement”) as has been done in previous years. You will need to make a new application, even where you do not wish to make changes to your agreement. We are informed by DEFRA that 2023 is the last year to apply for Countryside Stewardship in its current form, and from 2024 “Countryside Stewardship Plus” will be launched. The finer detail on this scheme is not yet confirmed, however the rhetoric has very much been focused on local nature recovery, and providing additional environmental benefits than are already generated by the farm ecosystem.

No doubt you have all read in the Farming Press that DEFRA have made some much-anticipated announcements on the next phase of Sustainable Farming

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Incentive (SFI). We are told that applications for this will not open until August, although a full detailed manual is now available. SFI agreements will commence throughout the year on a monthly basis, which could help businesses with much needed cashflow. SFI can be used on its own, or alongside existing Countryside Stewardship Agreements for grassland, mixed and arable systems. If you would like to discuss the specifics of the new 3-year agreements under SFI, please speak to Grace Millbank or Rob Russell on 01832 732241.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Health and Welfare Review of Livestock Scheme remains open for applications. This scheme is part of the SFI and so long as you are eligible for Basic Payment Scheme in 2023, and have the required number of livestock, you can apply for a funded vet visit to review matters such as lameness, use of wormers and testing for BVD in cattle. The minimum livestock numbers are:

- 11 cattle (dairy or beef)
- 21 sheep
- 51 pigs

Annual Health and Welfare Review of Livestock applications are done via a simplified online system, and if you wish to discuss this further, please do get in touch with a member of either the Agricultural or Auctions Team.

As combines will no doubt start to roll out in the coming weeks, I'm sure all of these matters will get pushed to the back of your mind, so if you are considering either a Countryside Stewardship or Sustainable Farming Incentive application, please do contact the Agricultural Team as soon as possible.

Finally, as you may have seen, the Agricultural Team have recently launched for sale two farms, namely Rectory Farm, Tibberton, Worcestershire, and Oakhurst Farm, Eye, Cambridgeshire. Over the coming weeks, we shall be launching a number of other agricultural properties, from paddocks to blocks of commercial arable land. If you're looking to purchase land, please register your search requirements with us. Alternatively, if you're looking to sell, please do contact the Agricultural Team for a discreet confidential discussion, as we do have a register of people looking to buy.

Wishing you all a safe and successful harvest.

*Grace Millbank*  
*Agricultural - Rural Chartered Surveyor*



# Stratford Forthcoming Events

## Wednesday 5th July

Dispersal Sale of Poultry - 5.30pm

*See main advert for further information*

## Tuesday 11th July

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

## Friday 14th July

Farm Dispersal Sale - Loddington

*See main advert for further information*

## Tuesday 18th July

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales  
please contact the Market Team*

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

#### **Discounted Rates Available**

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)

## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 4TH JULY

### 429 Prime Lambs

Another hard to predict trade this week with the ever fluctuating markets proving hard to anticipate. Lambs saw another jump leading the SQQ to 285.58p/kg. C Clews topped the day with a sterling show of Texels at 300p/kg for 46kgs. P & M Carless saw the same fantastic highs with best meat Charollais and Texel crosses selling to 300p/kg and £141 for 47kgs with their 46kgs topping to 298p/kg.

**Highlights** - JD Weaver topped the lightest lambs at 39.5kgs with best end Texels reaching 294p/kg; NK Butcher saw a sterling first draw of quality with a run of three pens selling to 291p/kg for 42kg, 43kg and 43.5kgs, the same home saw heavies at 47.5kgs sell to 289p/kg; D Blunn saw the usual goods forward with Texel crosses at 47.5kgs topping to 289p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
288p	£110.76	279p	£106.02	281.9p	£107.98
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
294p	£131.72	280p	£112.80	286.3p	£121.16
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
300p	£141.00	272p	£132.99	291.1p	£137.43

### 58 Cull Ewes & Lambs

A smart entry forward with a trade remaining in line with the last 6 months. All in average £97.56. TR Tame & Son topped the Suffolks for the day with big framed meat ewes at £119; S Collett topped the Lleyns at £116 for big frame and lean meat; J Page saw some of the best with Charollais crosses to £116 and Welsh Mules to £109 and £96.50. Leaner meat ewes were in the £80's with true feeding types at £70 plus.

To	From	Average
£119.00	£70.00	£97.56

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you would like to talk.

[richardwilde.FCN@gmail.com](mailto:richardwilde.FCN@gmail.com)

## **Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs & Sundries**

More lots are required in each section, to ensure that this sale continues. We will continue to offer this service as long as you help us. A large number of clients rely on this weekly gathering, so please support this unique local Auction.

What is required:

**Plant & Shrubs** - All types of plants, Shrubs, Pots and Gardening Sundries.

**Produce** - Feedstuffs, Fruit, and Vegetables

**Fur** – Rabbits, Ferrets, Guinea Pigs etc

**Hatching Eggs** - All types of eggs from special single eggs, to trays.

**Sundries** – Trailers, Machinery, Power tools, Garden Tools, Vintage Items, GOOD Furniture indoor and outdoor and any type of interesting saleable item.

To ensure a maximum return for your items it would be much better if you informed the Auctioneers prior to the sale, who would then advertise to potential purchasers. It always encourages buyers, if they know what is on offer in the sale.

Vendors & Buyers - You have been warned.



