

The Market Report

April 2023

Professional Ponderings

The clocks have gone forward, and with the lambing and spring calving fully underway, Spring is now in full motion. March marked the opening of the Basic Payment Scheme Application window, and those wishing to receive de-linked payments between 2024-2027 must make a claim in 2023. We are told by DEFRA that between 2024-2027 there will not be a requirement to submit a BPS claim in order to receive the delinked monies. Please contact a member of the Agricultural Team who will be very happy to assist you with your application.

In other news, DEFRA have recently opened the applications for the Animal Health and Welfare Equipment and Technology Grant, which can offer between £1,000 to £25,000 to support improvements in livestock health and welfare, and are open to livestock farmers who keep cattle, pigs, sheep, broilers or laying hens. This grant forms the second rollout of the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund and looks to not only improve the health and welfare of livestock, but benefit productivity and profitability. The application window is open for 12 weeks and closes on the 15th June 2023.

As we transition away from the Basic Payment Scheme, it is expected that DEFRA will publish its Land Use Framework later this year. It is clear that the budget released from BPS will be transferred into other schemes available, including

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Landscape Recovery and Countryside Stewardship Plus. The Sustainable Farming Incentive has a rolling application window, and it has been announced that six new standards will be released this summer, in addition to the original three soil and moorland standards. However, moving away from Direct Payments sees significant changes to the management of agricultural land, as new grant payments look to support more sustainable farming practices in correlation with the Government's Net Zero targets.

This links in with further new announcements on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), as new developments are required to achieve a minimum Biodiversity Net Gain of 10% from November 2023, either on-site or off-site as part of the Environment Act 2021. Some Local Authorities are electing to extend the required percentage net gain beyond the statutory 10%. Whilst BNG is only beginning to emerge as a new market, it has become a prominent topic for landowners. Where developers wish to achieve Net Gain off-site, landowners can look to enter into a long-term agreement whereby they will receive a return for undertaking environmental works and to provide habitat improvements where this cannot be achieved on-site by the development scheme. This therefore provides a potential opportunity for landowners to generate income in the form of on-going habitat management funding, bringing together buyers and sellers in a market that is expected to be worth between £135-274 million. Whilst this seems an exciting opportunity, it is expected that DEFRA will release more details in the next nine months and will look to provide guidance on how this off-setting scheme will tie in with wider farm business considerations such as taxation and the opportunity to combine with other grants available in the form of stacking credits, for example Countryside Stewardship.

It is evident that 2023 marks a momentous year for agriculture in England, as we prepare for the transition away from direct payments, and therefore please do contact a member of the Agricultural Team if we can be of assistance with on-going grant and subsidy applications, as well as all other agricultural matters, on 01832 732241.

Alexandra Abrahams
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NOTICE

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

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 6th April

No Market

Saturday 8th April

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs
Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

Thursday 13th April

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 15th April

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 20th April

Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 21st April

Westlake Machinery Sale

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

12 Prime Lambs

Another fantastic trade for the early lambs this week, with A Hodson drawing Texel crosses forward, 31kgs sold to £84.50 with 33kgs to £90. SQQ 272.66p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Lights (25.5-32kg)</i>					
273p	£84.50	273p	£84.50	273p	£84.50
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
273p	£90.00	273p	£90.00	273p	£90.00

Prime Hogs

Trade exceeded expectation with Easter demand in full swing. M Turner topped the day with fantastic Beltex crosses selling to 308p/kg for 43.5kgs with the same stamp of hogs at 50kgs selling to £140 and 62kgs to £151. SQQ 268.86p/kg.

Highlights - Peter Groome Partnership topped their run of Continentals at 45kgs to £130 for best finished hogs; JEJ Harrison & Son saw their final draw of the season head to £122 for smart framed Lleyms at 44kgs; C Stancombe & Son drew a best finished run of Texel Mules with 45kgs to £121.50 and 52kgs to £136; BW Costin & Sons saw their usual stamp of smart Charollais crosses forward with 47.5kgs topping at £131; SE Johnson topped the heaviest hogs for the day with 71kg Texel Mules to £150; MHF Ltd saw a comparable trade with Continentals at 57kgs to £148.

To		From		Average	
<i>Lights (25.5-32kg)</i>					
285p	£87.00	285p	£87.00	285p	£87.00
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
258p	£98.50	256p	£85.00	256.2p	£95.80
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
308p	£134.00	241p	£101.00	269.5p	£118.96
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
290p	£140.00	242p	£115.00	256.5p	£125.45
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
270p	£151.00	188p	£128.00	232.7p	£140.50

NOTICE

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

Cull Ewes & Rams

Prices continue on a level with a slight dip on three weeks ago due to Ramadan. Trade remains buoyant with an all in average of £92.24. Prices ranged from £38.50 to £141 from BW Costin & Sons and their best end Texel ewes, with ewes of a similar stamp at £134; Raveley Fen Farms saw the trade of the day with smaller best shape ewes to £135; B Reynolds topped the rams for the day with Beltex selling to £126; KS Lee topped the Suffolks with monstrous ewes to £124; David Barnett Farms topped the Mules at £98.50. Meat and frame were seen at £85 plus with leaner feeding types around £50.

To	From	Average
£141.00	£38.50	£92.24

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sad to report the death of Joe Dickinson of Manor House, Caldecott, who died on Monday 27th March at the age of 97. His funeral service is at Caldecott Parish Church on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 11:30 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to be shared between the Air Ambulance and St John's Parish Church. These can be sent direct to E.M. Dorman Funeral Directors, Beechcroft, 69 High Street East, Uppingham, Rutland, LE15 9PY. Tel: 01572 823976



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REPORT FOR FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Everything was against us today, five other sales around the Midlands, a washout of a day, we have never seen it so wet, but this didn't put the buyers off, a great crowd of New and Old Customers came to support our sale. It hasn't put us off in anyway, we will be back with another sale in April! The sale is growing each month why not give us a try? You can have a look what was in the sale by clicking the link - <https://youtu.be/9dvKxtdWv-U>

Prices Achieved

£3,100.00	JCB Mini Digger & Buckets	£250.00	Rear Tractor Spares
£2,000.00	Grain Trailer	£250.00	Engines
£2,000.00	Fergy Tractor	£235.00	Pto Driven Pressure Pump
£1,500.00	Range Rover	£200.00	Woodbine Sign
£1,300.00	Discovery Td5	£190.00	Shear Grab
£1,250.00	Trailer	£190.00	Front Weight
£950.00	Flat Trailer T/A	£180.00	Box
£670.00	Mower	£160.00	T/A Trailer
£650.00	Fuel Station	£160.00	Diesel Heater
£600.00	J/D Ride-On Tractor Mower	£150.00	Generator
£530.00	Flat Land Roller	£140.00	Road Brush
£450.00	AM243cv Mower	£140.00	Muck Fork
£400.00	Euro 8 Bucket	£140.00	Shear Grab JCB Brackets
£400.00	Flat Trailer	£130.00	F/E Bucket
£380.00	Stock Trailer	£130.00	Bag Filler
£360.00	Tanker	£120.00	Generator
£340.00	2 Drum Mower	£110.00	Trailer
£300.00	Cast Sign	£100.00	Cigarette Machine
£290.00	Euro 8 Headstock	£100.00	Qualcast Lawnmower
£280.00	Folding Grass Harrows	£100.00	Trailer
£260.00	Portable Welder	£100.00	Metal Steps
£255.00	Lawn Mower	£100.00	Saw Bench
£250.00	Pecker	£100.00	Leaf Weights

NEXT SALE – Friday 28th April – **VENDORS** please return your Entry Forms as soon as possible, to be included in the adverts and catalogues we collate to send to our prospective buyers.

