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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 24th MARCH 2008

185 CATTLE

143 Clean Cattle, 42 OTMS.

Sale at 10.00 am prompt

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The Bank Holiday with fewer cattle forward saw a tremendous trade. In especially short supply were steers, only 34 forward averaged 144.13p/kg and £962.48, sixteen of which were over £1,000 per head up to £1152.57. Take out the Herefords and Simmentals the steers averaged 150p/kg @ 56% that makes them 267p/deadweight. Heifers were also a very strong trade, well up on last week, highs of 176p/kg and £1086.20. The only negative from today is cattle that were entered, but not shown – it is vital for us to have an accurate picture of numbers to match up to the buyers present. We will soon be trialing systems to benefit those who enter their stock. **MONDAY 31ST MARCH IS A RED MARKET. As from Thursday 3rd April REARING CALVES will be sold fortnightly at 10.30am prior to the Sale of STORE CATTLE.**

Top price per kilo: 176.00p for an entry from Mr G Davies, Manmoel

Top price per head: £1152.57 for an entry from Mr CH Darlington, Haverfordwest.

		<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)	159.50p	144.10p	£962.48	144.13p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	170.50p	140.90p	£563.75	
	Heavy (485kg+)	176.00p	138.60p	£722.91	138.70p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	154.30p	150.30p	
Prime	136.10p	134.70p	
Others	120.20p	117.60p	

42 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(33 Cull Cows, 2 Heifers, 7 Steer)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A short entry of overage due to the Bank Holiday, but all buyers present and looking to do business. Very, very few Continental cows and no Grade 1 cows forward of any description. Friesians up to 116p/kg and £962.51. Some very plain cows forward, down to 60p/kg didn't help averages. Ross must be enjoying one of the sharpest trades in Overage Cattle in the country, so why not sell some with us?

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	118.50p	£924.73	112.00p	£779.04
Overage Heifers	115.00p	£730.51	112.70p	£657.08
Grade 1 Cows				
Grade 2	116.00p	£962.51	106.00p	£554.99
Grade 3	104.00p		90.80p	
Grade 4	73.50p		68.00p	
Overall Average			91.50p	

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!

2089 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.00 am prompt

Auctioneer: Steve Watkins

The welcome return of Steve Watkins from his latest walk about saw another blistering trade – not quite the highs of last week, but overall a very similar average.

Top Price per Kilo: 165.00 pence for an entry from Mesr DL & JA Price, Skenfrith.

Top Price per Head: £71.00 for three entries from Mesr JF & JM Dallyn, Chepstow.

	<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)	152.30p	142.00p	£51.98	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	165.00p	152.10p	£64.29	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	152.70p	139.60p	£66.61	149.80p
Overweight (52.1kg +)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	Up to 30 kg	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 - 48
Premium		135.80p	163.70p	155.50p
Prime		121.60p	156.00p	147.30p

236 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 9.30 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A short Bank Holiday entry of ewes sold to one of the best trades seen in the market for some time. All grades of ewe were in great demand selling to £82 with an overall average of £52.25. First quality ewes sold from £60. Second quality sold from £40, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams also met a good trade selling to £60 with an average of £47.

FORTHCOMING SALES

APRIL

Thursday 3rd ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle & Rearing Calves. Entries for Store Catalogue To be received by noon on Thursday 27th March.
Thursday 17th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle & Rearing Calves
Wednesday 23rd ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antiques and Furniture. Entries now invited.
Contact Roger Garlick Tel: 01989 762225.

ROSS AUCTION CENTRE

REARING CALVES

Will now be sold on

Thursdays

Commencing at 10.30 am

Prior to the Store Cattle Sales.

FIRST SALE

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL