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MARKET NEWS FOR TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2018

Manager's Muttering

Another strong market this week with 616 head of cattle, 3,874 head of sheep and 230 pigs forward.

The Prime Cattle Section had towards 80 Cattle forward with the quality very good, pen after pen of nice shapely and well meated cattle greeted well by the buyers. The overall average was above the £2 mark (201.22p/kg). We had some fine quality Butchers cattle which topped at 248ppkg for Horace Witcomb for a Limousin Heifer and sold to local Butchers Ozolins of Saxilby. Next week I will be away on holiday with Simon Allam taking the rostrum.

Ben reports a strong trade throughout the store section with 3/4 finished cattle in great demand. Top price was Brooksby Melton College selling Shorthorn Steers to £1,175.. The reared section proved harder to get the prices recently achieved, except the very best.

Tom reports another busy week in the sheep shed with just over 4000 penned. Fat trade continues to be slow with demand very limited for meat at present, with little or no export taking place to Europe. Store lambs out in abundance again, no doubt due to the lack of keep forcing sales a little. In general there is still confidence coming through in the store lamb trade, however the biggest dropping back a bit as would be expected with a falling fat trade.

Today was the annual October Ram Fayre, with 85 forward. Trade in general pretty good, if they were picked on by buyers, who have been selective with their money throughout the season. A reminder that the 16th October is the annual show and sale of breeding ewe lambs – entries to Tom please by 9th October for the catalogue

This weekend sees us host the 15th East Midlands Food Festival. The festival was named in the New York Times as one of the top five global food festivals this year so do pop down to sample the food and drink on offer. Tickets are £6 on the door or £5 in advance from www.meltonmowbrayfoodfestival.co.uk and children under 16 go free.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that the horse sale on Saturday 20th October is on. We have new procedures in place for this sale and five golden rules these can be found on the inside cover.

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Breeding Sheep entered for Tuesday 9th October

C Hewerdine, Brentingby - 50 North Country Mule Theaves

L & J Gregory, Weston Underwood – 10 welsh mule Theaves and
10 North Country Mule theaves

Horse Sale rules

- 1.) No horses are allowed on the market site, unless they are entered for the sale (No horses in transit & no outside trading, vehicles may be searched).
- 2.) All horses are to be booked in by 10.00 through the calf loading bay area.
- 3.) Viewing of horses is from 10.00 and the pens must be clear of everyone except market employees 15 minutes prior to the start of the auction.
- 4.) Under no circumstances is anyone allowed in the sales ring other than market employees. The only exclusion to this, is the vendor who may ride or lead their horse around if preferred. Such vendors are allowed into the pens five minutes beforehand and must clear the area afterwards.
- 5.) Market instruction must be followed at all times and any non-compliance will result in a ban.

I hope you will agree that this will lead to a better sale for all concerned. Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Wicks, Head of Operations and Compliance on 01664 502 809. If you have horses you wish to bring to the sale, please advise me or the office in advance and we can publicise them along with any pictures you might have. Payout for the sale will continue to be on the day, but by cheque or BACS only.

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

PLEASE CALL TO ENTER YOUR STOCK

Cattle: Tim Webster 07949 173180 or 01664 562971
Ben Shouler 01664 560181 or 01664 502950

Sheep: Tom Greenow 07775 758586 or 01664 562971
Simon Allam 07889 178256 or 01476 530216

Pigs: Barrie Williamson 07541 400919

SHEEP

Auctioneer:
Tom Greenow
on 07775 758586

Slaughter Sheep (1,663)

Prime Lambs (1,233)

Trade currently being reported as lacklustre right across the country, and today would be no different. A real lack of serious demand with meat sales continuing to be slow, and export virtually non existent. The easiest to sell would be 45-49kg well fleshed lambs. Despite a slow trade, still 12 buyers on 22 accounts.

A top price per kg of 180ppk for J Voss, Tilton on the Hill and per head of £85 for Framland Farms, Melton Mowbray.

SQQ – 156.79ppk

<i>Number of head</i>	<i>Weights kg</i>	<i>Up to p/kg</i>	<i>Average p/kg</i>	<i>Top gross £</i>
78	32.1-39	167	155	65
612	39.1-45.5	180	157	82
507	45.6-52	173	157	85
36	52+	147	143	79.50

Cull Ewes (430)

Similar remarks to last week really. Meat selling ok but an absolute mountain of little, lean ewes which would completely skew the average. A top price of £87 for G R Robinson, Kings Norton.

