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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

### MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007

#### 346 CATTLE

170 Clean Cattle, 102 OTM Cattle, 3 Bulls

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of finished cattle sold to a fast trade. It was very much a case of 'the Good, the Bad and the Ugly' with a highly variable quality forward. Best sorts sold over 130 pence to 140 pence. There were, however, numerous plain unfinished sorts selling around the 90 – 100 pence mark. **MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH IS A GREEN MARKET BUT NO CALF MARKET.**

**Top price per kilo:** 140.00p for an entry from Mesr MA Hardy Ltd, Barry.

**Top price per head:** £896.00 for an entry from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
<b>STEERS</b>	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	140.00p	111.40p	£606.42	
	Heavy (560+kg)	131.00p	109.40p	£678.41	<b>109.60p</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	107.00p	101.00p	£405.63	
	Heavy (485kg+)	137.00p	110.20p	£617.99	<b>109.70p</b>

#### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Bulls</b>
<b>Premium</b>	132.10p	130.10p	
<b>Prime</b>	112.10p	110.20p	110.20p
<b>Others</b>	95.10p	97.10p	

#### 170 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(16 Clean Steers, 11 Heifers, 75 Cull Cows.

**Sale after the clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of overage cattle sold to another marvellous trade. A full contingent of buyers were all in the mood to compete and a flying trade ensued. Overage clean cattle peaked at 106 pence whilst cows sold to 95 pence. Many more cattle could easily have been sold. Cull Bulls top price **£725.20.**

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	95.00p	£662.63	90.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	85.20p		80.20p	
Grade 3 Cows	75.20p		70.20p	
Grade 4 Cows	65.20p		58.20p	
Overage Steers	106.00p	£656.78	92.10p	£527.12
Overage Heifers	95.50p	£608.00	92.10p	£508.02
<b>Cows Overall Av</b>			78.00p	£512.07

**2612 HOGGETS****Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

An increased entry of hoggets sold to a welcome much improved trade. All weights met keen competition with handier weights peaking at 136.4 pence. Once again belly shorn clean hoggets sold to a premium. The entry included several half meated sorts which reduced overall averages. Many more hoggets could easily have been sold.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 136.40p for an entry from Mesr PG & CP Whitehouse, Mitcheldean.

**Top Price per Head:** £62.00 twice for entries from Mrs DM Shail, Malvern and Mesr EJ & JM Westoby, Skenfrith.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard 32.1 – 39 kg)	132.30p	125.40p	46.02	<b>126.73p</b>
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	136.40p	127.20p	54.84	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	134.70p	120.20p	57.39	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	125.90p	106.40p	59.51	

<b>Weight</b>	<b>30.5 – 36</b>	<b>36.5 – 43</b>	<b>43.5 – 48</b>	<b>48.5 + over</b>
<b>Premium</b>		130.20p	130.10p	
<b>Prime</b>		126.20p	126.40p	115.20p

**251 CULL EWES & RAMS****Sale at 10.15 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes sold to another similar good trade. A short entry of strong lean ewes once again regularly sold over £40 per head. The large number of overfat ewes reduced the overall average to £34.29. First quality ewes sold from £37. Second quality sold from £24. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Another short entry of Rams averaged £33.80.

**60 REARING CALVES****Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 60 rearing calves sold to an excellent trade on the best quality. Top price was £260 for a Limousin bull calf with others £230. Simmental bulls to £228, Belgian Blue £208, £205 and £180. Hereford cross bulls to £120. Best quality heifers very dear to £242 for Belgian Blue with others of the same breed £240, £235, £220, etc. Charolais Heifers to £175, Aberdeen Angus £130 and small Limousin £130.

**11 DAIRY CATTLE****Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

An entry of disappointing quality cattle with only the best heifers making decent money. The top priced heifers at £1000 and £965 both came from A Ratcliffe, Gloucester, with other heifers up to £755 and cows to £650.

**FORTHCOMING SALES****MARCH**

Thursday 22nd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE

Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 15th March.

**APRIL**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> ROSS AUCTION ROOMS

Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger Garlick (01989) 762225

**STORE LAMBS**

Please note we are holding sales of STORE LAMBS on every GREEN MARKET.

The demand is excellent resulting in very good trades being experienced.

Also BREEDING EWES are sold on GREEN MARKETS.

### ***PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING***

Please note we are holding Green Exempt Markets. This means that fat cattle attending a Green Exempt Market do not need to be pre-movement tested.

This exemption is allowed as cattle are only able to go on to slaughter, back home, onto an approved holding and onto an exempt finishing unit. Dairy cows will still need to be tested.

Calves and Dairy Cows (in Gwilym Richards sale) must be kept separate from the finished cattle, so please make sure cattle are unloaded in the correct part of the market.

### **ARE YOU DEFICIENT?**

Are newborn calves slow to rise and suck?

Is it difficult to fatten calves on your land?

Is the consumption of grain/hay/silage high?

Is it difficult to keep the cattle in peak condition?

Is your lambing percentage low?

Is there a significant difference between scanning percentage and lambs to market?

Do your lambs stand still after weaning?

Is it difficult to finish lambs without creep?

**Do you want your stock to grow healthier faster and cheaper?**

If you do then you might need to retain the balance of trace elements to your ground.

**To find out more please ring Jeremy Jehan on 07970 048080**