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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2011

ANOTHER RECORD BREAKING MARKET 284 CATTLE SOLD 4074 SHEEP SOLD

Steers to 190 pence £1,473 Heifers to 190 pence £1,256 **Cull Cows to** 184 pence £1.352 **Cull Bulls to** £1552 **Spring Lambs** 314 pence £124.50 291 pence £126.00 Hoggets to **Cull Ewes to** £143.00 **Cull Rams to** £123.00

284 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

177 Clean Cattle and Bulls, 45 Overage Clean, 62 Cull Cows & Bulls. Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of clean cattle sold to another excellent trade. The yarded cattle were not quite up to the standard of last week entry with fewer good loads forward. Best cattle again sold well from 180-190 pence. The trade on the heavier cattle was very strong peaking at £1473. Finished Bulls sold to 168 pence.

Top price per kilo: 190.00p twice for entries from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning and Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

Top price per head: £1473.39 for an entry from Mesr Hill Farm Partners, Marstow.

| | | Top p/kg | Av/kg | Av/head | Overall Av/kg |
|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|------------------|
| STEERS | Medium (465-555kg) | | | | |
| | Heavy (560kg+) | 190.00p | 163.90p | £1065.92 | 163.90p |
| HEIFERS | Medium (400-395kg) | | | | |
| | Heavy (485kg+) | 190.00p | 160.90p | £931.72 | 160.90p |
| BULLS | Heavy (560kg+) | 168.00p | 150.20p | £866.43 | 150.20p |

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

| | Steers | Heifers | Bulls |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Premium | 190.00p | 190.00p | |
| Prime | 162.10p | 161.90p | 165.20p |
| Others | 140.00p | 140.20p | 135.20p |

45 OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE

Sale following Clean Cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of generally good quality overage clean cattle sold to a very good trade. All better sorts realized over 160 pence to a peak of 168.50 pence.

62 CULL COWS & CULL BULLS

Sale following Overage Clean

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry sold to another excellent trade. Continentals peaked at 184 pence with better Friesians from 130 - 136 pence. In the lump several Friesians sold over £1,000 to a peak of £1,096. Cull Bulls sold to 135.5 pence (£1,552). Friesian Cows averaged £820, Continental Cows Averaged £892.

| | Top Price / kg | Top Price / head | Av Price / kg | Av Price / head |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Overage Steers | 168.50p | £1299.27 | 160.00p | £1100.05 |
| Overage Heifers | 167.00p | £1045.20 | 150.00p | £868.36 |
| Grade 1 Cows | 184.00p | £1352.40 | 142.60p | |
| Grade 2 Cows | 135.00p | | 129.00p | |
| Grade 3 Cows | 123.70p | | 115.00p | |
| Grade 4 Cows | 105.20p | | 101.20p | |
| Cows Overall Av | | | 127.20p | £827.07 |
| Cull Bulls | 135.50p | £1552.50 | 127.00p | £1270.44 |

300 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher

The largest entry of the season sold to a wonderful trade. Best lambs realized over 300 pence to a peak of 314 pence. Many more lambs are now required to satisfy current levels of demand. Easter Show & Sale of Lambs and Hoggets Monday 18th April. Best pen of Lambs and Best pen of 10 or more Hoggets.

Top price per kilo: 314p for an entry from Mesr MR Williams Partnership, Three Ashes. **Top price per head:** £124.50 for an entry from Mesr RF, EA & DF Pursey, St Owens Cross.

| | Top p/kg | Av p/kg | Av £/head | Overall Av |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Light $(25.5 - 32 \text{ kg})$ | | | | |
| Standard (32.1 – 39 kg) | 314.00p | 300.10p | £113.45 | |
| Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg) | 312.00p | 290.10p | £118.25 | 294.60p |
| Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg) | 242.00p | 242.00p | £117.00 | |
| Overweight $(52.1 + kg)$ | | | | |

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

| Weight | 30.5 –36 | 36.5 – 43 | 43.5 – 48 | 48.5 – Over |
|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Premium | | 314.20p | 312.00p | |
| Prime | | 300.20p | 286.20p | |

3320 HOGGETS

Sale following Lambs

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher.

A larger entry of hoggets sold to the best trade ever seen on Ross Market. 90% of the hoggets sold over £100 with an incredible average for every hogget of £107.57. The well fed runs of Hoggets commanded a premium. In spite of the large entry many more hoggets could readily have been sold to advantage. All best export hoggets sold over 270 pence to a peak of 291 pence. Again heavier hoggets were in keen demand with many over £120 to a top of £126. This trade is all export driven with returns way over any deadweight quote or collection centre. Sell live and see competition bid for your sheep!

Top Price per Kilo: 291.00p for an entry from Mesr HJ Sparey & Son, Garway.

Top Price per Head: £126.00 for four entries from Mesr VJ Thomas & Son, Llancarfan.

| | Top p/kg | Av p/kg | Av £/head | Overall Av |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Light (25.5 – 32 kg) | | | | |
| Standard (32.1 – 39 kg) | 265.00p | 246.70p | £92.75 | |
| Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg) | 291.00p | 257.30p | £108.35 | 254.80p |
| Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg) | 255.00p | 237.30p | £113.04 | |
| Overweight $(52.1 + kg)$ | 239.00p | 220.00p | £116.75 | |

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| Weight | 30.5 –36 | 36.5 – 43 | 43.5 – 48 | 48.5 – Over |
|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Premium | | 265.00p | 290.00p | 279.10p |
| Prime | | 249.90p | 257.20p | 250.90p |

APRIL

Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of ewes met another outstanding trade. Thirty five lots sold over £100 with continentals selling to the top price of £143. Suffolks sold to £125, Mules to £110, leaving a continued excellent overall average of £95.27. First quality ewes sold from £100, second quality sold from £75, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An increased entry of Rams also met a flying trade selling to £123 and an average of £97.95...

FORTHCOMING SALES

| Thursday 14 th | ROSS AUCTION CENTRE | Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves and Dairy Cattle. |
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| Monday 18 th | ROSS AUCTION CENTRE | Easter Show & Sale of Lambs and Hoggets. Best Pen of Lambs and Best Pen of 10 or more Hoggets. |
| Wednesday 20 th | ROSS AUCTION CENTRE | Sale of Antique Furniture & Household Effects. For details Contact Roger Garlick on 01989 762225. |
| Thursday 28 th | ROSS AUCTION CENTRE | Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves and Dairy Cattle. |

Easter Show & Sale of Lambs and Hoggets MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2011 Best Pen of Lambs and Best pen of 10 or more Hoggets

SHEEP EID

RG & RB Williams Auctioneers Ltd will not be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the reading of any EID Tags or manual Sheep Ear Tags.

<u>IMPORTANT CATTLE –EAR TAGS</u>

It is the vendors responsibility to ensure all ear tags are correct and readable. For cows needing only 1 tag please check everything on it can be read and it is not worn. If in any doubt, get a new plastic tag.

IF THE ANIMAL IS BINNED IT IS YOUR LOSS!

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

All farmers must secure the market gates to the gates of their trailers <u>each and every</u> time stock are loaded/unloaded. If this is not done you are liable for any damage caused by an escaped animal. Once you have finished loading/unloading these gates must be shut and secured. If an animal does escape please inform a member of staff immediately who will blow the 'Whistle'. This then warns the gate keeper to close the vehicle gates. Available staff will secure the market perimeter. Once secure, the escaped animal will need to be herded back into the market pens. (We may use quiet stock already penned to help catch the escaped animal).