

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 26th September**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 27th September**  
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale  
*Catalogue Available Online Now*

**Saturday 28th September**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 3rd October**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 5th October**  
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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## **Blue Tongue** – The Rules Simplified

- As of 21 September 2024

*Following the identification of cases close to the edge of the bluetongue restricted zone and in accordance with DEFRA's policy of seeking to contain and slow the spread of disease, the two restricted zones have now been merged and extended. The new restricted zone now also covers all Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, all Greater London, Surrey and West Sussex.*

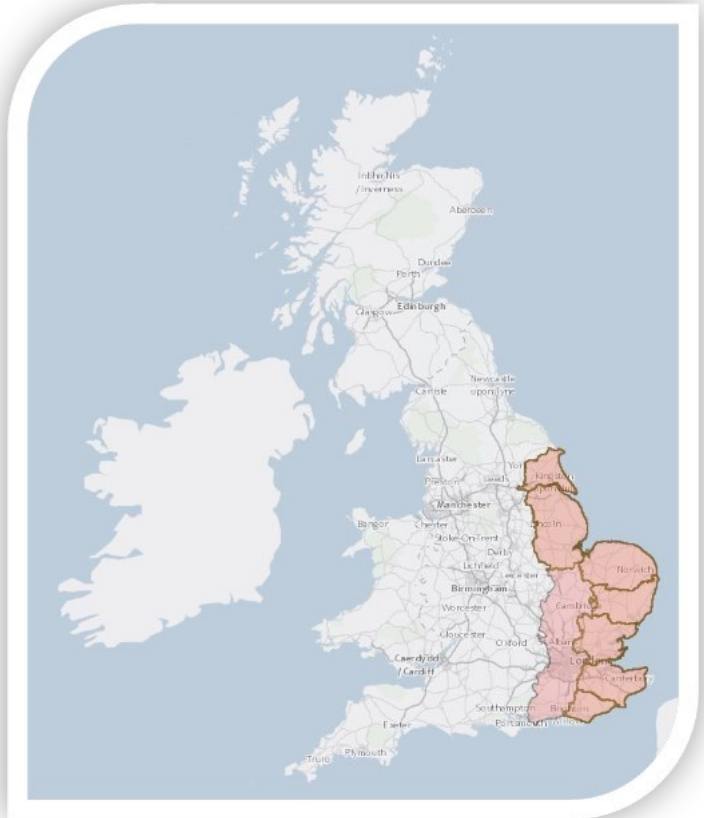
This means that Thrapston Livestock Market is still open for business.

Though we cannot accept Cattle, Sheep & Goats from the highlighted zones (*Restricted & Control Zone*). But we can still sell to buyers in those areas.

If you are unsure of what zone you are in, please do not hesitate to contact our Auctioneers or the Auction Team

There is an Interactive Map on the DEFRA website, enter your postcode and it will show you what zone you are in.

<https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=514ec88edec74575958d860f0196d2ea>



Please note, updates and changes will be made to these zones by DEFRA. Please follow our media sites for the latest information or contact the Auctioneers.

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**“Sell live and thrive”**. Astonishing prices have been seen recently in the live ring, in comparison to some prices gained with selling privately.

## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

### 385 Prime Lambs

SQQ 273.25p/kg. Another harder trade on the lean lambs with weight and meat seeing a lift. A stronger show of top end lambs forward with WF Knight & Son topping to 300p/kg for 50kg Texel and Continental lambs seeing their run to £129 for 45kgs and £139 for 48kgs; Grange Farm topped the day overall at £155 for best end Texels at 55kgs and £152 for 55.5kgs; Park End Farming saw the same highs for their Texels at £155 for 55.5kgs, with their 44kgs to £125 and 49kgs to £140; C Stancombe & Son Texel Mules saw a high of £125 for 45.5kgs and £142 for 50kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
282p	£107.00	262p	£101.00	274.3p	£104.75
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
287p	£129.00	262p	£105.00	273.2p	£118.95
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
300p	£150.00	265p	£125.00	279.4p	£134.46
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
282p	£155.00	274p	£152.00	278.4p	£153.85

### 40 Cull Ewes & Rams

Averages don't do the trade justice at £74.66 with a majority showing of feeding ewes. E Dee topped the day with £141 for big framed meat Continental ewes seeing leaner same sized ewes to £129. Small frame thick Continental cross ewes were £100. C Stancombe & Son topped the Mules at £90. Continental feeding ewes were mid £70's with bigger framed ewes of the same stamp at £80. Black Welsh Mountain rams sold to £49 with the smaller frames same bred sheep at £43.

