

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 10th August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 12th August
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 17th August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 19th August
First Annual Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 24th August
Prime & Cull Sheep

Friday 25th August
Thrapston Collective 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 3RD AUGUST

407 Prime Lambs

Trade remains on a constant path with a very similar trade on the week. SQQ 252.22p/kg. PM & A Bonner topped the day with their usual best end Texels up to 270p/kg for 47kgs. Ulmus Farm topped the day overall with lambs to £156 for the biggest Texel lambs.

Highlights - Grange Farm topped their run with a best meat show of texel crosses at 45kgs selling to £118; C Stancombe & Son topped to £115 for 45kg Texel Mules with 55kgs to £155; D & AE Allen saw a best meat show of Continental cross lambs sell to £115 for 44.5kgs; WF Knight & Son saw their usual goods off to a flyer with 44.5kgs to £115 over several pens; CA Stubbs topped with a sterling show of Charollais at 52kgs selling to £135; RA Bounds saw £130 for their 51kg Continentals; J Towers penned a smart run of Texel crosses with their 50kgs selling at £127; WH Tanner & Son saw the best of the Suffolks with 58kgs reaching £140.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
251p	£88.00	251p	£88.00	251p	£88.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
263p	£118.00	241p	£100.00	252.2p	£109.95
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
270p	£135.00	242p	£115.00	255.4p	£122.32
Over 52kg					
249p	£156.00	214p	£132.00	237.2p	£137.33

66 Cull Ewes & Rams

A steadier week with a smart trade for lean meat, not as many big ewes as previous weeks. All in average £79.94. Grange Farm topped the day with good meat Suffolks to £116 and Texel crosses at £115. F Southall topped to £105 with continentals and £99 for their Suffolks. P Stiles's saw the best of the mules with ewes topping at £85.

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Thrapston Breeding Sheep & Ram Sales

Entries are now being taken for the following sales

Saturday 19th August

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Wednesday 9th August

Wednesday 13th September

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Monday 4th September

Saturday 14th October

Catalogue Entry Deadline – Wednesday 4th October

Please contact us with your entries,
for cataloguing & advertising purposes.

Entry forms can be found online.

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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Store & Breeding Cattle

Cattle sold to £1600 for a 18mo Limousin Steer from J Bottesch with his others at £1490 and £1540 for a Bull. EF Wootton & Son sold their Stores to £1580 for a 17mo Saler Steer with others to £1510 from £1100 for Dairy bred Blues. R Munns sold 3 Charolais Steers 15mo to £1190. Harry Gates sold a 26mo Limousin Heifer to £1220 and JC & JS Helliwell sold a 20mo Limousin Bull to £600

Calves

£400 each for 1 month old British Blue Bull calves today from JEG James

Pigs

Quite a turn around in the pig section from what it was some months ago. Saddleback Sows sold to £220 from £205 for K Warner. Weaned pigs sold to £90 for Large White/Welsh x Rattlerow Maximus Weaned Boars from C Purse, HJ Brooks & Sons saw their weaned pigs sell to £79 and some lesser sorts from Westfield Farm sold to £40

Goats

£200 for Pygmy x Doelings from SG Knott & Son and their Nannies sold to £130, two Alpine Nannies from M Wright sold to £130, other Doelings from AR Smith & Sons sold to £130, their wethers sold to £50 and Nannies sold to £110. A large Saanen Billy from SH & RS Whinney sold to £130.

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Store Lambs-

Prices see an all time high with feeding men and farmers filling the alleys to graze the influx of grass with both short and long term lambs. Longest term lambs look a tremendous price.

J Bailey topped the day with Suffolk ram lambs to £102. RJ Garley continues to draw a powerful run of Texel lambs seeing even better quality forward on the week topping to £96.50 with followers at £96, £91, £90 and £88 twice. FR Johnson saw equal trade for their Texel crosses at £88. D Morley topped with smart framed Dutch Spotted x lambs at £85 while a pen of 20 Charollais crosses looked the best sold on the day at £73. Healthy long term lambs all sold well above £50.

Feeding ewes -

another top end sale with many looking to stock the field with ewes instead of lambs. J Bailey topped the day with Suffolk ewes at £120, AC Downing saw a strong trade for their Suffolk ewes at £89. R Walvin topped their run with continentals at £88. JL Spendlove saw the best trade for natives with Herdwick ewes to £86 and £66. B Painter saw the trade of the day with true feeding ewes at £59.

