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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2006

247 CATTLE

106 Clean Cattle, 53 OTM Cattle.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A short entry of cattle for the pre Christmas Market sold to a much improved trade about 10 pence per kilo ahead of the previous week. It seems like the glut of cattle over the past few weeks seems to be easing and as a consequence the trade was significantly better. Top quality sorts sold from 128 – 134.5 pence with the entry being totally insufficient for the demand. **TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY IS A GREEN MARKET.**

Top price per kilo: 134.50p twice for entries from Mr BD Powell, Llangrove.

Top price per head: £894.45 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)	115.00p	110.00p	£541.63	
	Heavy (560+kg)	134.50p	114.10p	£694.16	113.70p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	134.50p	112.20p	£620.65	112.20p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	130.20p	130.10p	
Prime	115.10p	114.10p	
Others	100.10p	100.20p	

53 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(2 Clean Steers, 2 Clean Heifers, 49 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of overage cattle sold to an excellent trade considerably ahead of last week. All classes of cattle were in keen demand and many more could easily have been sold..

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	80.00p	£547.20	80.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	76.00p		70.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	65.00p		55.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	52.00p		43.10p	
Overage Steers	88.00p	£560.00	86.00p	£506.88
Overage Heifers	89.00p	£566.40	85.00p	£474.00
Cows Overall Av			58.00p	£372.00

1563 NEW SEASON LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of lambs for the final sale of the year sold to a mixed trade. Lambs from 36 – 42 kilos sold well peaking at 116.8 pence. The primary reason for this was lack of export demand. Heavier sorts for the domestic trade proved much more difficult to sell. It appears the glut of New Zealand lamb on the market is forever depressing UK prices. The overall average of the lambs was 106.7 pence.

New Season Lambs continued.

Top Price per Kilo: 116.80p for an entry from Mesr NJ & BA Turner, Cross Ash.

Top Price per Head: £48.00 twice for entries from Mesr DR & EA Jones, Dorstone, and Mesr Hill Farm Partnership, Marstow,

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39kg)	116.80p	108.10p	40.18	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	115.60p	106.00p	44.45	106.70p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	99.00p	98.20p	45.95	
Overweight (52.1kg+)	88.00p	88.00p	48.00	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium		115.20p	114.20p	
Prime		107.10p	106.10p	100.20p

244 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.15 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of generally smaller ewes met another good trade. Strong ewes were in demand selling to £44. Due to the mixed quality of ewes forward the overall average was £28. 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 averaged £27.20.

42 REARING CALVES

Sale at 12.00 noon

An entry of 42 rearing calves sold to an excellent trade with an average per head of all calves, excluding killers, £146. Bulls to a top price of £218 (twice) for Limousins with others of the same breed £210 and £180 (twice). Charolais bulls to £215 and £208. Simmental bulls £212 and £190, Belgian Blue £195 (twice). Aberdeen Angus £150 and Welsh Black £135. Belgian Blue Heifers to £190 and £160 with Limousin £180, £170 and £145. Charolais £170 and £160, Hereford cross £70 and Aberdeen Angus £70.
Next calf sale on Tuesday 2nd January 2007

46 DAIRY CATTLE

Sale at 11 am

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

A much improved trade and many more could have been sold. Top price in the fortnightly section of freshly calved cattle was £1,050 for a 3rd calver from MW Matthews, Kington, with a heifer from A Ractliffe, Gloucester, making £945. The dispersal sale of Brian and Carol Smith's pedigree herd from Llangovan sold to £1,890 for a 2nd calver, calved heifers to £924 and in-calf heifers to £808.50.

FORTHCOMING SALES

DECEMBER

Thursday 21st ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Christmas Show & Sale of Dressed Poultry. Sale at 5.45 pm.

JANUARY 2007

Tuesday 2nd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE First Fatstock of New Year, (Green).

Thursday 11th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 4th January.

Wednesday 17th ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects.

RED & GREEN MARKET TIMETABLE

Please note the following changes:

TUESDAY JANUARY 2nd 2007 – FIRST MARKET FOR THE NEW YEAR IS GREEN

JANUARY 8TH RED

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.

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

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.