To	From	Average
£141.00	£11.00	£74.66

### **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.

## LAND TO LET

### CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

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For more information, please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk)



## 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](mailto:george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk)



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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

Prices topped at £2350 for a 21 month Limousin steer and £2120 for a Limousin heifer from J Bottesch; A Gates sold 14 month Limousin steers to £1340 from £1310 and two Limousin heifers to £1115; GR Fontaine & Son sold an Angus steer to £1850; DG Short sold a Hereford steer to £1880; HM & NJ How sold two Hereford steers to £1110 from £985; TEW Farming sold a 7 month Angus steer to £780; RA Ford sold South Devon steers to £1240 from £1000 and heifers to £1000, their Angus steers sold to £1170; CE Hancock & Son sold Limousin steers to £1600; JC & JS Helliwell sold 16 month Sussex steers to £960; Charles Hopperton sold 28 month (*Non-Farm Assured*) Devon steers to £1730 from £1660 and Angus steers to £1660; K Ludgate sold two 17 month British Blue steers to £2200; C Harrell sold a Hereford bull to £1130; PJ Charles sold Beef Shorthorn heifers to £1270 from £1100 and a Simmental to £1300; D & K Whybrow sold a 42 month Hereford bull to £1290, heifers to £1160 and 31 month old steers to £1100. A Dexter feeding cow from J Patrick sold to £640.

### **Calves**

A fine entry of twenty-six sold to £400 for a British Blue bull, heifers sold to £250, Angus bulls sold to £170 and heifers to £150 from JEG James; AG Burton sold Angus bulls to £160, heifers to £110, British Blue heifers to £155 and Holstein bulls sold to £38 from £20; GB Sear & Sons sold British Blue bulls to £250, heifers to £180, Angus bulls to £150, heifers to £130 and Holstein bulls to £50.

### **Pigs**

Two vendors with twenty-nine pigs, which sold to £105 for boar pigs from Mini One Plant Hire to average £97.38 and Fineseasons sold large boar pigs to £100 and small weaned pigs to £58 from £45.

### **Goats**

Two Boer goats forward sold to £82 from £70 for J Ibbett.

### **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.

## **655 Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Store Lambs** - a stronger show of commercial lambs with trade looking to have strengthened on the stores this week, lambs in forward condition have taken a lift with mid to long term lambs continuing to look the best sold. MA & L Blakemore & Sons topped with best end Texel ewe lambs to £160 for both stretch and shape, smaller frame but the same goods sold to £132; SJ & RE Helliwell topped their run with best end Texels to £159, with Beltex crosses to £155 and Beltex ram lambs to £149; SJ Hubbard saw the best end trade for true stores with mid frame lean Texels to £125; AC Downing topped their Continental crosses at £116; RJ Warboys saw well bred Texels to £125 with followers at £105. Well bred Continentals and Suffolks of mid frame all sold at £84 to £97 size dependent with long term lambs in the £70's. Herdwick wethers were £50.

**Feeding Ewes** - J & S Livestock topped the day with thick Hampshire ewes to £160 and Hampshire rams £103; T Bately saw Texel ewes to £136 for mid frame and lean meat; J Grace saw Continentals to £133. Lean meat Continentals were high £80's to £95. True feeders were in the £60's.

**Breeders** - R & L Lees penned a smart show of Charollais shearling rams selling to £290 and £280; FA Osborne saw lambled theaves to £140 for Continentals with Suffolks to £125.

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## **Bedford Livestock Show Society 2024 - Michaelmas Show**

**GUESS THE WEIGHT COMPETITION**

The Winner was Anne Tacy at 510kg

### **CATTLE CLASSES**

Judges: Cattle: Mr Peter Dunn

Sponsored by Barton Petroleum

### **CHAMPION BEAST**

WON BY K Ludgate

### **RESERVE CHAMPION BEAST**

WON BY Will & James Ludgate

### **BEST BEAST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO THE CHAMPION**

WON BY Will & James Ludgate

*Class 1 Best Haltered Beast*

- 1st K Ludgate
- 2nd G R Fountaine & Son
- 3rd Josh Geary

*Class 2 Best Continental Beast (unhalted)*

- 1st G R Fountaine & Son
- 2nd Will & James Ludgate
- 3rd Angela Gates
- 4th Angela Gates
- 5th Angela Gates

*Class 3 Best Native Bred Beast (unhalted)*

- 1st G R Fountaine & Son
- 2nd Henry Harrison
- 3rd D G Short

*Class 4 Best Store Beast (under 12 months - unhalted)*

- 1st Fred Wootton

*Class 5 Best Pair of Beasts (unhalted)*

- 1st Will & James Ludgate
- 2nd C E Hancock & Son
- 3rd Angela Gates
- 4th Charles Hopperton
- 5th R A Ford

Calves: Mr Leigh Granger  
Sponsored by Barton Petroleum

*Class 6 Best Calf (unhalted)*

- 1st J E G James
- 2nd J E G James
- 3rd J E G James
- 4th J E G James
- 5th A G Burton

**NOTICE**

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

## **SHEEP CLASSES**

Judge: Mr Steve Deeming

Sponsored by Richardson Machinery Sales Ltd

### **CHAMPION PEN OF SHEEP**

WON BY R G Fountaine & Son

### **RESERVE CHAMPION PEN OF SHEEP**

WON BY Stimpson Co Ltd

#### *Class 7 Best Pen of 3 Continental Sired Lambs*

- 1st G R Fountaine & Son
- 2nd Josh Geary
- 3rd S J Hubbard

#### *Class 8 Best Pen of 3 Native Sired Lambs*

- 1st Stimpson Co Ltd
- 2nd Mark & Sophie Turner
- 3rd G R Fountaine & Son
- 4th Henry Harrison
- 5th Scald End Farm