FREE FERTILISER

Approximately 30+ Tonnes of Poultry Manure
Approximately 30+ Tonnes of Farm Yard Manure

At Polebrook, Nr Oundle.

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SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Smallholders Sale

Despite the rain, vendors and buyers braved the outdoors to see over 250 lots of sundries sell, before they could get into the dry. The brave who toughed it out, bid extremely well with some proper smallholders items on offer to include: Poultry feeders, Fencing, Containers, Gates and Hurdles, electric fencer units, poultry and rabbit housing, hand tools etc, bags of shavings and animal feed
An abundance of hatching eggs to include Quail, Pheasant, all sorts of breeds of Chickens and Ducks.

Over 70 cages of small birds were sold to include: Budgies, Canaries, Finches, Cockatiels, which all achieved some very nice returns for the vendors.
Produce - a newish section to include: Pansies, bedding plants, Beetroot and other produce.

Rabbits an entry of over 200 were on offer with something for everyone from Hairy to smooth coated in many different colours, if you can't find what you want at our sale they don't breed them! Prices ranged from £1 to £40.
Guinea pigs - over 100 on offer and with so much variety on offer, prices ranged from £1 upto £30.

THE NEXT SALE – Saturday 2nd September at 9.30am.

A polite notice to VENDORS - Please ensure you arrive and have your items booked in by 8.30am on the day of sale, this will help our staff to have your lots booked in correctly. It also helps buyers to have a good look at what's on offer.

Ronaldsay Sheep

Exciting to have Two flock dispersals entered today, with some small, unique sheep the first flock came from J Rule (Overbore) which sold to £30 for Ewes and a Ewe lamb and the second flock came from P Bosworth (Neatfarm) which sold to £66 for a ewe with a lamb outfit their ewes sold to £28 and a Ram to £22.

Donkey

Jimbo a 2yo Gelded Donkey sold to £400

NOTICE

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

FOR SALE

Land off Station Road, Blunham, Bedfordshire

4.75 acres (1.92 ha) of permanent pasture in the village of Blunham, Bedfordshire, available for sale as a whole.

For further information please contact

Richard Spendlove on 01832 732241
or richard.spendlove@bletsoes.co.uk

FOR SALE

Land off Deeping Road, Peakirk, Cambridgeshire

5.53 acres (2.23 hectares) of permanent pasture on the outskirts of Peakirk, near Peterborough, available for sale as a whole.

For further information please contact

Grace Millbank on 01832 732241
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BOVINE TB - EXTENSION OF POST-MOVEMENT TB TESTING TO ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE TESTING PARTS OF THE EDGE AREA OF ENGLAND

TB testing in annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area.

On 1 August 2023, post-movement TB testing will become compulsory for cattle moved to annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area from higher TB incidence Areas of England and from Wales.

Cattle moved to herds in annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area from higher TB Incidence Areas of England and from Wales, will require compulsory post-movements skin testing between 60 and 120 days after their arrival on the destination holding

Higher TB Incidence Areas are:

- Six-monthly surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area of England
- High Risk Area (HRA) of England
- Wales

Please ensure that you inform us of your area before Cattle are sold in the ring.

Sustainable Farming Incentive

2023 is the last year of BPS. De-linked payments will be available to those that are eligible for years 2023-2027. Mitigating the loss of the BPS income may future proof your business. There are various schemes and grants available to farmers which may help replace this. The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is due to be launched for applications in August 2023. This scheme may offer some additional income to soften the loss of BPS. This is a 3-year scheme aimed at both arable and grass land. There is a list of 23 actions to choose from, each action has a different objective and payment rate. Farmers can choose the options that suit their holding, as long as the land type is eligible for that option.

CS Mid-Tier Capital Grants

You may wish to improve your holding by erecting new fencing, renewing concrete in yards, or planting new hedges. Under the Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier scheme, grant money may be available to you to complete the actions you wish to undertake.

Please contact a member of the Agricultural team for more information on 01832 732241

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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1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
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1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
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CONTRACT FARMING ARRANGEMENTS & HOW BLETSOES CAN HELP

With the loss of BPS, high input prices and increased machinery costs, now could be a good time to consider a change in your farming business. If your current machinery fleet is coming up for renewal, you want to sharpen your costs, or you're looking to relieve your workload, a Contract Farming Agreement might be the solution to meet a number of objectives while still retaining your status as a trading farmer.

How do Contract Farming Agreements work?

A farmer instructs a contractor to undertake the practical operations and management of a crop or other enterprise, within the farmer's stated policies.

