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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 26th MARCH 2007

316 CATTLE

160 Clean Cattle, 55 OTM Cattle.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A short entry of clean cattle sold to an outstanding trade. Numerous better sorts realized over 140 pence to a top of 146 pence. All classes of cattle were in keen demand with the entry totally insufficient for the supply.
MONDAY 26th 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: £910.45 for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

		<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)	128.50p	121.40p	£631.24	
	Heavy (560+kg)	143.50p	115.00p	£752.14	115.40p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	126.00p	101.00p	£436.78	
	Heavy (485kg+)	146.00p	116.50p	£665.98	116.30p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	142.10p	141.60p	
Prime	120.10p	120.00p	110.80p
Others	110.20p	109.80p	

55 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(2 Clean Steers, 7 Heifers, 46 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A reduced entry of overage cattle sold to the best trade we have seen so far. The trade was on fire for all sorts selling very well. Friesian cows peaked at 94 pence. Many more cows are urgently required to retain buyers.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	94.00p	£805.35	90.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	88.20p		85.20p	
Grade 3 Cows	80.20p		75.20p	
Grade 4 Cows	70.10p		60.20p	
Overage Steers	111.00p	£690.63	108.20p	£640.29
Overage Heifers	109.00p	£724.50	98.00p	£571.53
Cows Overall Av			81.00p	£515.11

3749 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The largest entry of the season met a highly variable trade. Hoggets up to about 46 kilos sold exceptionally well peaking at 138.6 pence. The trade on the heavier sorts was difficult however with hoggets from 50 – 60 kilos in plentiful supply. It was quite common for 42 kilo hogs to realize the same as 54 kilos. Overall the market average was considerably ahead of most other markets on the day.

Top Price per Kilo: 138.60p for an entry from Mesr FH Guest & Son, Woolaston.**Top Price per Head:** £62.00 for an entry from Mesr DJ & GA Watkins, Vowchurch.

	<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)	136.10p	121.90p	43.04	126.00p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	138.60p	127.10p	53.91	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	129.10p	114.60p	54.21	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	103.70p	96.20p	53.43	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium		132.20p	136.10p	125.10p
Prime		127.10p	125.10p	120.60p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes sold to an improved trade, continental ewes reached the top price of £55 with an overall average for £35.52. First quality ewes sold from £40. Second quality sold from £26. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of rams also met an improved trade selling to £45.

80 REARING CALVES**Sale at 12.30 pm**

An increased entry of 80 rearing calves sold to another good trade. Top price was £245 for a Limousin bull with others of the same breed £208, £205, £180 (three times), £178, etc. Belgian Blue bulls to £232, £205, £200, £190, etc. Simmental bulls to £190. Small Charolais bulls £165, Hereford cross bulls to £145, Aberdeen Angus bulls to £138. 4.5 month old Friesian bulls to £112. Heifers, slightly easier than last sale, topped at £190 for Belgian Blues with Limousins to £155 and small Charolais £135 and small Simmentals £130.

21 DAIRY CATTLE**Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

The calved heifers sold to a very level trade with 7 making over £1,000. Top price was £1,175 for R & S Adams, Chepstow, with others to £1,150 (three times), £1,100 (twice), £1,000. Mesr Adams' consignment of 9 heifers averages £1,058. Quality was lacking in the cow department with 2nd calvers to £765.

FORTHCOMING SALES**APRIL**Monday 2nd ROSS AUCTION CENTREThursday 5th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**Bank Holiday Monday 9th April**Wednesday 18th ROSS AUCTION ROOMS

EASTER SHOW & SALE OF SPRING LAMBS. Prizes for Best 3 Lambs, special prize donated by the Charollais Sheep Society. Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 29th March.

Green Market including calves.

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