

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 21st November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 28th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 5th December

Christmas Prime Stock Show & Sale - Judging 10.00am

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 12th December

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale - 12 noon

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

229 Prime Lambs

Trade remains solid on the week with more lambs needed, a good showing of meat forward on the whole. Best shape export types continue to hit premiums with DM & A Andrews topping the day at 277p/kg for 45kg Beltex crosses, with their 44.5kgs at 259p/kg. FH Loggin & Sons topped the day overall with Zwartble Texels selling to £140 for 56kgs and 248p/kg for both their 51kgs and 48kgs. SQQ 252p/kg.

Highlights - JE Lea & Son saw their usual stamp of Charollais lambs topping to 255p/kg for 43kgs with their 47kgs at 250p/kg; JA Hazell & Son saw a best meat show of Continental crosses forward with 45.5kgs selling to 255p/kg; N Farmer saw similar goods with hopper fed Charollais crosses at 48kgs reaching 252p/kg; L Beames topped the Suffolks on the day with 47.5kgs at 250p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
277p	£124.65	247p	£99.20	252p	£108.39
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
252p	£126.48	225p	£112.50	247.7p	£119.94
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
250p	£140.00	250p	£140.00	250p	£140.00

124 Store Lambs

Another top draw of quality stores covering all bases, longer term lambs look well sold with an all in average at £81.27. L Beames saw a fantastic run of well grown Suffolk lambs forward with big framed lambs to £100 followed by £94 and £86; SD Harrison saw their Romney crosses to £91 for big framed lambs and ram lambs of the same type to £81; AJ Astwell & Son saw Continentals at £80, the same as Dancer Brothers and their smart bred Charollais crosses. Longer term, light weight lambs were seen in the high £60's with only one pen below £65 on the day.

To	From	Average
£100.00	£55.50	£81.27

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.

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43 Cull Ewes & Rams

A continuing trade on recent weeks with the grade of ewes the only changing factor. Weight and meat continue to find premiums. All in average £82.21. Dancer Brothers topped the day with young Charollais crosses to £114.50; L Beames topped the Suffolks with lean meat big framed ewes to £110; DC Pratley topped the Texels at £99; J Page saw the best of the Mules with meat to £90 and fat at £93. Good going on feeding types were in the high £70's to mid £80's with long term lighter framed feeders sub £50.

To	From	Average
£114.50	£39.00	£82.21

Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs, Sundries

A busy day all round yesterday. It was good to see what can be sold at Stratford with a 7 year old Quad Bike selling for £2700 and a 3 year old Paddock Topper selling to £1250, this just shows the power of advertising presale and what can be marketed at Stratford.

Other sections saw a Garden Table and Chairs to £36, Electric Fence Posts and Tape to £30, Leaf Blower to £30, Guitar and Case to £15, Wheelbarrow to £10, Logs to £6.50 from £3, Trays of Eggs to £6 from £3, Bags of Spring Bulbs to £1.50, Cauliflowers to £1, Potatoes to £1, Bunches of Carrots to 80p.

Nearly 500 lots on offer sold to a good crowd of bidders, buyers and onlookers. More items are needed for all sections. **Don't forget** to advertise presale for potentially a better price on your items.

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Beth Kitchener on 01832 732241 or beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk

SHEEP VENDORS

New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13th December 2023.

Action Needed Now.....

What's changing?

Changes in legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of the new rule is to comply with EU export requirements to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm biosecurity.

Why is this changing?

The Statutory Health Attestation is required from the 13 December 2023 to certify exports of POAO (Products of Animal Origin) to the EU. The EHCs (Export Health Certificates) require that the animals' farm of origin has undergone regular visits by a veterinary surgeon.

What do producers need to do?

Producers will be required to obtain a signed declaration from their vet that the visit has taken place. The veterinary attestation template can be found here: [veterinary attestation template](#). This should be signed and completed by the farm vet.

Obtaining a signed veterinary attestation must be done at least once over a 12-month period and can be combined with any other routine veterinary visit, including government supported initiatives such as the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway in England.

Farmers and vets must keep a copy of their completed declarations and the "unique reference number" created, for their records and to provide to their livestock auction market or meat processor.

Farms that are part of qualifying assurance schemes do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. Membership of these farm assurance schemes is accepted as evidence that a premises of origin meets the requirement for regular health visits from a vet.

The qualifying schemes are:

- Annual health and welfare review (England only)
- Quality Meat Scotland (QMS)
- Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb Scheme (FAWL) (Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd (WLBP))
- Red Tractor

Please contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803 for further information.

TB  RANGE AUCTION

at Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 28th November at 4pm

Sale of 85 Suckler Bred
Blonde D'Aquitaine Steers & Heifers
20-24 Months

On behalf of Northen & Son, Oakham

Further entries are invited

Contact Alastair Brown – 07885 804450

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Christmas Prime Stock Show & Sale

*Tuesday 5th December at 10.30am,
Judging at 10am*

Classes:

- 1 - Best Pen of 3 Continental Lambs**
- 2 - Best Pen of 3 Native Bred Lambs**
- 3 – Best Single Cull Ewe**
- 4 – Champion & Reserve Champion**

Prize Cards & Prize Money will be awarded to the top 3 places

Please forward your entries to Jake as soon as possible.

Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Tuesday 19th December
at 12 noon*

To be held at Stratford Livestock Market

Entries are invited to include all types of oven ready birds and meats.

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants.

Long Legged & Other Poultry sections will also be available.

Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office

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