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

### **FARM CRISIS NETWORK bTB RESEARCH & SURVEY**

As part of this research FCN will be running a survey from June until mid-August:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3HG5YFG>

This has been designed with input from colleagues and academics and is to be shared with livestock/cattle farmers in the UK. We want as many farmers as possible to fill it in so that we can gain a wealth of data from across the whole of the UK. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

The results of the survey will help FCN to better understand how farmers and farm families perceive the threat of bTB, helping us to support those at risk or affected by a bTB breakdown.

A press release with more information has been written and was issued to media on Tuesday 13th June and is available here: <https://fcn.org.uk/blog/2023/06/05/study-seeks-uk-farmers-feedback-on-impacts-of-bovine-tuberculosis/>

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY

**Friday 7th July at 7pm  
At Stratford**

We have the pleasure of being one of the stops for the Tractor Relay.

We would like to invite you all to welcome the tractor to our Market at Stratford.

There will be Food, Refreshments, Raffle and prizes for best decorated wellies. A fun night for a good cause.

**Please come and support.**



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## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm

at Thrapston Livestock Market

### A Dispersal Sale of Poultry

- 1 Trio of **Dutch Bantams** 1 pen
- 1 **Dutch Bantam** Hen 1 pen
- 3 **Silver Seabright** Hens & 1 Cock 1 pen
- 4 **Gold Seabright** Hens & 1 Cock 1 pen
- 70 **Brown** Laying Hens 15 pens
- 3 **Ayam Cemani** Hens & 1 Cock 1 pen
- 2 Trios of **Welsummer Bantams** 2 pens
- 2 **Ayam Cemani** POL Hens 1 pen
- 2 **Black Rock** Hens 1 pen
- 4 **Easter Egger** Hens 2 pens
- 2 **Light Sussex** Hens Large Fowl 1 pen
- 2 Trios of **Ross Combs** 2 pens
- 2 Trios of Large Fowl **Naked Necks** 2 pens
- 3 **Light Sussex Bantam** Hens 2 pens
- 1 **Silver Sussex** Hen 1 pen
- 3 **Gold Top** Hens 2 pens
- 1 **Lakenvelder** Hen 1 pen
- 1 Pair of **Pekins** 1 pen
- 4 **Naked Neck Bantam** Hens 2 pens
- 2 **Aseel** Hens 2 pens
- 8 Mixed **Bantam** Hens 4 pens
- 1 **Blue Maran** Hen 1 pen
- 1 Pair of **Mandarin** Ducks 1 pen
- 1 Pair of **Tufted** Ducks 1 pen
- 20 **Mallard** Drakes 5 pens
- 1 **Blonde Female Mandarin** 1 pen
- 2 Pairs of **Call Ducks** 2 pens
- 1 **Call Duck** Drake 1 pen
- 1 **Nene** Gander 1 pen
- 50 **Pied & Purple** Guinea Fowl 15 pens
- 2 Trios of **Purple** Guinea Fowl 2 pens
- 35 **Lavender** Guinea Fowl 10 pens
- 1 Trio of **Silver Pheasants** 1 pen
- 1 Pair of **Grey Muscovy** Ducks 1 pen
- 1 **White Muscovy** Female 1 pen
- 3 **Black & White Pied Muscovy** Females 2 pens
- 6 Pairs of **Indian Blue Peafowl** 6 pens
- 1 Pair of **Turkeys** 1 lot
- 6 **Turkey** Hens 3 lots
- 17 x Orange Game Crates
- 30 x 20 Litre Drinkers
- 20 x 3 Litre Drinkers
- 10 x Galvanised Feeders
- 10 x Galvanised Chick Feeder Trays



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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00pm**

at Loddington Grange, Loddington, Kettering,  
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## A Farm Sale



### To Include:

2012 **CLAAS** Telehandler,  
2010 **JOHN DEERE** 6930 Tractor, 2008 **JOHN DEERE** 6630 Tractor,  
2001 **NEW HOLLAND** TM165 Tractor,

4 x Grain Trailers, Surplus Cultivation Equipment,  
Farm Sundries & Effects.

Along with other inserted items from neighbouring farm businesses

**on behalf of W H Tanner & Son**

*The sale is being held due to a reconstruction of the farming Business*

**Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450**

Catalogue available online or by request



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## ONLINE TIMED AUCTION

Starts: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon  
Finishes: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 12 noon



### **To Include:**

Plough Parts, Ploughs, Wheels & Tyres, Implements,  
Assorted Tractor Linkage, JOHN DEERE Tractor Spares,  
PTO's, Engineering Equipment, Literature,  
plus much more.

**on behalf of M V Weston  
Peakirk, Peterborough**

**Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450**

Further details available soon

At Thrapston Livestock Market

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Unofficial Eastern Region Early Breeders'

# SALE OF PEDIGREE SOUTHDOWNS

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**

*Judging in Pens at Midday*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> July***

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# FIELD SALE OF STORE & EWES LAMBS

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Commencing at approximately 2.30pm

Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
to Jake or Angela for lotting & penning purposes

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## Rectory Farm Tibberton, Worcestershire

In all about 192 acres (77 hectares)  
For sale as a whole

- Attractive ring-fenced farm
- 152 acres (61 ha) of arable land
- 38 acres (15 ha) of permanent pasture
- Agricultural barn with potential for alternative uses, subject to planning



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