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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 21st JULY 2008

RED / GREEN MARKETS

As you know we have been running Red Markets for most of the year on a very successful basis. We are hopeful, for a limited period, to be able to reinstate occasional Green Markets but, at present are unable to announce a definite start date because of the fluid situation with the Bluetongue restrictions.

BLUETONGUE

More devastating news that Worcestershire is now in the Protection Zone has resulted in us only now being able to source stock from Herefordshire, Shropshire and West Wales. Let us hope that these nonsensical movement restrictions will last only a few more days and we can welcome back our many clients who have been unable to come to the market in recent weeks.

90 CATTLE

84 Clean Cattle, 6 OTMS.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

Bluetongue and the fact that most abattoirs have reduced the price by a further 10p resulted in a low entry of cattle. With a new face around the ring trade was much, much better than expected with returns well over deadweight quotations. The entry was generally quite mixed but best sorts sold over 170 pence and peaked at 187p (twice). Many more cattle could readily have been sold.

Top price per kilo: 187.00p twice for entries from Mr FE Cox, Yarkhill, Eldersfield.

Top price per head: £1137.65 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)				
	Heavy (560+kg)	187.00p	150.00p	£936.77	150.20p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	153.50p	145.20p	£558.07	
	Heavy (485kg+)	187.00p	149.90p	£854.11	149.90p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	180.10p	180.10p	
Prime	155.10p	154.20p	
Others	123.70p	120.00p	

6 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(4 Cull Cows, 2 Cull Bulls)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

Again the Bluetongue restrictions are severely restricting our entry. Most overage animals historically come from Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire to us. As soon as we are in the zone – the cows will be back to normal with all the usual buyers present.

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!

1485 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

As expected a very short entry due largely to Bluetongue restrictions. The end result was a superb trade way ahead of other markets. All best lambs realized over 140 pence with the entry being totally insufficient for the demand. The overall market average was £54 (40.2 kilos).

Top Price per Kilo: 143.00 pence for an entry from Mesr EA & IE Price, Llanwarne.

Top Price per Head: £60.00 for an entry from Mesr BJ & MI Thomas, Callow.

	<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)	140.50p	134.10p	£50.27	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	143.00p	133.40p	£54.54	133.60p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	128.40p	126.40p	£58.50	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	94.00p	94.00p	£60.00	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	Up to 30 kg	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48
Premium			140.10p	140.60p
Prime			133.20p	134.20p

162 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.30 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

With the continued Bluetongue restrictions and National falling trade a disappointing entry of ewes met an improved demand. Strong ewes sold over £60 per head but the large entry of small and plain ewes reduced the overall average to £37. First quality ewes sold from £50. Second quality sold from £35. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure.

25 REARING CALVES on Thursday 17th July 2008

Sale at 10.30 am

An entry of 25 rearing calves sold to another good trade although the quality was not as good as previous weeks. Limousin Bulls to £280 and £220 with Belgian Blue £270, small Hereford cross bulls to £162 with small Simmental bulls to £155, Friesian bulls to £60. Simmental heifers to £190 and Limousins £140. Weaned Friesian bulls to £170. **Next Calf Sale Thursday 31st July at 10.30 am.**

FORTHCOMING SALES

JULY

Wednesday 23rd ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antiques and Furniture.
Contact Roger Garlick Tel: 01989 762225.

Thursday 31st ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Rearing Calves. Sale at 10.30 am.

AUGUST

Wednesday 6th HONEYBOURNE, EVESHAM Annual Sale of Store Lambs, subject to Defra Regulations.
Sale at 11.30 am. Further details (01989) 762225.

Thursday 14th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle & Rearing Calves.

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DO NOT USE BELOW

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	115.00p	£916.00	111.20p	£869.91
Overage Heifers				
Grade 1 Cows	130.00p	£1046.36	130.00p	£1046.36
Grade 2				
Grade 3	107.00p		101.40p	
Grade 4				
Overall Average			106.96p	£736.70
