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**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
 MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2009**

**MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER IS CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW & SALE & IT IS A
 RED MARKET**

179 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

127 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 52 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of cattle for the Green market as several prospective vendors couldn't attend due to TB and 6 day rule restrictions. There were some very good loads and also some poorer ones forward! No real superstars, a top price of 178p was achieved. Generally prices were strong and more cattle could readily have been sold.

Top price per kilo: 178.00p for an entry from Mr FE Cox, Yarkhill.

Top price per head: £1318.05 for an entry from Mesr Hill Farm Partnership, Marstow.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560+kg)	178.00p	151.90p	£1002.09	151.90p
HEIFERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)	164.00p	160.10p	£700.39	
	Heavy (485kg+)	169.00p	150.40p	£869.34	151.60p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	174.20p	170.00p	
Prime	156.20p	154.20p	160.00p
Others	137.10p	135.20p	

52 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

30 - 30 to 48 mths, 19 over 48 mths, 3 Stock Bulls

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

An excellent 30-48 mth clean trade up to 155p/kg and really no difference to the UTM's. Cows still only sold at a price, with many firms dropping prices yet again, consequently very few good fed cows forward, which decreased overall averages. Best cows to 120p - two strong Charolais cows with plenty of age.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	155.00p	£1057.32	137.60p	£871.90
Overage Heifers	148.00p	£1087.51	121.40p	£717.70
Grade 1 Cows	120.00p	£922.54	120.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	115.00p		110.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	94.00p		86.80p	
Grade 4 Cows	70.00p		56.90p	
Cow Overall Av.			89.20p	£585.70
Cull Bulls	105.00p	£1144.28	95.70p	£932.36

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!

1672 LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt
Auctioneer Richard Williams

A larger entry of lambs for the Green market sold to a similar trade to the previous week. Wet overnight weather didn't help the look of the lambs and certainly put a few vendors off. Again 36-43 kilos would be best sold although there were no real superstars forward this week. It will be very interesting to see how the trade goes this week as several buyers think demand is easing.

Top Price per Kilo: 178.00 for an entry from Mesr JP Sevenoaks & Sons, Walterstone.

Top Price per Head: £76.00 for an entry from Mr SD Pearman, Bredons Hardwick.

	<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)	178.00p	168.20p	£63.08	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	177.00p	159.20p	£65.87	162.20p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	154.00p	145.50p	£67.56	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	143.00p	124.90p	£72.74	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		175.20p	170.10p	
Prime		168.20p	160.20p	152.10p

759 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.00 am
Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

The largest entry of ewes seen in the market for sometime met a slightly less demand in line with the national trend. Once again strong meated ewes were in short supply but those forward sold over £70. Belted ewes sold to the top price of £88 leaving a satisfactory overall average of £60.21 considering the number of small, plain and mule ewes present. First quality ewes sold from £65. Second quality sold from £50, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An increased entry of rams met a similar trade selling to £87 and average £67.97. Goats sold to £59.50 and average £56.82.

400 STORE CATTLE sold on Thursday 19th November

An excellent entry for the second November sale was competed for by a very strong contingent of buyers. A highlight of the sale was an entry of cows and calves from WH Cook, Bredons Norton. These sold to large interest topping at £1820 for a Cow with Bull calf. Store cattle sold to a top price of £995 for a pen of Limousins from JH Goulding, Newent. Leading Prices on Steers: 590 kg £995, 525 kg £920, 425 kg £750, 510 kg £820, 330 kg £640, 325 kg £630, 275 kg £540, 225 kg £470. Leading Prices on Heifers: 490 kg £815, 530 kg £815, 455 kg £685, 420 kg £728, 425 kg £678, 280 kg £480.

40 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 19th November

Sale at 10.30 am

A lower entry of 40 Rearing Calves sold to an excellent trade. Top price was £370 for a British Blue heifer with Simmental heifers to £320 and small Limousins to £180. British Blue bulls to £350 with Limousin bulls to £340 and £310. Simmental bulls to £295 and £260 and Hereford cross £205. Friesian bulls to £70. In the weaned section 5 month old Limousin heifers to £410 and bulls £380. **Next Calf Sale is Thursday 10th December at 10.30 followed by one on Thursday 17th December.**

LIVESTOCK ESCAPE 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).

FORTHCOMING SALES

NOVEMBER.

Monday 30th

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CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW & SALE.

Show on morning of Sale. Free entry.

DECEMBER

Thursday 10th

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Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15am, Rearing Calves at 10.30am,
Dairy Cattle at 11am and Store Sheep at 11am.

Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon
Thursday 3rd December.

Thursday 17th

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Sale of Rearing Calves.