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**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
 MONDAY 24TH MAY 2010**

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31ST MAY IS A GREEN MARKET

283 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

204 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 79 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A much larger entry of cattle sold to a difficult trade. A large number of heavier cattle did not help the situation but it has to be said that demand is generally poor at present. Best sorts sold from **155-163 pence** but it would be wrong to say that prices are good - they are not and farmers are losing a lot of money at present. Lets hope as numbers dry up we will see an upturn in prices.

Top price per kilo: 163.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1067.86 for an entry from the same vendor.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	160.00p	147.10p	£698.07	
	Heavy (560+kg)	155.00p	140.40p	£928.57	140.70p
HEIFERS	Light (370-395kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)	155.00p	155.00p	£698.34	
	Heavy (485kg+)	163.00p	141.80p	£828.59	141.90p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	159.10p	159.10p	
Prime	144.20p	142.90p	
Others	130.20p	130.10p	115.10p

79 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

23 - 30 to 48 mths, 56 over 48 mths.

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The demand for cows bares no resemblance to the UTM ring. This trade has not dropped and good Black and Whites are 115p/kg and good Beef cows 130p up to 139p/kg. Weight is the watch word in the UTM ring – but does not matter in the OTM ring. Top price animal today a 825kg heifer grossing £1126.13 followed by 860kg cow grossing £1096.50.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	135.00p	£968.40	121.20p	£820.41
Overage Heifers	138.00p	£1126.13	128.80p	£796.19
Grade 1 Cows	139.00p	£1096.50	129.80p	
Grade 2 Cows	119.00p		114.70p	
Grade 3 Cows	110.00p		106.10p	
Grade 4 Cows	101.00p		91.30p	
Cow Overall Av.			106.30p	£718.15
Cull Bulls				

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!

1206 SPRING LAMBS**Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer Greg Christopher

The falling trade of the middle of last week and the red market ensured a short entry of lambs. It never ceases to amaze me how few lambs we get on red markets. This normally means that the trade is better on a red than a green! Compared with other local centres the trade was superb – dearer than last week. Best lambs sold to **243 pence** with heavier sorts peaking at **£99.50** with an overall average of almost £90, almost £10 a head better than other markets mid-week. The entry was woefully short for the demand.

A well known local group has been turning farmers away in the past week. Today highlighted the benefit of a live auction system. We had 9 firms represented today all competing for lambs, with markets we have buyers for everything. Please support your local market and help drive the Sheep industry forward.

It is surprising how some of our fairly regular past supporters desert us for the fluctuations experienced in other markets, when we have for weeks experienced the best trade in the West.

Top Price per Kilo: 243.00p for an entry from Mesr RF, EA, DF Pursey, St Owens Cross.

Top Price per Head: £99.50 for an entry from Mesr Clifton Farm Partnership.

	<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)	243.00p	230.50p	£87.94	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	242.00p	219.00p	£89.29	223.50p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	195.10p	195.10p	£99.50	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 –36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		240.00p	240.10p	230.00p
Prime		224.10p	225.10p	217.10p

470 HOGGETS**Sale following Lambs**

Auctioneer Greg Christopher

A seasonally short entry of hoggets sold to a good trade with more realizing **175 – 180 pence**. More could easily have been sold.

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Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	182.00p	180.00p	£67.83	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	181.00p	175.10p	£72.28	177.30p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	150.10p	150.10p	£72.00	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 –36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		180.90p	180.00p	
Prime		176.20p	177.00p	

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of ewes met a continued good trade in line with the previous week. Strong lean ewes regularly sold over £90. Continentals sold to the top price of £105 leaving an overall average of £78.42. First quality ewes sold from £85, second quality sold from £65, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of rams also met a good trade to average £70.11.

FORTHCOMING SALES

MAY

Thursday 27th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep and Calves.

JUNE

Saturday 5th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Poultry & Ornamental Wildfowl. Contact Chris & Gene Taylor for details: 01874 730883.

Thursday 10th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Dairy Cattle Dispersal Sale. For details contact Gwilym Richards, Tel: 01600 860300.

Thursday 17th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Store Sheep & Calves. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 10th June.

Wednesday 23rd **ROSS AUCTION ROOMS** Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.

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).