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**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
 MONDAY 19th APRIL 2010**

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CHANGE - MONDAY 26th APRIL IS A RED MARKET

341 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

224 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 117 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A much larger entry of cattle sold to a more difficult trade. Deadweight prices are beginning to fall and as a consequence returns are diminishing. There was a new buyer for heavier continental types – this certainly assisted general returns. Best cattle sold from 170-180 pence but a number of plainer sorts reduced overall averages.

Top price per kilo: 180.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1212.25 for an entry from Mesr LR Coole & Sons, Frampton on Severn.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	144.00p	143.00p	£731.09	
	Heavy (560+kg)	174.00p	147.90p	£955.56	147.50p
HEIFERS	Light (370-395kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	180.00p	143.80p	£850.15	143.80p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	170.10p	172.40p	
Prime	152.40p	153.90p	142.70p
Others	130.90p	134.20p	

117 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

51 - 30 to 48 mths, 64 over 48 mths, 2 Cull Bulls.

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The usual strong entry for the red market met another strong trade with all types coming to buy cows. The cow average of 110.17p/kg is outstanding when you look at the quality forward, even some plain Black & Whites made 100p to 120p and £988.68. Beef cows to 137p and £1035.71 per head.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	143.00p	£1116.29	126.20p	£877.11
Overage Heifers	137.00p	£942.03	119.60p	£697.28
Grade 1 Cows	137.00p	£1035.71	129.30p	
Grade 2 Cows	124.00p		118.10p	
Grade 3 Cows	116.00p		109.40p	
Grade 4 Cows	109.00p		93.10p	
Cow Overall Av.			110.17p	£740.62
Cull Bull	124.00p	£1048.11		£849.48

IMPORTANT CATTLE –EAR TAGS

It is the vendors responsibility to ensure all ear tags are correct and readable. For cows needing only 1 tag please check everything on it can be read and it is not worn. If in any doubt, get a new plastic tag.

IF THE ANIMAL IS BINNED IT IS YOUR LOSS!

325 SPRING LAMBS**Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer Richard Williams

A much larger entry of lambs sold to a lower trade than the previous week. Best sorts sold from **225 – 233 pence**. **AS SEVERAL BUYERS ARE TRANSFERRING TO LAMBS SHORTLY WE WILL NEED MORE IN COMING WEEKS. MORRISONS REQUIRE LAMBS FROM MONDAY 3RD MAY.**

2520 HOGGETS**Sale following Lambs**

Auctioneer Richard Williams

Another good entry of hoggets sold to a generally easier trade. Prices have dropped by about £10 per head over the past week as supply overtakes overall demand. Better sorts sold from 195 – 200 pence but the general run of handy weights sold from 185 – 190 pence. In spite of the lower prices all the hoggets were sold within 25 minutes showing that there was keen bidding.

Top Price per Kilo: 200.00p for an entry from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Tregare.**Top Price per Head:** £89.50 for an entry from Mesr GC & GY Jones, Chepstow.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	195.00p	184.20p	£68.25	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	200.00p	186.00p	£76.68	185.60p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	186.00p	170.10p	£80.14	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	157.00p	152.30p	£81.38	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		198.20p	199.10p	
Prime		187.90p	186.40p	172.40p

292 CULL EWES & RAMS**Sale at 10.00 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of ewes met another good trade. Once again several lots sold over £100. The overall average of £82.40 was quite exceptional considering the number of small and plain ewes forward. First quality ewes sold from £90, second quality sold from £65, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of generally small Rams sold to £86. An entry of Goats sold to £55.

45 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 15th April**Sale at 10.30 am**

An entry of 45 Rearing Calves met another very good trade. Top price was £360 for a British Blue heifer with others of the same breed £350, £320, £300 and £245. Limousin heifers to £350, £315 and £290. Simmental heifers £225 and Hereford cross heifers £180. Bull calves to £350 for a Limousin and others £310. Simmental bulls to £310 and £300. British Blue to £308, £300, £295 and £282. Hereford cross bulls £190. In the weaned section 5 month old Simmental bulls to £400, Simmental Steers £380 (3-4 months) and Simmental heifers £300 (4 months). 4 month old Hereford cross bulls to £380 and £350. **Next Calf Sale on Thursday 29th April at 10.30 am.**

FORTHCOMING SALES**APRIL**Thursday 29th**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**

Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Store Sheep and Calves. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 22nd April.

MAYThursday 13th**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**

Sale of Store Cattle, etc.

Wednesday 19th**ROSS AUCTION ROOMS**

Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.

SHEEP EID**This only applies to Sheep born after 31st December 2009.****For all Lambs born on or after 1st January 2010 we recommend:**

- 1. A single electronic slaughter tag for those Lambs intended for slaughter within 12 months of age.**
- 2. Full electronic identification for all Lambs intended for breeding i.e. ewe lambs.**

TO LET

Grazing/Mowing, 15 Acres at Stowfield, Nr Lydbrook.

Available immediately till late Autumn.

Ideally suit sheep grazing – some electric fencing needed.

Contact RG & RB Williams on 01989 567233

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

All farmers must secure the market gates to the gates of their trailers each and every time stock are loaded/unloaded. If this is not done you are liable for any damage caused by an escaped animal. Once you have finished loading/unloading these gates must be shut and secured. If an animal does escape please inform a member of staff immediately who will blow the 'Whistle'. This then warns the gate keeper to close the vehicle gates. Available staff will secure the market perimeter. Once secure, the escaped animal will need to be herded back into the market pens. (We may use quiet stock already penned to help catch the escaped animal).