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 8TH APRIL

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

C & R Farming

6 Hereford Steers & Heifers

7-13 Months

4 Hereford Steers

24-36 Months

Registered Sire

J Fraser - TB4

6 Charolais x Steers & Heifers

10-12 Months

K S Lee - Farm Assured

14 Charolais x Steers

12-14 Months

7 Charolais x Heifers

12-14 Months

All Suckler Bred

C E Hancock & Son

38 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

M F Longfoot & Son - TB4

4 Aberdeen Angus Steers

16-17 Months

S A C Holgate

52 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

E M Sherwin & Sons

14 Hereford x Steers & Heifers

18-24 Months

W J Warner - Farm Assured

9 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers – *Named Sire*

All 21-24 Months

3 Limousin Steers & Heifers

Single Suckled, Homebred, TB Tested 13.2.23

C White

21 Charolais x steers

17 Charolais x heifers

All in forward condition. Suckler bred. Never had a case of TB.

Many white in colour

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

G C Morris & Son

A Reduction of 60 Ewes over 3 weeks

Week 2 - 14 Full Mouth North Country Mule Ewes with 25 Lambs

P & K F Chapman

1 Pedigree Dutch Spotted Ram - *Sired from TIPTOP - 2 shear ram, sale through no fault of his own, returning back onto progeny*

C Stubbs

10 Cade Lambs

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

K S Lee - Farm Assured

2 Charolais x Steers	11-12 Months
2 Charolais x Heifers	10-12 Months
6 Limousin x Steers	11-15 Months
10 Limousin x Heifers	11-15 Months
<i>All Suckler Bred</i>	

Mrs C Purse - TB4 - A Herd Dispersal of 18 Lincoln Red Females

1 Lincoln Red Cow	10 Years
1 Lincoln Red Cow	9 Years
3 Lincoln Red Cows	7 Years
3 Lincoln Red Cows	6 Years
4 Lincoln Red Cows	5 Years
2 Lincoln Red Cows	4 Years
1 Lincoln Red Cow	3 Years
1 Lincoln Red Heifer	23 Months
2 Lincoln Red Heifers	11-15 Months
<i>They have all ben running with the Lincoln Red Bull</i>	

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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

Finished, Store & Breeding Cattle

Fat Cattle - Sold to 303p or £1757.40 for a 580kg Limousin steer from WRB Farming; RA Cade sold a Beef Shorthorn steer weighing 545kg to 259p or £1411.55; Courteenhall Farms sold four Hereford steers 36-38 months to 223p or £1315.70 weighing 540-640kg.

Cull, Feeding & Over Age Cattle - Sold to £1590 for a 67 month Limousin cow from IS & NK Johnson, their 15 year old Hereford cow sold to £510; Padray Farms sold two 10 year old Limousin sows to £1510 from £1110. Two similar 31 month heifers from Fineseasons sold to £1310 for a Saler and £1300 for a Limousin; TH Branson & Son sold an 8 year old Aberdeen Angus to £1380 and a 12 year old Limousin to £920; Philip T English's Hereford heifers 37-48 months sold to £1380 from £1075.

Cows & Calves - Entries from Mrs R Keeling, two 10 year old British Blue cows with Limousin heifer calves at foot sold to £1560 from £1480.

Store & Breeding Cattle - Top price sold to £1800 for a pair of 22 month Beef Shorthorn steers from RA Cade, with two others 27 months at £1110; AJ Day & Son sold 23 month Charolais steers to £1670 from £1600, Limousin steers to £1580 from £1080 and Limousin heifers to £1080 to average £1422.50; P & R Burbage sold thirty-five store cattle 12-16 months, their Charolais steers sold to £1225 and their heifers to £1170 to take an average of £1088.71: A quality show of Limousin steers and heifers from WRB Farming saw a 17 month Limousin heifer sell to £1790 and 12 month steers sell to £1635 to take an average of £1556.25; A 10 month Holstein Friesian steer from M Short sold to £110; PR Wilderspin sold a 14 month Limousin heifer to £900 and two others £795; 10-12 month Sussex steers and heifers sold to £475 from £310 for Bowes Lyon Estate; G Hartley Webb sold two Hereford steers 9-12 months to £930; NP & MJ Russell sold 23-24 month Simmental heifers to £1090 from £990; SL Fletcher sold a 23 month Lincoln Red steer to £735 and a heifer to £580; Philip T English sold Hereford bulls 17-22 months to £1300 from £940; BW Costin & Sons sold a 16 month Aberdeen Angus steer to £1250, 13-21 month Simmental steers to £1100 and heifers to £1025 from £750; J & D Bavington sold three Simmental heifers 22-24 months to £1030 from £800.

