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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2007

329 CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

227 Clean Cattle, 101 OTM Cattle, 1 Bull

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

An improved entry of clean cattle, met a slower trade than the previous week. The best cattle held their own, but anything off spec was harder to sell. Today's highlight was 138 pence per kilo for a lovely Limousin cross Heifer and £918.78 for a Charolais steer. **MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY IS A GREEN MARKET, including CALVES.**

Top price per kilo: 138.00p for an entry from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

Top price per head: £918.78 for an entry from Mr CH Darlington, Haverfordwest.

		<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)	131.00p	105.80p	£559.49	
	Heavy (560+kg)	136.00p	109.70p	£716.22	109.20p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	116.00p	105.60p	£492.68	
	Heavy (485kg+)	138.00p	107.70p	£594.77	107.40p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	122.40p	120.00p	
Prime	110.40p	108.60p	104.50p
Others	101.20p	99.40p	

101 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(20 Clean Steers, 8 Clean Heifers, 73 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

With several firms closing their doors last week, we were expecting an easier cow trade. Numbers, like the clean, were higher, but the trade no less with cows up to 107 pence per kilo and overage clean 110 pence per kilo. More cows could easily be sold. Please bring cows earlier in the day. We start at 10.30 and need time to book everyone in before this time.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	107.00p	£782.78	94.60p	
Grade 2 Cows	86.00p		79.70p	
Grade 3 Cows	72.00p		66.80p	
Grade 4 Cows	56.00p		52.30p	
Overage Steers	105.00p	£684.58	89.40p	£595.29
Overage Heifers	110.00p	£651.53	80.60p	£411.53
Cows Overall Av			71.96p	£449.64

1881 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Steve Watkins

An increased entry of hoggets but still woefully short of the buyers needs, and subsequently another excellent trade with medium weighted hoggets averaging £50.02. Good demand on heavier hoggets upto £58.20.

Top Price per Kilo: 136.40p for an entry from Mesr JJ & RM Windham, Woolhope.

Top Price per Head: £58.20 for an entry from Mr SD Pearman, Bredons Hardwick.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)	112.50p	112.04p	34.73	
Standard 32.1 – 39 kg)	136.40p	115.91p	42.64	116.23p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	130.70p	116.76p	49.64	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	117.80p	111.28p	53.67	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	106.80p	104.83p	56.54	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium	114.80p	132.50p	120.10p	115.50p
Prime	110.20p	122.40p	110.20p	109.80p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

With numbers falling nationally a reduced entry of ewes sold to an improved trade. Strong lean ewes regularly sold over £40 per head with an overall average of £35.03, an increase of £8 on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £38, second quality sold from £25. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly plain rams sold to an average of £28.20.

FORTHCOMING SALES**FEBRUARY**

Thursday 22nd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am.

Wednesday 28th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Shrubs and Bulbs.

MARCH

Thursday 22nd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 1st March.

Wednesday 14th ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger Garlick (01989) 762225

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