Overall average £51.88

Store Lambs (1,656)

*Auctioneer:
Tom Greenow
on 07775 758586*

Not quite the quality of lambs as last week, but still some good runs amongst them. Medium lambs easiest to sell, with the biggest taking a knock off the back of the fat trade, and back £4-5. A lot of little lambs about again which still find a good following although obviously at a lesser price. Please continue to enter your stores with the office or myself so we can let buyers know. A top price of £69.50.

Strongest Stores to £69.50 average £64.57

Medium Stores to £60 average £54.39

Small stores to £46.50 average £41.08

Overall Average - £49.71

Breeding Ewes (545)

A bit more bite to the trade as we get ever closer to tugging, and certainly more people to bid for the breeders. Mule Theaves in general finding a bit more favour with buyers, and continentals continuing to hold their trade.

North Country Mules Theaves to £115

Suffolk x Theaves to £116

Blue faced Leicester theaves to £134

Breeding Rams (5)

A generally selective trade, with buyers choosy about the rams they wanted. Top price was 450 guineas for a Suffolk Shearling from Messrs Hallam and Eggleston.

Suffolk Shearlings to 450 guineas

Suffolk Ram Lambs to 250 guineas

Texel Shearlings to 440 guineas

Charollais Shearlings to 450 guineas

Charollais Ram Lambs to 200 guineas

CATTLE

Auctioneer:
Tim Webster
07949 173180

Slaughter Cattle (79)

Very good show of cattle throughout, totally different to last week. Top price from H & BA Witcomb of Asfordby for a Limousin x Heifer at 248p/kg. I will see you all in two weeks, Simon Allam will be selling next week.

Overall Average: 201.22p/kg

Type	No of head	Up to p/kg	Vendor	Average p/kg
Light Steers	2	220	H & BA Witcomb	202.00
Second Quality		184		
Medium Steers	10	221	JC & AT Hutchinson	198.12
Second Quality		182		
Heavy Steers	10	196	JH Dunthorne & Sons	187.16
Second Quality		180		
Light Heifers	3	224	A Robinson	214.77
Second Quality		-		
Medium Heifers	19	248	H & BA Witcomb	205.48
Second Quality		189		
Heavy Heifers	15	214	H & BA Witcomb & H & T Abbott	195.93
Second Quality		186		
Light Bulls	2	198	H Spiby & Son	154.50
Second Quality		111		
Medium Bulls	1	200	H Spiby & Son	200.00
Second Quality		-		
Heavy Bulls	4	163	Gates Farming	155.50
Second Quality		149		

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

Type	Top Gross £	Vendor
Steers	1,431	JC & AT Hutchinson
	1,335	JC & AT Hutchinson
	1,335	JH Dunthorne & Sons
	1,331	W Harrison
	1,304	JH Dunthorne & Sons
Heifers	1,437	AJ Adams
	1,422	JO Flint
	1,392	H & BA Witcomb
	1,366	H & T Abbott
	1,348	H & BA Witcomb

Auctioneer:

Tim Webster

07949 173180

OTM Cattle (30 - 36 months)

Type	No of head	Up to p/kg	Average p/kg
Steers	2	165	161.50
Heifers	2	177	168.50
Barren Cows Grade 1	1	162	162.00
Barren Cows Grade 2	2	135	135.00
Barren Cows Grade 3	2	128	124.50
Barren Cows Grade 4	3	117	97.33
Cull Bulls Grade 3	1	123	123.00

Type	Top Gross £	Vendor
Barren Cows	1,405	S Burton
	980	WF Mann & Son
	886	RA Wadland & Sons
	834	JH & HG Garratt

Cattle Entry Forms can be downloaded from the website

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Store Cattle

Auctioneer:
Ben Shouler on
07966 398987

Strong Store Cattle (191)

Trade very good for most entered today, certainly better than expected. Top price to Brooksby Melton College selling Shorthorn Steers to £1,175.

