

More than just a market

MARKET NEWS FOR TUESDAY 15TH MAY

Manager's Mutterings

A lovely dry warm day for a change with a few farmers taking advantage and grass cutting though we still had a good turnout with 538 head of cattle, 2,414 head of sheep and 90 pigs forward.

Tom reports a good fat trade again with all firms requiring meat, be that lambs, hoggs or ewes. Ewes and lambs filled a good portion of the shed. Trade, whilst not flying was constant. It seems plenty of farmers would like to buy, but with fewer lambs on the ground after a hard lambing, it may be that funds to buy could become a worry for some. We have to hope a good lamb trade can help fill the gap this year and perhaps ease some of the pressure.

Prime cattle were in demand with Robert Barker from Great Ponton topping the day with his Limousin Heifer weighing 531kg at 241p/kg and selling to Ozolin Butchers. Barren Cows were a very good trade with many meated cows on offer and topping at 178p/kg for the best Grade 1 Cow.

The catalogue remains a firm favourite with the customers with again 207 Reared Calves and 133 Strong Stores and Cows and Calves. Entries coming in for next week, and at first look plenty of quality coming forward. Please contact the office or myself with further entries before midday Thursday to be included in the catalogue. Today's prices and quality were good with Wainwright of Mount Sorrell topping the Reared Calf section with £1,270 for his 13 mo Pedigree Limousin Steer and £1,085 for his 12 mo Pedigree Limousin Heifer. The Strong Stores remain firm with AL Lamb of Great Casterton having the top price today at £1,210 for 22 mo Saler Steers, with more entered for next week and GW Fox from lbstock realising £1,195 for a 25 mo Blonde Heifer.

This Saturday is our long awaited Horse, Tack and Machinery Sale.

Tom also attended the Leicestershire YFC Rally on Saturday, where we are the main sponsors. It was a great event with the usual YFC spirit of things at the fore and great to see so many active members getting involved.

We say goodbye to John Powell this week, who is returning to work nearer home in Worcestershire. I would like to thank John on behalf of staff and customers for all his work at the Market and wish him the best of luck for the future. We are recruiting for a replacement trainee auctioneer/field officer and if you know anyone who would fit the bill please put them in touch with me or careers@meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

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<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <u>Tuesday 22nd May</u>

Weekly Store Cattle Sale Over 400 head of cattle expected

The weekly catalogue will be available to view by
Thursday evening on our website
www.meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk
or alternatively pick up a copy from the market office

Entries close on Thursday at noon, unfortunately entries taken after this are most welcome but will not be included in the catalogue and will be sold at the end of the relevant section of the sale.

Melton Mowbray Market not only does live sales at market, but can also assist our customers with:

- On farm sales
- Sales of TB affected stock
- Deadweight sales

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TUESDAY SALE TIMES



RING 1

BARREN COWS 10.00am
Followed by PRIME CATTLE & BULLS

RING 3

REARING CALVES 10.00am

RING 2

REARED CALVES 11.00am
Followed by COWS & CALVES & DAIRY COWS
Followed by STORE CATTLE

SHEEP CENTRE

PRIME LAMBS 10.00am
Followed by CULL EWES
STORE LAMBS 11.30am
Followed by BREEDING SHEEP & RAMS

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

PIGS 9.00am

SALE YARD

FODDER etc 12.30pm

Horse, Tack & Machinery Sale

The next horse, tack and machinery sale is Saturday 19th May

SHEEP

Auctioneer: Tom Greenow on 07775 758586

Slaughter Sheep (1,687)

Prime Hoggs (836)

A real mixed bunch again, with all the meat a royal trade from start to finish. Big hoggs still coming to the money, with no end £130 plus. With even this few hoggs about, we still had 8 buyers on 13 accounts, competing throughout.

A top price per kg of 257ppk for H Haywood, Harby and per head of £163 for Fran Hobill, Scalford.

SQQ 232.84ppk.

Prime Lambs (84)

A definite sharpening of trade as firms trying so hard to switch onto spring lamb, but numbers not forthcoming. A shortage especially of 40+kg lambs, which are simply flying.

A top price per kg of 338ppk for J Headland, Long Bennington and per head of £125 for the same vendor.

SQQ - 297.9ppk

Cull Ewes (767)

Very little difference in trade, with a real mixture about, and a lot of fat ewes forward. Trade strong and absolutely constant from start to finish with all buyers keen for ewes. A top price per head of £159 for I Churches, Northants.

Overall average £90.68

Store Sheep (178)

Auctioneer: Tom Greenow on 07775 758586

Still they keep coming, with today's entry made up largely of a run of ewe hoggs, which met a large crowd of purchasers. These being cheviot mule ewe hoggs topped at £97.

Overall Average - £77.81

Breeding Sheep (200 ewes with 348 lambs)

Some lovely sheep on offer, with Lowesby Farms making their annual consignment. Plenty of people wanting to buy but an obvious reluctance, with the uncertainty of the summer, following a difficult lambing. One or two perhaps tightening the purse strings, in expectation of having less lambs to sell.

Trade level throughout the sale, with lambs closest to being finished making the best premiums.

North Country Mule theaves with 1.6 lambs to £73 per life (£194 per outfit) North Country Mule theaves with 1.8 lambs to £71 per life (£201 per outfit) Continental x flock ages with twins to £85 per life (£255 per outfit) Suffolk x flock ages with twins to £66 per life (£198 per outfit) Texel x hoggs with singles to £81 per life (£162 per outfit)

Overall average £68.58 per life or £183.69 per outfit.

ENTRIES FOR MACHINERY SALE

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CATTLE

Slaughter Cattle

Auctioneer: Tim Webster on 07949 173180

With a few farmers making use of the recent fine weather cutting grass, hence the reduced numbers. Cattle in high demand and prices dear due to scarcity.

Prime Cattle (97)

Overall Average: 190.12p/kg	Deadweight Equivalent: 345.67p/kg

Туре	No of head	Up to p/kg	Vendor	Average p/kg	Deadweight equivalent
Light Steers	-	-	-	-	-
Second Quality					
Medium Steers	13	204	AN & JE Stubbs	185.99	338.16
Second Quality		180			
Heavy Steers	13	209	T & EL Kirkman	186.48	339.05
Second Quality		180			
Light Heifers	5	191	AP Danvers	163.68	297.60
Second Quality		182			
Medium Heifers	14	241	RW Barker & Son	192.85	350.63
Second Quality		184			
Heavy Heifers	4	230	SS Gawthroup & Sons	218.24	396.80
Second Quality		179			

Please could all cattle be easily identifiable with 2 clean tags, the right sex on the passport and an entry form correctly filled in including TB status to accompany all cattle
Thank you in advance

Туре		
Steers	1,411.55	T & EL Kirkman
	1,356.30	T & EL Kirkman
	1,315.74	BL Burton Farms Ltd
	1,305.94	TG & DM Watchorn
	1,286.40	BL Burton Farms Ltd
Heifers	1,494.05	SS Gawthroup & Sons
	1,421.27	SS Gawthroup & Sons
	1,363.53	SS Gawthroup & Sons
	1,277.06	RW Barker & Son
	1,259.93	JB Thompson

OTM Cattle (16)

Auctioneer: Tim Webster on 07949 173180

Туре	No of head	Up to p/kg	Average p/kg
Steers (over 30 months-under 36 months)	3	1778	167.33
Heifers (over30 months-under 36 months)	1	151	151.00
Barren Cows Grade 1	7	177	157.43
Barren Cows Grade 2	-	-	-
Barren Cows Grade 3	3	128	127.33
Barren Cows Grade 4	2	120	114.00

Туре	Top Gross £	Vendor
Barren Cows	1,281.39	J Turner & Son
	1,247.64	HM Walker
	1,137.35	R Allsopp
	1,091.35	R Allsopp
	1,031.03	MJ Blades

Cattle Entry Forms can be downloaded from the website www.meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

Store Cattle

Auctioneer: Ben Shouler on 07966 398987

Strong Store Cattle (133)

An excellent entry of cattle and trade held very well throughout the sale. All shapes and ages keenly sought after. Top price today goes to AL Lamb & Son of Great Casterton selling 20 month old Saler Steers to £1,210.

