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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

### MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007

#### 367 CATTLE

183 Clean Cattle, 72 OTM Cattle.

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A reduced entry of cattle sold to an improved trade with strong bidding throughout. All classes of cattle were in keen demand with a particularly good trade on heavier sorts. Several steers and heifers realised over £900 to a top of £915. A number of plain unfinished sorts reduced overall averages. Many more cattle could easily have been sold. **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH IS A RED MARKET.**

**Top price per kilo:** 146.00p for an entry from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

**Top price per head:** £915.90 for an entry from the same vendor.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
<b>STEERS</b>	Light (370-460kg)	109.00p	109.00p	£457.80	
	Medium (465-555kg)	127.00p	112.90p	£599.48	
	Heavy (560+kg)	132.00p	110.00p	£703.68	<b>110.70p</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	117.50p	108.50p	£501.80	
	Heavy (485kg+)	146.00p	108.00p	£586.35	<b>108.10p</b>

#### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Bulls</b>
<b>Premium</b>	129.10p	130.20p	
<b>Prime</b>	112.00p	111.90p	
<b>Others</b>	100.60p	100.40p	

#### 72 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(6 Clean Steers, 3 Clean Heifers, 63 Cull Cows)

**Sale after the clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of overage cattle once again sold to a magnificent trade. The entry was totally insufficient for the demand with 8 buyers around the ring. Top price of the day was 122 pence for a premium overage heifer. The cows principally comprised Friesians with all better sorts of 75 pence.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	94.50p	£688.88	88.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	80.20p		72.60p	
Grade 3 Cows	70.00p		62.40p	
Grade 4 Cows	60.10p		53.60p	
Overage Steers	102.00p	£725.73	95.00p	£589.17
Overage Heifers	122.00p	£929.48	107.00p	£650.18
<b>Cows Overall Av</b>			72.46p	£474.28

**1,613 HOGGETS****Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The dramatically falling trade last week resulted in a disappointing entry of hoggets. It was surprising that all 10 buyers turned up keen to do business and therefore a better than expected trade ensued. Heavier sorts sold particularly well and there was also a storming trade on better sorts. Many more hoggets could easily have been sold.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 125.70p for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.**Top Price per Head:** £56.00 for an entry from Mrs M Mitchell, Corse Lawn..

	<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)	121.60p	112.50p	41.29	<b>110.28p</b>
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	125.70p	108.70p	46.17	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	116.10p	106.80p	50.64	
Overweight (52.1kg +)				

<b>Weight</b>	<b>30.5 – 36</b>	<b>36.5 – 43</b>	<b>43.5 – 48</b>	<b>48.5 + over</b>
<b>Premium</b>		125.10p	117.10p	
<b>Prime</b>	111.00p	111.20p	110.00p	106.20p

**226 CULL EWES & RAMS****Sale at 10.15 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met a similar improved trade as the previous week. Once again several pens of strong ewes sold over £40 per head to an overall average of £33.28. First quality ewes sold from £38, second quality sold from £25. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams sold to £39 with an average of £33.25. A pen of goats sold to £24.

**90 REARING CALVES****Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 90 rearing calves of varying quality sold to a good trade on the best. Top price for bulls was £220 for a Belgian Blue with others of the same breed £218, £200 (3 times), etc. Limousin bulls to £170 and £160. Hereford cross bulls £155. Blonde D'Aquitaine £160 and Aberdeen Angus £100. Heifers reached a high of £222 for a Belgian Blue with other Belgian Blue's £180, £175, £140, etc. Small Limousin heifers to £115 with Hereford cross £175 and £135. 6 month old Friesian bulls to £110.

**22 DAIRY CATTLE****Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

Another small entry of mixed quality cattle. Top price was £1,155 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> calver from Westwood Partners, Stratford-upon-Avon, with most cows selling in the £800-£900 bracket. No outstanding heifers forward with the best to £935. Bulling heifers to £478.

**FORTHCOMING SALES****MARCH**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Poultry and Ornamental Wildfowl. Details tel: Chris & Gene Taylor 01874 730883.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 1st March.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger Garlick (01989) 762225

**STORE LAMBS**

Please note we are holding sales of STORE LAMBS on every GREEN MARKET.

The demand is excellent resulting in very good trades being experienced.

Also BREEDING EWES are sold on GREEN MARKETS.

### ***PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING***

Please note we are holding Green Exempt Markets. This means that fat cattle attending a Green Exempt Market do not need to be pre-movement tested.

This exemption is allowed as cattle are only able to go on to slaughter, back home, onto an approved holding and onto an exempt finishing unit. Dairy cows will still need to be tested.

Calves and Dairy Cows (in Gwilym Richards sale) must be kept separate from the finished cattle, so please make sure cattle are unloaded in the correct part of the market.

### **ARE YOU DEFICIENT?**

Are newborn calves slow to rise and suck?

Is it difficult to fatten calves on your land?

Is the consumption of grain/hay/silage high?

Is it difficult to keep the cattle in peak condition?

Is your lambing percentage low?

Is there a significant difference between scanning percentage and lambs to market?

Do your lambs stand still after weaning?

Is it difficult to finish lambs without creep?

**Do you want your stock to grow healthier faster and cheaper?**

If you do then you might need to retain the balance of trace elements to your ground.

**To find out more please ring Jeremy Jehan on 07970 048080**