<i>Steers/Bulls</i>	<i>Top price £</i>	<i>Average £</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Top price £</i>	<i>Average £</i>
<i>Hereford</i>	820	820	<i>Simmental</i>	815	750
<i>British Blue</i>	1005	930	<i>Shorthorn</i>	1130	1130
<i>Limousin</i>	990	942	<i>Limousin</i>	885	822
<i>Simmental</i>	1050	850	<i>British Blue</i>	950	796
<i>Charolais</i>	955	955	<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	910	812
<i>Shorthorn</i>	1175	1025	<i>Lincoln Red</i>	850	850
<i>Lincoln Red</i>	960	910	<i>Hereford</i>	820	820
<i>Longhorn</i>	955	955			
<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	1150	949			

Reared Calves (142) over 6 month

Auctioneer:
Ben Shouler on
07966 398987

The top trade is still there but only for a few. Second quality cattle sold very well but below that struggling to locate new homes. Top price shared today, Ian Birden with a 9 month old Limousin Steer and WG Childs selling 19 month old Limousin Steers all to £940.

<i>Steers/Bulls</i>	<i>Top price £</i>	<i>Average £</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Top price £</i>	<i>Average £</i>
<i>Limousin</i>	940	697	<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	615	455
<i>Simmental</i>	940	686	<i>British Blue</i>	535	468
<i>Charolais</i>	910	799	<i>Limousin</i>	745	614
<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	665	552	<i>Simmental</i>	485	450
<i>Saler</i>	615	615	<i>Charolais</i>	755	755
<i>Hereford</i>	640	540	<i>Hereford</i>	585	486
<i>South Devon</i>	530	530	<i>Shorthorn</i>	680	454

Auctioneer:
Barrie Williamson
07541 400919

Baby Calves (180)

Excellent entry of 40 British Blues on offer but it was a Simmental bull from R B & H M Carr of Six Hills that topped the section at £320. They also sold B Blue bulls to £290, Limousin bulls to £275, B Blue heifers to £265 and Limousin heifers to £250. K C Hughes of Twycross also sold B Blue bulls to £290 while John Minshall of Tean sold Blonde bulls to £240 and G E Pountney of Nuneaton also sold a Charolais bull for £240. R W Collishaw of Hickling sold A Angus bulls to £200.

Bull Calves	Top price £	Average £	Heifer Calves	Top price £	Average £
<i>Holstein</i>	145	62	<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	140	53
<i>Hereford</i>	140	86	<i>British Blue</i>	265	194
<i>Simmental</i>	320	190	<i>Hereford</i>	135	52
<i>Friesian</i>	145	37	<i>Simmental</i>	135	
<i>British Blue</i>	290	228	<i>Limousin</i>	250	229
<i>Angus</i>	200	101			
<i>Limousin</i>	275	152			
<i>Charolais</i>	240				
<i>Blonde</i>	240	235			

Reared/Weanlings (35) under 6 months

A smaller entry created a bit more competition.

T R H Jackson & Partners of Great Ponton topped the section with 2 six month old Charolais steers at £570 each, while Richard Booth of Bicker sold a Simmental steer for £510 and Barry Cushion sold a Limousin heifer for £465.

Bull Calves	Top price £	Average £	Heifer Calves	Top price £	Average £
<i>Holstein</i>	230		<i>Bazadaise</i>	305	
<i>Charolais</i>	570		<i>Hereford</i>	215	191
<i>Limousin</i>	365		<i>Simmental</i>	320	
<i>Simmental</i>	510		<i>British Blue</i>	370	
<i>Aberdeen Angus</i>	235		<i>Limousin</i>	465	412
<i>Hereford</i>	200				

PIGS

Pigs (200)

Mixed quality entry sold on a fast trade particularly for strong stores. Prime Gilts from Stan Taylor reached £108 each and prime boars £92 each.

A pen of 4 pure bred Berkshire Gilts from T P Radford of Lincoln sold for £74 each.

<i>Pig Section</i>	<i>Number of head</i>	<i>Up to £</i>
<i>Fat (cutters & porkers)</i>	30	108
<i>Stores</i>	52	54
<i>Cull Sows</i>	9	105
<i>Cull Boars</i>	6	72
<i>Weaners</i>	69	25
<i>5 Sows + Litters</i>	29	68

NEXT PIG SALE **TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2018**

All pigs to be penned by 9am

Contact the Office
on 01664 562971

FUR AND FEATHER

Please visit the website to view a full report on the days trading.

Entries now being taken for the Christmas Poultry Sales on the 11th, 18th and 21st December, please contact the office.

AUCTION TIMES

SUNDRIES - 9.00AM (Stock accepted upto 8.45am on a Tuesday & 1pm on a Monday)

POULTRY - 9.30AM followed by the sale of Rabbits

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