Roles and operations are defined by the contract between farmer and contractor. The crop or other produce belongs to the farmer and the contractor provides labour, machinery and any other services specified on an agreed basis for remuneration.

Key points

1. The instructing farmer is and remains the responsible person with financial risk from the outcome of farming.
2. The contractor is a supplier of services to the farmer.
3. The contractor's role is defined by the contract and they have access to the land by the farmer's consent.
4. A good working relationship and liaison between the two parties is essential to make this work, aided by prior agreement on expectations and responsibilities.

How can Bletsoes help?

Bletsoes can advise and talk you through how a Contract Farming Agreement (CFA) works, highlighting the potential tax benefits and we will explain in detail each party's responsibilities. We can create and implement the contract agreement and ensure that the agreement works for both parties.

CFA Management

We can simply set up the new agreement or we can provide a management service, ensuring that everything runs smoothly, organising a comprehensive cash book, which can then be used to complete a computation of figures to work out the profit share for the growing year. We will be able to provide a schedule of performance, giving you an insight into yields and costs.

Rob Russell
Agri-Business Consultant



ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT - CALF HOUSING UPGRADES



Further funding has recently been made available to cattle farmers in England. The new £10 million Animal Health and Welfare Infrastructure Grant set out by DEFRA now allows cattle farmers with over 10 cattle to apply for a grant of between £15,000 and £500,000 to co-finance improvements to farm buildings used for calf housing.

The aim is that buildings built or upgraded under the grant will deliver health and welfare benefits for calves up to the age of 6 months. The grant can pay for the capital costs to build new, upgrade, or replace existing calf housing buildings such as:

- A-frame buildings with 4 walls
- Mono-pitch buildings with 3 walls and one open side
- Permanent open-sided structures with igloos or hutches
- Other types of building that do not fit the above categories.

In addition to this, farmers are also able to access funding for **roof top solar panels** on calf housing buildings, providing both improved thermal insulation and lower energy costs for calf housing.

Before applying, you need to discuss your project with a vet and include a letter of confirmation in your full application. The building must be in situ for a minimum of 5 years.

Grants can cover up to a maximum rate of:

- 40% of the eligible costs of a project OR
- 25% if rooftop solar PV panels are included as part of your project.

You can claim the grant payment after the work is finished and has been paid for. The RPA have indicated that similar grants will become available in due course for adult cattle, pig and poultry housing.

If you would like to discuss this grant in greater detail, please speak to a member of the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241.

NOTICE

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

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL - NEW LOCAL PLAN

Peterborough City Council have started preparations for a full update to their Local Plan setting out how the city will grow over future decades. The new Local Plan will set out an overarching approach to development in Peterborough and aims to deliver on many of the issues facing the local area at present.

As part of the Local Plan Review, a Call for Sites exercise is taking place inviting landowners to submit sites of potential interest to these sectors, these include:

- Residential such as housing (market and affordable, specialist homes, self-builds, moorings etc.)
- Commercial (such as employment, retail, commercial leisure, logistics and distribution etc.)
- Infrastructure (such as education, health facilities, transport hubs, renewable energy etc.)
- Open space (such as sports and recreation parks, biodiversity gain, flood mitigation and travelling showpeople sites)

The Call for Sites runs until 15th September 2023.

For sites to be included in the Local Plan they must be capable of delivering 10 or more dwellings or for sites of economic development and commercial sites, a size of 0.25 hectares (or 500 square metres of floor space). We will be submitting sites on behalf of landowners to this process, along with supporting information and if you should have any land which you feel should be promoted through this Local Plan Review then please contact a member of the Planning and Development Team and we will be happy to assist you.

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.

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COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

Friday 25th August 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 15th August to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



Saturday 26th August at 1.00pm

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Entries by Monday 14th August

NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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Oakhurst Farm Eye, Cambridgeshire

In all about 115 acres (46 hectares)
For sale as a whole or in up to 5 lots

- 5 Bedroom Farmhouse and 4 Bedroom Barn Conversion
- Consent to convert farm buildings to create 3 dwellings
- 105.65 acres of Arable Land
- Environmental and Redevelopment Opportunities



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Land at Lower Farm Barnwell, Northamptonshire

In all about 197.68 acres (80 hectares)
For sale as a whole

- Approximately 193.28 acres (78.22 ha) of Commercial Arable Land
- Spinney & Ponds Across Rolling Countryside
- Environmental Opportunities



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