Calves

Two calves forward selling to £250 for 3 week old British Blue bulls from JEG James.

Pigs

W Garton & Sons sold an In-Pig sow to £30 and eight weaned pigs to £38 from £35.

Equine

Four young coloured colts and a filly sold to £350 from £200, and a 7 year old Jack Donkey sold to £300.

311 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store Lambs - Trade lifted on the week following the jump in the prime trade. All in average £71.69. J & V Short topped the day at £111.50 with big framed Charollais store lambs in forward condition, their following pen at £105.50 looked comparably dearer on the frames; King Farming topped their run with part meat cross bred ram lambs to £91 and £86; B Reynolds saw the trade of the day with their Beltex lambs to £85 and followers at £73 over several pens; Heleben Settlement saw part fed Continental crosses to £83.

Feeding Ewes - Prices topped to a fantastic £136 for compact Beltex ewes from NP & MJ Russell; C Sander topped their ewes at £137 for Continentals with followers at £108; J & V Short topped the Mules for the day to £93. Frame part meat ewes were seen in the £80's, with leaner types £70's plus. All in average £81.33

Ewes & Lambs - JSW Handy penned a smart run of Texel cross theaves and single Texel lambs reaching £80 a life; GC Morris & Son topped their single Suffolk Mule ewes with full mouths to £80 a life with the doubles at £171 an outfit; King Farming saw a smart trade for their full mouth Ryland ewes with paperwork selling to £80 a life.

32 Cade Lambs - Best sold entries on the day with fierce competition. All forward were Continental crosses with RD Holland topping to £31; RA Bounds topped theirs to £26; and Heleben Settlement topped at £12.

ST NEOTS STOCKMANS DINNER

On Friday 31st March a number of the Bletsoes team were pleased to catch up with clients and market users at Johnsons Steak House, at the annual Stockmans Dinner. After enjoying some delicious beef, they were entertained by Peter Wright, The Yorkshire Vet.



Smallholders Sale Report – April

Another successful sale on Saturday and it gets bigger and busier each month. This monthly sale starts at 9.30am with a selection of over 350 lots of Sundries going under the hammer, with anything from Feeders, Fencing Tools and much, much more to include Plants, Shrubs, Hedging and Trees, with a vast crowd gathered eagerly bidding to suit their own pocket. Trade was brisk!



Hatching Eggs – Over 120 lots on offer including Geese, Duck, Game, Chicken of all kinds, Turkey and Bantam, anything from £2 to £20. Come and have a look for yourself.

Ferrets – Only eleven forward this week for sale, selling to £22 from £2.

Rabbits – Nearly one hundred cages filled this month with a vast array of all types of Coneys on offer selling from a couple of pounds up to £48.

Hamster – Just one forward this month which sold to £12.

Guinea Pigs – 80 on offer with the highlight of the sale going to a sow with three young selling to £43; a sow with two young selling to £40, others similar sorts with one sold to £21 and prices for individuals sold to £14 from £2.50. All colours, breeds, shapes and sizes on offer, to suit all pockets deep or short. Where else can you go to find this range? Come and See for yourself.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sad to report the death of John Peter Watts of Ketnor Farm, Hannington, who died on Thursday 30th March at the age of 87, following a long illness.

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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