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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2009

308 FINISHED CATTLE

204 Clean Cattle, 104 OTMS.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of clean cattle sold to another excellent trade. Prices were certainly easier than the previous week with all buyers claiming a general lack of demand for the premium cuts. Best cattle sold from 190 - 200 pence with a particularly strong trade on heavier types over 700 kilos. Many more cattle could readily have been sold.

Top price per kilo: 200.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning. **Top price per head**: £1398.27 for an entry from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	180.00p	159.60p	£778.87	
	Heavy (560+kg)	200.00p	168.20p	£1062.91	166.7p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	170.00p	158.20p	£665.45	
	Heavy (485kg+)	197.00p	168.90p	£926.88	167.8p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	195.10p	194.90p	
Prime	170.10p	170.00p	
Others	145.10p	144.20p	

104 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(77 Cull Cows, 10 Steers, 14 Heifers.3 Cull Bulls)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The largest entry of overage for some time. Again a tremendous trade throughout. The euro has weakened against the pound in the last week, which would make shipping 10% dearer than last week. Overall average of 117.84p/kg included tops of 157p/kg and £1166. In fact 15 cows in excess of £1,000. Top Friesian price £1134.75 and 128p/kg. The 30 - 48 month section included a mixed bag of types from the good to the not so good, overall again a very sharp trade.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	160.00p	£1116.50	131.20p	£796.09
Overage Heifers	164.00p	£1079.10	133.10p	£754.98
Grade 1 Cows	157.00p	£1166.00	140.50p	£794.43
Grade 2	138.00p		128.00p	
Grade 3	128.00p		116.90p	
Grade 4	106.00p		86.50p	
Overall Average			117.84p	

IMPORTANT CATTLE -EAR TAGS

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!

1325 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A slightly reduced entry of hoggets sold to a very similar trade to the previous week. Once again a record was broken with hoggets peaking at £93. The $\pm 2/kilo$ barrier was also broken with a top price of 222.50p being achieved. The rising value of the pound is not helping the export trade with 2 buyers unable to start at these levels. We urgently require more hoggets with 10 buyers in attendance on a weekly basis.

Top Price per Kilo: 222.50 pence for an entry from Mrs M Mitchell, Corse Lawn. **Top Price per Head:** £93.00 for an entry from the Mr P Cuthbert, Minsterworth.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	196.20p	160.00p	£58.06	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	222.50p	169.50p	£70.90	167.39p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	170.00p	156.20p	£73.33	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	142.80p	142.70p	£77.03	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 -36	36.5 - 43	43.5 - 48	48.5 - Over
Premium		195.10p	192.10p	
Prime		170.10p	168.20p	157.10p

195 CULL EWES & RAMS

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Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

Following the excellent demand of the previous week another disappointing entry of ewes met the best trade ever seen in the market. Beltex ewes sold to the top price of £82.50 and an overall average of £60.02, an increase of £10 per head on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £62. Second quality sold from £45. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of varied quality rams sold to £57 and average £46.34.

40 REARING CALVES sold Thursday 8th January

An entry of 40 rearing calves sold to a very fast trade. Top price of the day was £300 for a Simmental bull with another £235. Charolais and Limousin bulls to £285 with Belgian Blue bulls £275 (twice), £260, £248, £245, £240, etc. Aberdeen Angus bulls to £215, MRI £60 and Friesian bulls £55. Fewer heifer calves forward this sale with Charolais heifers to £220 (twice), Belgian Blue £215 and Murray Grey £140. Next Calf Sale Thursday 22nd January at 10.30 am.

FORTHCOMING SALES

JANUARY 2009					
Thursday 22 nd	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15 am, Rearing Calves 10.30 am, Store Sheep 11 am, Dairy Cattle 12 noon. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 15 th January			
FEBRUARY					
Thursday 5 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, etc.			
Wednesday 11 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.			

Sale at 10.30 am