Steers/Bulls	Top price £
British Blue	1,020
Saler	1,210
Charolais	1,020
Limousin	1,160
Hereford	1,110
Blonde	1,005

Heifers	Top price £
Hereford	905
Aberdeen Angus	1,100
Limousin	930
Blonde	1,195
British Blue	905

Reared Calves (207) over 6 months

Auctioneer: Ben Shouler on 07966 398987

Today's prices and quality were good with Wainwright of Mount Sorrell topping the Reared Calf section with £1,270 for his 13 month old Pedigree Limousin Steer and £1,085 for his 12 month old Pedigree Limousin Heifer.

Steers/Bulls	Top price £
British Blue	1,075
South Devon	1,015
Simmental	965
Limousin	1,270
Charolais	1,075
Shorthorn	800

Heifers	Top price £
Charolais	975
Simmental	785
British Blue	715
Limousin	1,085
South Devon	830
Hereford	940

Baby Calves (62)

Auctioneer: Barrie Williamson on 07541 400919

Smaller entry created a strong demand for all breeds.

British Blues took the leading prices with T C & D Willoughby of Normanton on Soar selling bulls to £390 and R W Collishaw of Hickling selling one for £350. N G & C A Taylor sold 2 bulls for £380 each and B Blue heifers for £360 and £335 each.

Simmental bulls from Macer Bros of Thorpe in the Glebe reached £330 while G E Pountney of Arbury sold Charolais heifers to £320 and G H Spencer & Son of Thorpe Arnold sold a Limousin heifer for £300.

Bull Calves	Top price £	Average £
Hereford	170	
Aberdeen Angus	140	133
Salers	200	
Holstein	120	66
Simmental	3320	302
Montbeliarde	255	
British Blue	390	315

Heifer Calves	Top price £	Average £
Aberdeen Angus	185	130
Limousin	300	209
British Blue	360	285
Hereford	185	127
Simmental	185	165
Charolais	320	305

Reared / Weanlings (70) under 6 months

Auctioneer: Barrie Williamson on 07541 400919

Not quite the quality of last week but still a strong demand for the larger entry of younger cattle.

British Blues continue to attract high prices with steers reaching £530 and heifers £515 both from Richard Wingate of Wilksby.

4 month old Hereford steers from F A & K M Bailey of Gilmorton reached £455 and their A Angus heifer made £435.

3 four month old B Blue heifers from Throckenholt Farms of Spalding made £440 each.

Bull Calves	Top price £	Average £
Holstein	335	285
British Blue	530	443
Hereford	455	375
Aberdeen Angus	370	340
Salers	390	

Heifer Calves	Top price £	Average £
Aberdeen Angus	435	370
British Blue	515	406
Simmental	305	
Limousin	345	
Hereford	395	373

Pigs (90)

Larger entry of Fat pigs sold on a fast trade with the best Cutters from Stan Taylor of Bottesford reaching £122.

Pig Section	Number of head	Up to £
Fat (cutters & porkers)	56	122
Stores	24	30
Cull Sows	9	110
Cull Boars	1	70

The next pig sale is Tuesday 29th May

All pigs to be penned by 9am

HAROLD BATES

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Harold Bates, who farmed at Packington up to retiring.

He passed away on Wednesday 9th May aged 87, the funeral will take place on Monday 21st May at 11.15am at Bretby Crematorium.

Harold attended Melton Mowbray Market most weeks and was a charcter around the cattle rings.

Our thoughts go to his wife Doreen and his daughters Iris and Kathleen.

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EGGS			SUNDRIES (194) Lots		
Duck eggs (30)	3.75		Grinder	25.00	
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