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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2011

A BLISTERING TRADE ON LAMBS UP TO 221p (£100)
ANOTHER GOOD ENTRY OF CATTLE SOLD TO A MUCH IMPROVED TRADE

Steers to	**212 pence**	**£1,369**
Heifers to	**232 pence**	**£1,340**
Over 36 mths Clean to	**200 pence**	**£1,250**
Cull Cows to	**167 pence**	**£1,354**
Lambs to	**221 pence**	**£100.20**
Cull Ewes/Rams		**£100**

240 FINISHED CATTLE **Sale at 10.30 am**
166 Clean Cattle, 6 Over 36 month Cattle, 68 Cull Cows. Auctioneer: Richard Williams

NOTE: We are now including all under 36 month old cattle in this section

A similar entry of clean cattle met a much better trade than the previous week. It was good to see another buyer in attendance and this certainly assisted the trade. Best cattle sold over 210 pence with several over 220 pence to a top of 232 pence. Again the quality was variable with the entry including some "cold" sorts which could have done with a bit more cake. Heavy cattle again met an excellent trade. More cattle could readily have been sold.

Top price per kilo: 232p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.
Top price per head: £1,368.99 for an entry from Mesr P & DA Watkins & Son, Ledbury.

		Top p/kg	*Av/kg*	*Av/head*	*Overall Av/kg*
STEERS	Medium (465-555kg)	189.00p	181.70p	£839.50	
	Heavy (560kg+)	212.00p	187.20p	£1192.42	**186.40p**
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	193.00p	193.00p	£904.75	
	Heavy (485kg+)	232.00p	182.40p	£1058.56	**182.50p**
BULLS	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560kg+)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	**Heifers**	**Bulls**
Premium	212.00p	220.10p	
Prime	190.50p	190.20p	
Others	170.00p	169.00p	150.00p

6 CLEAN CATTLE OVER 36 MONTHS **Sale following Clean Cattle**
Auctioneer: Richard Williams

Only a few overage clean cattle (following the inclusion of 30-36 month cattle in underage section). Better sorts sold to a peak of 200 pence.

68 CULL COWS & BULLS **Sale following Overage Clean**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of cull cows sold to a superb trade. There was a good show of better cows with several from 150 – 167 pence to peak at £1354. Friesians also sold very well with best from 130 – 140 pence.

	Top Price / kg	*Top Price / head*	*Av Price / kg*	*Av Price / head*
Overage Steers				
Overage Heifers	200.00p	£1250.87	160.00p	£932.07
Grade 1 Cows	167.00p	£1354.65	150.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	145.00p		141.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	127.00p		120.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	105.00p		100.00p	
Friesian Cows (24)	140.00p		121.50p	
Beef Cows (44)	167.00p		132.50p	
Cows Overall Av			**130.00p**	**£856.78**
Cull Bulls	116.00p	£992.15	116.00p	£992.15

1337 LAMBS **Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher

A similar entry of finished lambs sold to a wonderful trade which was a significant improvement on markets at the end of last week. Numbers remain short on a national basis. Both export and hometrade firms all fit for lambs. Better export lambs sold from 205 – 221 pence. Again there was very keen demand for heavier lambs selling up to £100.20, with others to £100 and several pens from £88 - £95. More heavy lambs are needed to meet current demand. The entry was nowhere near enough for the demand and many more could readily have been sold. The overall average price of lambs was £80/head (average weight 40.26 kilos)

Top price per kilo: 221p for an entry from Mrs M Mitchell, Corse Lawn.
Top price per head: £100.20 for an entry from Mesr Acorn Farms, Gloucester.

	Top p/kg	*Av p/kg*	*Av £/head*	*Overall Av*
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	211.00p	200.30p	£74.67	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	221.00p	199.20p	£81.83	**199.70**
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	200.00p	190.70p	£89.62	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	182.00p	182.00p	£100.00	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	**30.5 –36**	**36.5 – 43**	**43.5 – 48**	**48.5 – Over**
Premium	211.00p	221.00p	210.30p	
Prime	200.10p	200.70p	200.00p	190.70p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of ewes in line with the national trend met another good trade. There were no top quality ewes present but the strong ewes forward sold over £90. Considering the number of small ewes the overall average of £71.21 was more than acceptable. First quality ewes sold from £85. Second quality sold from £65, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of Rams also met a good trade selling to £100 and an overall average of £74.07.

25 Rearing Calves sold on Thursday 17th November **Sale at 10.30 am**

An entry of 25 rearing calves sold to a good trade. Top price was £305 for a Charolais bull with Hereford cross bulls to £280. Simmental bulls to £250 and Friesian bulls £120. British Blue heifers to £220**. Next Calf Sale is Thursday 1st December at 10.30 am.**

FORTHCOMING SALES

DECEMBER		
Thursday 1st	**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**	Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Rearing Calves & Dairy. Cattle. Entries for Catalogue to be received by 12 noon, Thursday 24th November.
Monday 5th	**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**	**CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SHOW & SALE.**
Thursday 15th	**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**	Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Rearing Calves.
JANUARY 2012		
Wednesday 11th	**ROSS AUCTION ROOMS**	Sale of Antique Furniture & Household Effects. Sale at 10 am. Enquiries to Roger Garlick: 01989 762225.

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We as auctioneers will read all electric tags but cannot guarantee 100% accuracy.

NOTE TO ALL T.B. RESTRICTED FARMERS

If your whole herd has undergone a TB test then you do not have to get individual licences to bring cattle to the market within 90 days of that test. You must however apply for a TB24b (a General Movement Licence). The owner is then responsible for completing the first page of the TB24b licence giving the place and date of sale and number of cattle being moved. They also need to complete the last page with a list of ear numbers of the cattle submitted for the sale. Photocopies of the licences can be made by the owner so farmers do not need to apply to the local Animal Health Office to get a licence on a weekly basis. This puts sales to markets on the same footing as deadweight sales.
If you have any queries please contact the Market Office (01989 762225) or Greg Christopher (07976 163043)

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).