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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 13th MARCH 2006

263 FINISHED CATTLE

233 Clean Cattle, 30 OTM cattle

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A slightly shorter entry of cattle met a similar trade to the previous week. Although there were some very good cattle forward there were also a large number of plainer sorts which reduced the overall trade. All well finished cattle sold well peaking at 125.5 pence. **The next market on the 20th March is a GREEN Market.**

Top price per kilo: 125.50p, from Mesr HJ Sparey, Garway.

Top price per head: £836.83 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>
STEERS	Medium (455 – 550 kg)	102.5p	102.1p	£510	
	Heavy (555 kg +)	116.0p	103.2p	£673	103.2p
HEIFERS	Medium (400 – 480 kg)	109.0p	103.5p	£445	
	Heavy (485 kg +)	125.5p	102.4p	£563	102.4p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	118.1p	117.0p	
Prime	107.1p	107.0p	104.2p
Others	95.2p	92.1p	95.4p

30 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(6 Clean Cattle and 24 Barren Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A reduced entry sold to a firm trade throughout. Cows peaked at 80 pence to average 62 pence. Note this included a couple of 30p specials. Overage clean cattle sold to 71 pence to average 64 pence.

	<i>Top</i>	<i>Top £/head</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av//head</i>
OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE	80.0p	£625.50	62.00p	£407.31
CULL COWS	71.0p	£544.43	64.00p	£389.69

2203 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A reduced entry of hoggets met another excellent trade with a complete clearance being effected within 25 minutes. All classes were in keen demand with the entry being totally insufficient for the demand. Handier weights peaked at 140.5 pence per kilo. There were numerous pens over £60 to a top price of **£63.60**. Overall average was £55.47. More hoggets are required to retain our excellent buying support.

Top price per kilo: 140.50p from Mesr FH Guest & Son, Woolaston.

Top price per head: £63.60 from Mesr VJ Thomas & Son, Llancarfan.

Hoggets (continued)

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	128.50p	120.60p	£44.10	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	140.50p	130.10p	£55.57	129.30p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	138.20p	120.10p	£57.04	
Overweight (52 kg +)	117.70p	107.20p	£59.16	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium		140.2p	135.2p	
Prime		132.1p	128.2p	115.1p

181 CULL EWES AND RAMS**Sale at 10.15 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A disappointing entry of ewes sold to the best trade seen in the market in recent years. The first lot sold, a pen of Texel ewes, reached the top price of £68. The overall average of £45.58 was an increase of £14 per head on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £42. Second quality sold from £30. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams also met an improved trade to average £42.90.

FORTHCOMING SALES**MARCH**

Thursday 23rd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Entries to be received by 12 noon Thursday 16th March for the Catalogue.

APRIL

Wednesday 12^h ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antiques and Effects. Tel: Roger Garlick 01989 762225

PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING

Please note we will still be holding alternative Red and Green Exempt Markets. This means that fat cattle attending a Green Exempt Market do not need to be pre-movement tested. Dairy cows will still need to be 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.

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.

OLDER CATTLE DISPOSAL SCHEME (OCDS)

The above scheme catering for all stock born before 1st August 1996 is now in operation. A fixed headage price of approximately £246.71 (370 euros) before stoppages, will be payable for all animals fit for human consumption.

Animals have to be correctly tagged and exactly match their paperwork. We are holding collections on a regular basis on a pre-booked system. Please contact the Market office 01989 762225 or Jeremy Jehan 07970 048080 with your entries. **The next collection is to take place on Tuesday 21st March, there are some spaces but animals need to be booked in.**

What you require: Signed OCDS 17, Readable Ear Tag, Matching Paperwork, Sound animal born before 01.08.96

