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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009

### 271 FINISHED CATTLE

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

152 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 25 30-48 mths, 94 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A similar entry of clean cattle sold to another excellent trade. Deadweight quotations were all lower and certainly buyers were looking to get the trade back. This simply did not work and once again all classes of cattle were in keen demand. Best meated cattle realized over 190 pence with a particularly strong trade on heavier sorts.

**Top price per kilo:** 198.00p for an entry from Mr B D Powell, Llangrove.

**Top price per head:** £1271.90 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)				
	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560+kg)	197.00p	162.20p	£1026.44	<b>162.20</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	158.00p	157.10p	£652.48	
	Heavy (485kg+)	198.00p	161.50p	£907.03	<b>161.00</b>

### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Bulls</b>
<b>Premium</b>	192.10p	193.00p	
<b>Prime</b>	165.10p	164.90p	
<b>Others</b>	135.10p	134.70p	

### 25 30-48 MONTH CATTLE

**Sale after clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A shorter entry of older cattle met another very fast trade. Again the entry was highly variable with all better sorts over **150 pence**.

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	148.00p	£1101.83	136.10p	£904.27
Overage Heifers	154.00p	£1191.16	130.00p	£769.96

### 76 BARREN COWS

**Sale after 30-48 month cattle**

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A similar entry of barren cows met an easier trade, the quality was very variable and top end not up to last week. Best Friesian over 110p/kg up to 120p. Beef cows to 144p and £1030.23. Next week sees the introduction of the spinal cord testing charge. At the point of writing most major abattoirs will be deducting a charge of £7.50 per head for all animals slaughtered over 48 mths to cover this. The Livestock Auctioneers Association is refusing to make this deduction for live sales. We are heading for a stand-off between buyers and markets, so please confirm entries before next weeks sale in case we are short of buying support.

**Barren Cows**

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	144.00p	£1030.23	124.30p	£676.81
Grade 2	120.00p		113.50p	
Grade 3	109.00p		97.20p	
Grade 4	95.00p		75.30p	
<b>Overall Average</b>			<b>101.20p</b>	

**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!**

**1780 HOGGETS****Sale at 9.15 am prompt.**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of hoggets sold to a blistering trade throughout. Several pens realized over 200 pence to a peak of **227p**. There were simply nowhere near enough hogs for the demand with best pens peaking at £93. The buyers were complaining about price being too dear for the retail trade but with the Pound continuing to fall against the Euro exports seem to be driving the trade.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 227.00 pence for an entry from Mesr JT Houldey & Son, Hasfield.

**Top Price per Head:** £93.00 for an entry from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Tregare.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	227.00p	168.50p	£60.83	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	210.40p	175.10p	£74.00	<b>172.60p</b>
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	162.90p	160.00p	£74.01	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	163.30p	154.10p	£78.53	

**QUALITY PRICE REPORTING**

<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>	195.10p	194.20p	190.90p	
<b>Prime</b>	175.10p	176.20p	176.20p	165.10p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

The largest entry of ewes seen in the market for sometime met another flying trade. Texel ewes sold to the top price of £71.50. A variable entry of quality forward left an overall average of £47.60. First quality ewes sold from £55, second quality sold from £40. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An increased entry of mixed quality rams sold to £50.50 and averaged £43.94. An entry of 28 goats averaged £39.50.

**FORTHCOMING SALES****FEBRUARY**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ROSS AUCTION CENTRE</b>	Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15 am, Rearing Calves 10.30 am, Store Sheep 11 am, Dairy Cattle 12 noon. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ROSS AUCTION ROOMS</b>	Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ROSS AUCTION CENTRE</b>	Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ROSS AUCTION CENTRE</b>	Sale of Flowering Trees, Shrubs, Conifers and Bulbs. Sale at 11.30 am.



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## SALE OF STORE CATTLE & SHEEP THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2009

### 55 REARING CALVES

Sale at 10.30 am

An entry of 55 calves sold to a top price of £320 for a Charolais bull, Limousin bulls to £305, £300, £298, £275, Belgian Blue bulls to £265, £240, £230, etc. Simmental bulls to £290, Blonde D'Aquitaine £230, Hereford cross £170 and Aberdeen Angus £170. Friesian bulls £106 and MRI £85. Heifers to £290 and £255 for Simmentals with Limousins to £260 and Belgian Blue's £255, £225, £215, etc. Some weaned-off Belgian Blue bulls to £340 and Aberdeen Angus bulls to £280.

### STORE LAMBS

Sale at 11 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of variable quality lambs met an excellent trade selling to £61.

### 180 STORE CATTLE

Sale at 11.15 am

An entry of 180 cattle sold to a most excellent trade with many potential buyers failing to purchase. Top price of the day was £1020 per head for Saler steers from **Hillend Court Partnership** weighing 575 kg (177p per kg), with other steers from the same home £860 (450 kg – 191p). A bunch of Simmental steers made £1002 per head (575 kg @ 174p). Other principal prices:-  
£822 for Charolais steers weighing 410 kg (200p per kg)  
£822 also for Charolais steers weighing 435 kg (189p per kg)  
Hereford cross steers to £758 (470kg @ 161p)  
Limousin steers to £660 (174p per kg)  
Montbeliarde steers to £600 (179p per kg)  
Friesian steers to £670 (134p per kg)  
Younger steers made to 206p per kg for Continentals (£465 – 335 kg) and 194p (£680 – 350 kg) with bulls to 189p (435 – 230 kg)  
Continental Heifers to £815 (500kg – 163p), £768 (475kg – 162p), £795 (515kg – 154p), £670 (375kg – 179p). Hereford cross heifers to £665 (475kg – 140p), £630 (375kg – 168p), £630 (370kg – 170p), £615 (360kg – 171p).