

ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2011

MONDAY 28th MARCH IS A RED MARKET

207 FINISHED CATTLE

126 Clean Cattle, 30 Overage Clean, 50 Cull Cows & 1 Bull.

Sale at 10.30 am

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of clean cattle which was surprising after the excellent trade of the past couple of weeks. Once again there was a strong trade throughout with the entry being totally insufficient for the demand. Best sorts sold from 175 – 183 pence with another flying trade on heavier cattle. We urgently need 200 plus clean cattle to satisfy the current level of demand and retain our excellent buying support.

Top price per kilo: 183.00p three times for entries from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

Top price per head: £1306.03 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	Medium (465-555kg)	164.00p	156.20p	£874.73	
	Heavy (560kg+)	183.00p	157.30p	£1018.38	157.20p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-395kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	183.00p	155.80p	£932.15	155.80p
BULLS	Heavy (560kg+)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	184.00p	184.00p	
Prime	156.20p	156.30p	
Others	137.10p	135.00p	

30 OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE

Sale after Clean Cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of overage cattle included a number of plainer sorts. Better meated cattle sold from 150 – 154 pence.

50 CULL COWS & 1 CULL BULL

Sale after Overage Clean

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher

After the extraordinary trade of the past few weeks we would have expected a much larger entry of cows. It appears they are just not about at present and the trade is reflecting the limited supply. Best continentals sold up to 147 pence with Friesians to 128 pence. Cows in the lump sold well with continentals to **£1131.84** and Friesians **£1073.55**. All the cows averaged £847.42. Good fed sucklers all 130p plus with several beef cows over £1000.

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	138.00p	£950.13	138.00p	£927.09
Overage Heifers	154.00p	£1161.86	140.00p	£922.78
Grade 1 Cows	147.00p	£1131.84	137.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	130.00p		120.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	117.20p		109.10p	
Grade 4 Cows	103.20p		97.00p	
Cows Overall Av			125.20p	£847.42
Cull Bulls	128.50p	£1114.88	128.50p	£1114.88

2470 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher.

The largest entry of hoggets of the season sold to another excellent trade. Once again the buyers were all fired up and all classes of hogget were in keen demand. Best sold on the day were probably the heavier sorts with plenty of pens from **£105 - £111**. Heavier sheep also peaked at **229 pence per kilo**. The trade remained firm throughout the sale and more could readily have been sold. A short entry of lambs averaged at **258 pence**. The overall average of the hoggets (which included a large number of lights hogs) was **£91.50**.

Top Price per Kilo: 225.00p for an entry from Mesr VJ Thomas & Son, Llancarfan.**Top Price per Head:** £111.00 for an entry from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Tregare.

	<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)	219.00p	208.40p	£79.54	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	220.00p	208.80p	£87.08	208.70p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	225.00p	207.40p	£99.35	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	207.00p	190.00p	£103.55	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		225.00p	224.90p	229.00p
Prime		210.00p	209.00p	209.10p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met one of the best trades seen in the market for some time. Thirtyeight lots sold over £100 with Texels selling to the top price of £129. Suffolks sold to £120, Mules to £110 leaving an outstanding overall average of £97.42, an increase of £10 per head on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £100, second quality sold from £75. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of Rams also met a flying trade selling to £129 and an average of £97.

20 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 17th March**Sale at 10.30 am**

A smaller entry of 20 rearing calves but a larger entry of 25 weaned calves sold to a good trade. Rearing calves sold to £330 for a Limousin heifer with Simmental heifers to £210 and British Blue £220. British Blue bulls to £240. In the weaned section Limousin bulls (5 mths) to £400 and British Blue (5 mths) to £395. Limousin heifers of the same age to £385. A consignment of Aberdeen Angus Bulls (4-6 mths) made from £260-£348 with Aberdeen Angus heifers (4 mths) to £315 and £235 (3 mths). Next Calf Sale Thursday 31st March at 10.30 am.

FORTHCOMING SALES**MARCH**

Thursday 31st **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves and Dairy Cattle. Entries for catalogue to be received by 12 noon, Thursday 24th March.

APRIL

Thursday 14th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves and Dairy Cattle.

Wednesday 20th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Antique Furniture & Household Effects. For details Contact Roger Garlick on 01989 762225.

SHEEP EID

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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!

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).