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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2006

307 CATTLE

210 Clean Cattle, 97 OTM Cattle

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A similar entry of finished cattle for the red market sold to a generally easier trade. Abattoirs appear to be flooded out with cattle at present and demand was less than the previous week. Once again best sorts sold to a good trade with several over 130 pence to a top of <u>134.5 pence</u>. Again the entry included a high percentage of plainer sorts which proved more difficult to sell. MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER IS THE CHRISTMAS MARKET AND IS A GREEN MARKET.

Top price per kilo: 134.50p for an entry from Mesr WJ Powell & Son, Foy. **Top price per head**: £891.10 for an entry from the same vendor.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	123.00p	110.20p	£517.88	
	Heavy (560+kg)	134.50p	110.40p	£651.24	110.40p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	133.00p	110.10p	£589.78	110.10p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	125.60p	125.00p	
Prime	110.10p	111.00p	
Others	97.00p	95.10p	

970 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(11 Clean Steers, 5 Clean Heifers, 81 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The largest entry of overage cattle since sales commenced a year ago sold to a firm trade. Buyers were complaining about a glut of cows on the market and as such prices have eased somewhat. Best cows realized from 90 - 100 pence but a high percentage of plainer sorts from 25 - 35 pence reduced overall returns. There was also a strong trade on clean cattle which sold to 95 pence.

	Top p/kg	Top head	Av/kg	Av/head
Grade 1 Cows	100.00p	£700.00	88.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	85.40p		79.10p	
Grade 3 Cows	75.20p		60.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	51.60p		43.10p	
Overage Steers	95.00p	£584.38	79.00p	£273.07
Overage Heifers	94.00p	£529.20	78.00p	£461.11
Cows Overall Av			55.00p	£343.00

864 NEW SEASON LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The poor trade of the previous week and the atrocious overnight weather resulted in the lowest entry of lambs we have seen for several years. Farmers cannot be blamed for not selling stock at last weeks' prices. The problem with a low entry is that the buyers need enough stock to start bidding. We had 10 buyers in attendance and obviously the entry was nowhere near enough for the demand. As a consequence averages were considerably ahead of the previous week peaking at <u>120 pence</u>. The overall average of the lambs was **£47**.

Top Price per Kilo: 120.00p for an entry from Mr AJ Jones, Monmouth. **Top Price per Head**: £53.00 for an entry from Mr LM Buckland, Ashleworth.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Standard (32.1 – 39kg)	117.20p	112.50p	41.36	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	120.00p	110.50p	46.92	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	108.10p	107.00p	49.80	
Overweight (52.1kg+)	101.00p	100.00p	53.00	110.30p

Weight	30.5 - 36	36.5 - 43	43.5 - 48	48.5 + over
Premium		120.10p	118.10p	
Prime		112.00p	111.00p	105.20p

319 CULL EWES & RAMS

NOVEMBED

Sale at 10.15 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of ewes sold to an improved trade, several pens of strong ewes sold over £40 per head to a top price of £50. The overall average of £31.50 was an increase of £5 per head on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £36. Second quality sold from £24, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of mainly second quality rams sold to an average of £25.75. Goats sold to £23.

FORTHCOMING SALES

NUVENIBER		
Thursday 23 rd	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11.00 am.
.Monday 27 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK MARKET
DECEMBER		
Thursday 7 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11.00 am. Entries for catalogue to be
		Received by 12 noon Thursday 30th November
Thursday 21 st	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Christmas Show & Sale of Dressed Poultry. Sale at 5.45 pm.
JANUARY 200'	7	
Wednesday 17 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects.
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<u>RED & GREEN MARKET TIMETABLE</u> Please note the following changes:

NOVEMBER	GREEN et-No Dairy Cows)	DECEMBER	4 ^{тн} 11 ^{тн} 18 ^{тн}	GREEN RED GREEN

A Further Change – <u>TUESDAY</u> JANUARY 2nd 2007 – FIRST MARKET FOR THE NEW YEAR IS GREEN JANUARY 8TH RED

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CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE OF DRESSED POULTRY Entries now invited Williams & Watkins (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.

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.

OLDER CATTLE DISPOSAL SCHEME (OCDS)

The above scheme catering for all stock born before 1^{st} August 1996 is now in operation. A fixed headage price of approximately £249.16 (360 euros) before stoppages, will be payable for all animals fit for human consumption. Animals have to be correctly tagged and exactly match their paperwork. We are holding collections on a regular basis on a pre-booked system. Please contact the Market office 01989 762225 or Jeremy Jehan 07970 048080 with your entries. What you require: Signed OCDS 17, Readable Ear Tag, Matching Paperwork, Sound animal born before 01.08.96