#### *Class 9 Best Pen of 6 or more Store Lambs*

- 1st Josh Geary
- 2nd Chayse Sansom
- 3rd Troy Sansom

#### *Class 10 Best Pen of 3 or more Breeding Theaves*

- 1st J Woodbridge & M Wallis
- 2nd J Woodbridge & M Wallis
- 3rd Mark & Sophie Turner

#### *Class 11 Best Pen of 3 or more Ewe Lambs*

- 1st Stimpson & Co Ltd
- 2nd G R Fountaine & Son
- 3rd S J Hubbard
- 4th Troy Sansom
- 5th Tom Blakemore

#### *Class 12 Best Pen of 3 or more Cull Ewes*

- 1st S J Hubbard
- 2nd Henry Harrison
- 3rd Mark Blakemore
- 4th Josh Geary
- 5th W H Saunders & Son



## **PIG CLASSES**

Judge: Mr Keith Littlewood  
Sponsored by Arnold Thomson

### **CHAMPION PIG**

WON BY Fineseasons

### **RESERVE CHAMPION PIG**

WON BY G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire

#### *Class 13 Best Single Butcher's Pig of any weight*

- 1st Theobald Drury
- 2nd G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire

#### *Class 14 Best Pen of 2 or More Pigs of any weight*

- 1st Theobald Drury
- 2nd G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire
- 3rd G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire
- 4th G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire
- 5th G Sayers, Mini One Plant Hire

## **GOAT CLASS**

Judge: Mr Keith Littlewood  
Sponsored by Shearwell

### **CHAMPION GOAT**

WON BY Wild Berry Farm

#### *Class 15 Best Single Goat of any weight*

- 1st Wild Berry Farm

## **HAY, STRAW & FODDER**

15 x Round Bales of Meadow Hay - Surplus to owners needs for own ponies.  
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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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## **POULTRY CLASSES**

Judge: Daniel Twell

Sponsored by NFU Mutual Bedfordshire

### **CHAMPION BIRD**

WON BY S Roberts - Appleyard Call Duck

### **RESERVE CHAMPION BIRD**

WON BY A Russell - Pair of Gold Seabrights

*Class 16 Child (exhibitor under 10 years) - Any Breed of Chicken or Waterfowl*  
Florence Spendlove - Call Duck

*Class 17 Juvenile (exhibitor 10-16 years) Any Breed of Chicken or Waterfowl*  
Grace Griffith - Pair of Seramas

*Class 18 Any Breed of Large Fowl (no game birds)*  
A Russell - Legbar Cockerel

*Class 19 Any Breed of Bantam*  
Lyndon Read - Serama

*Class 20 Lightweight Ducks (including Call Ducks)*  
S Roberts - Appleyard Call Duck

*Class 24 Pairs & Trios*  
A Russell - Gold Seabrights

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**SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**S J Branson**

2 British Blue Heifers	14-15 Months
2 British Blue Steers	15 Months
4 Limousin Steers	15 Months
5 Limousin Heifers	15 Months
1 Beef Shorthorn Heifer	15 Months
4 Aberdeen Angus Steers	18 Months
2 Aberdeen Angus Heifers	18 Months
<i>Suckler Bred</i>	

**C E Hancock & Son**

18 Store Cattle	15-25 Months
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**Peter Groome Partnership**

14 Continental & Native Bred Steers	20-24 Months
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**J Patrick**

1 British Blue x Heifer - <i>Empty</i>	28 Months
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**CALVES**

**F H Pullin & Sons**

5 Dairy Bred Calves	2-3 Weeks
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**SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**K Toone**

2 Pure Jacob Ewes - *Born April 2022*  
1 Registered Pedigree Jacob Ewe - *Born March 2020*  
1 Registered Pedigree Jacob Ewe - *Born April 2021*  
4 Jacob Store Lambs (wethers) - *Born April 2023*  
*All Heptavac P Plus, Ewes wormed with Cydectin, Lambs wormed with Rycoben in August*

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**NOTICE**

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please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre  
Haldens Parkway  
NN14 4QT

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 17<sup>th</sup> September to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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## SPECIAL SALE OF EWE LAMBS, THEAVES, EWES & RAMS

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
**from 12.30pm**

Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
for lotting & penning purposes

***Catalogue Entry Deadline – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October***

Jake Wagstaff – 07487 526803

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## An Auction



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm**

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

Entries by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

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

For further information contact Beth Kitchener 07736 143630

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# 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.*



**Secretary: Beth Kitchener**



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Chairman: Hugh Brightwell

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## A COLLECTIVE ONLINE TIMED AUCTION OF MACHINERY & EFFECTS



Starts: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon

Finishes: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 12noon

**For Entry Forms please visit our website**

Important, entries **must** be returned by email to

[beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk)

By 12 noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Entries will be lotted on a first come, first served basis.

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