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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2007

340 CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

175 Clean Cattle, 73 OTM Cattle, 15 Bulls

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

An increased entry of clean cattle met a slightly better trade, even with all Wholsalers saying the meat market is poor! All classes of stock in demand with very few cattle under 100 pence and the best up to **142 pence** and a top price of **£1046.25**. **MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY IS A GREEN MARKET.**

Top price per kilo: 142.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1046.25 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>
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)	95.00p	95.00p	£415.80	
	Medium (465-555kg)	130.00p	115.10p	£612.41	
	Heavy (560+kg)	142.00p	113.60p	£728.47	113.50p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	114.50p	109.30p	£491.14	
	Heavy (485kg+)	140.00p	111.00p	£650.00	113.30p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	131.50p	128.80p	
Prime	111.40p	109.80p	97.00p
Others	103.60p	102.10p	

73 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(1 Clean Steers, 2 Clean Heifers, 70 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

Fewer cows forward met a similar trade, with demand for meat sorts. Cows up to **120 pence**.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	120.00p	£836.50	95.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	85.20p		82.10p	
Grade 3 Cows	75.10p		72.40p	
Grade 4 Cows	68.10p		50.20p	
Overage Steers	93.00p	£578.13	87.20p	£578.13
Overage Heifers	90.00p	£522.03	85.20p	£518.33
Cows Overall Av			74.90p	£469.34

1495 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Steve Watkins

A reduced entry of hoggets partly due to the weather conditions of the preceding few days. As expected there were insufficient numbers to satisfy demand and some buyers were unable to fill orders. The trade would be up slightly on all classes from the excellent trade of the previous week and once again well ahead of deadweight quotations.

Top Price per Kilo: 124.30p for an entry from Mr TS Badger, Hanley Swan.

Top Price per Head: £59.00 for an entry from Mr DM Clark, Didmarton.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)	112.90p	112.90p	35.02	
Standard 32.1 – 39 kg)	118.40p	114.90p	42.19	115.60p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	124.30p	116.00p	48.81	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	120.80p	111.90p	52.38	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	112.30p	106.10p	56.31	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium	116.60p	124.30p	118.30p	112.30p
Prime	112.40p	116.70p	115.20p	106.40p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met a similar good trade to the previous week. The short entry of strong ewes sold around £40 per head but the large entry of plain ewes reduced the overall average to £28.20. First quality ewes sold from £35. Second quality sold from £22. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly plain rams averaged £27.90.

60 REARING CALVES**Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 60 rearing calves sold to a good trade although fewer buyers for smaller second quality calves. Top price was £205 for a Belgian Blue heifer with others of the same breed £200, £190, £185, £140, etc. Limousin Heifers to £180 (twice) and £140. Aberdeen Angus to £100. Belgian Blue bulls to £200, £195, £190, £185, £175, etc. Small Hereford cross bulls £100. Limousin bulls £170, £150, etc. Aberdeen Angus bulls £160. £ month old Friesian bulls to £110.

17 DAIRY CATTLE**Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

A terrific trade with 7 heifers over £1000 and 5 over £900. Heifers from R & S Adams, Chepstow, selling to £1365 and £1330 (both non-pedigree) and pedigree heifers to £1260, with their consignment of 12 heifers averaging £1070. Regular consigners J Brown, Worcester, sold heifers to £945, and A Ratcliffe, Gloucester, to £925. There were no cows forward.

FORTHCOMING SALES**FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 14 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger Garlick (01989) 762225
Thursday 22 nd	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 15 th February.
Wednesday 28 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Shrubs and Bulbs.

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