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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2006

236 FINISHED CATTLE

217 Clean Cattle, 5 Bulls, 19 OTM cattle

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

Back to reality after the flying trade of the previous week. The beef trade looked like it was going to take off after the last sale, but this was not to be and trade eased through to the end of the week. Today's trade would be firmer than two weeks ago with good demand for wholesale cattle, especially heifers. **The next market on the 20th February is a Green Market.**

Top price per kilo: 126.50p, from Mesr EL & SM Rees, Awre.

Top price per head: £800.88 from Mesr MA Hardy Ltd, Barry.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
STEERS	Medium (455 – 550 kg)	109.0p	102.4p	£554	
	Heavy (555 kg +)	120.5p	101.6p	£659	101.2p
HEIFERS	Medium (400 – 480 kg)	105.0p	99.0p	£431	
	Heavy (485 kg +)	126.5p	104.8p	£581	104.0p
BULLS	Medium (465 – 555 kg)	98.5p	96.8p	£500	
	Heavy (560 kg +)	100.0p	97.2p	£657	96.9p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	111.9p	112.5p	98.0p
Prime	100.1p	103.2p	95.4p
Others	92.3p	93.1p	

19 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(6 Clean Cattle and 13 Barren Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The over age section had fewer numbers forward and a real mixed bag. The lean black and white has really very few customers, the same as for the too fat ones. It will certainly pay diary farmers to market their cows with sufficient meat on, and if they are unable to do this then sell them on a Green Market so they can be bought and taken on by other feeders.

	<i>Top</i>	<i>Top £/head</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av//head</i>
OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE	84.0p	£496.83	65.50p	£414.11
CULL COWS	65.0p	£541.80	49.60p	£332.57

1475 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt

Auctioneer: Steve Watkins

A reduced entry with two buyers not present – complaining about the amount of lamb on the market and very little retail demand. Until supplies of lamb reduce it does not look very hopeful of the trade picking up. Our trade as ever was in line with other centres and we do have buyers present to bid for all shapes and sizes at a fair value.

Top price per kilo: 112.90p, from Mesr WE & CW Jones & Son, Bayfield.

Top price per head: £50.00 from Mr RJ Lampard, Lower Wick.

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)	112.90p	105.90p	£38.59	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	107.50p	102.80p	£42.26	104.10p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	102.40p	97.10p	£45.46	
Overweight (52 kg +)	99.60p	92.30p	£47.64	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium	112.9	110.5	101.3	96.0
Prime	108.4	104.6	97.0	92.9

233 CULL EWES AND RAMS

Sale at 10.15 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

With a new buyer in attendance an increased entry of ewes met a firmer trade. Several pens of mainly overfat ewes made over £40 with an overall average of £33.46. First quality sold from £35, second quality sold from £22, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly second quality rams also sold to an improved trade.

FORTHCOMING SALES

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

Wednesday 1st ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Shrubs and Bulbs. Sale at 11.30 am
Saturday 4th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Poultry and Ornamental Wildfowl. Contact Chris & Gene Taylor on (01874) 730883
Wednesday 15th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Antiques and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick) 01989 762225.

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.

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

PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING

Please note we will still be holding alternative Red and Green Exempt Markets. This means that 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.

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.