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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2007

497 CATTLE

251 Clean Cattle, 151 OTM Cattle.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of clean cattle sold to another good trade with a major new buyer in attendance. There was spirited bidding on all cattle forward with the entry including a number of plainer sorts. Better sorts sold from 130 – 142 pence with a particularly strong trade on heavier cattle. **MONDAY 22nd JANUARY IS A GREEN MARKET. The next RED market is Monday 5th February.**

Top price per kilo: 142.00p for an entry from Mesr AD & RMC Bishop, Eldersfield.

Top price per head: £898.53 for an entry from the same vendor.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	127.00p	108.10p	£550.95	
	Heavy (560+kg)	142.00p	109.10p	£691.95	109.00p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	133.00p	107.90p	£612.89	107.90p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	135.20p	130.40p	
Prime	112.00p	111.00p	
Others	98.20p	97.00p	92.10p

151 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(11 Clean Steers, 18 Clean Heifers, 122 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The largest entry to date of Overage cattle sold to an outstanding trade with **3 new buyers** in attendance. Even in the good old days of the late 90's we never sold this quantity of cull cattle. Prices were beyond wildest expectation and many more cattle could easily have been sold. Certain buyers were unable to even get started. The entry included several clean cattle which peaked at **108.5 pence**. All classes of cull cows were sold well, particularly plainer grade 3 and 4 sorts. Friesians sold particularly well peaking at **87 pence**. Please keep numbers coming to retain our excellent buying support.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	100.20p	£719.05	90.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	85.20p		75.20p	
Grade 3 Cows	74.00p		65.20p	
Grade 4 Cows	63.20p		52.90p	
Overage Steers	108.50p	£723.60	92.40p	£561.09
Overage Heifers	104.00p	£720.30	86.40p	£503.09
Cows Overall Av			72.00p	£471.01

1537 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of hoggets met a good trade which was considerably ahead of markets at the end of last week. There was a particularly good trade on the best hoggets which sold to **129.8 pence**. There was also a welcome boost in the heavier trade with several pens over **£50** to a top of **£52**. **BELLY SHORN** lambs sold to a marked premium with several buyers unable to bid unless this had been done.

Top Price per Kilo: 129.80p for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.**Top Price per Head:** £52.00 for an entry from Mesr GH & GG Savidge, Mitcheldean.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	129.80p	105.70p	38.81	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	120.00p	105.00p	44.05	105.20p
Heavy (45.1 – 52 kg)	105.00p	100.10p	47.25	
Overweight (52.1 kg +)	96.30p	95.30p	51.56	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium		125.10p	118.10p	
Prime		110.20p	107.10p	100.20p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes sold to a good trade in line with the previous week. Once again strong lean ewes sold around £40 per head to a top price of £50 and an overall average of £30.52. First quality ewes sold from £32, second quality sold from £20. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly plain rams sold to £33.

85 REARING CALVES**Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 85 rearing calves sold to another good trade. Some stronger calves forward this week resulting in a top price of £255 for a Charolais bull. Simmental bulls to £240, Limousin bulls £215, £205, £190, etc. Blonde D'Aquitaine £205, £180. Belgian Blue £180 (twice). Hereford cross bulls £145. Older heifer calves to £240 (twice) for Blonde D'Aquitaine with Limousin heifers £220, £204, £195. Belgian Blue heifers £210 and £170. Charolais heifers £210, Simmental heifers £170 and Hereford cross £70.

10 REARING CALVES**Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

A shorter entry than expected with calved heifers meeting a good trade. Top price was £1050 for a calved heifer from M Griffiths, Monmouth, with others to £900, £840. Young cows to £820 (2nd calver) with older cows being very difficult to sell. In-calf heifers to £630.

FORTHCOMING SALES**JANUARY 2007**Wednesday 17th ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects.Thursday 25th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 18th January.**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 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.

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.

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