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**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
 MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2010**

MONDAY 1st MARCH IS A GREEN MARKET

308 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

203 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 105 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A much improved entry of finished cattle sold to a similar trade to the previous week. There were no real superstars forward with best sorts selling over **170p**. The quality was again variable with several plainer sorts reducing overall returns. Best sorts again proved easiest to sell with all buyers keen to do business.

Top price per kilo: 177.00p for an entry from Mesr GG Chandler & Son, Llangatock Lingoed.

Top price per head: £1,216.93 for an entry from Mesr GE Phillips & Son, Raglan.

		<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)	156.00p	155.00p	£795.23	
	Heavy (560+kg)	177.00p	155.80p	£988.15	155.70p
HEIFERS	Light (370-395kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)	163.00p	163.00p	£705.25	
	Heavy (485kg+)	176.00p	152.70p	£911.15	152.70p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	175.00p	175.00p	
Prime	153.90p	156.20p	
Others	135.20p	136.10p	130.90p

105 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

29 - 30 to 48 mths, 74 over 48 mths, 2 Stock Bulls

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A tremendous trade – when looking at averages it doesn't tell you that 80% of the entry were Black & White and there were no Grade 1 cows on offer. Best offering was an overage heifer that had been bulled and not calved 159p/kg. Best cows to 126p/kg for a beef cow and 125p twice for Friesians. Cows to £970.05 for Black & White. Green next week so if you can please attend numbers usually a lot lower.

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	151.00p	£1121.23	138.00p	£978.98
Overage Heifers	159.00p	£1020.75	134.90p	£813.38
Grade 1 Cows				
Grade 2 Cows	126.00p	£970.05	121.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	115.00p		106.90p	
Grade 4 Cows	108.00p		92.00p	
Cow Overall Av.			102.40p	£674.04
Cull Bull	134.00p	£995.91	119.10p	£945.81

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!

1,277 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer Richard Williams

A shorter entry of hoggets sold to another firm trade which was very much in line with the previous week. As usual handier weights met keenest demand selling to a peak of 208p. All buyers are complaining about reduced consumer demand and it is only lack of numbers and the continued strength of the Euro that is maintaining current levels. Many more lambs could have been sold to advantage.

Top Price per Kilo: 208.00p for entries from Mesr HJ Sparey & Son, Garway.**Top Price per Head:** £91.00 for an entry from Mr MRW Johnson, Blakeney.

	<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)	208.00p	190.00p	£70.33	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	205.00p	189.70p	£78.72	189.80p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	192.00p	180.00p	£85.47	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	150.00p	150.00p	£90.07	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium	200.10p	201.30p	200.60p	
Prime	190.10p	190.20p	189.20p	180.20p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of ewes met a flying trade. Ten lots sold over £100 with a pen of Texel ewes selling to the top price of £118. Another large entry of small and plain ewes left an overall average of £78.51. First quality ewes sold from £90, second quality sold from £65, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of Rams also met a good trade selling to £89.50 and averaged £82. Goats sold to £65 and averaged £60.50.

25 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 18th February**Sale at 10.30 am**

A small entry of 25 Rearing Calves sold to an excellent trade. Top price was £390 for a Limousin bull calf with others £360, £320 and £260. British Blue bulls to £360, £340, £300 with small Blonde D'Aquitaine to £235 and Hereford cross to £200. Very few heifer calves forward topped at £275 for a Limousin. Friesian bulls to £100. **Next Calf Sale Thursday 4th March at 10.30 am.**

FORTHCOMING SALES**MARCH**

Thursday 4 th	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 25 th February.
Saturday 6 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Poultry & Ornamental Wildfowl. Entries to: Chris & Gene Taylor Tel/Fax 01874 730883.
Wednesday 10 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 18 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, etc.

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.**

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).