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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 28th JANUARY 2008

232 CATTLE Sale at 10.00 am prompt

135 Clean Cattle & Bulls, 97 OTMS.

A very disappointing entry in view of the trade we have been experiencing in recent weeks. Numbers are significantly down on a national basis and with the weak pound reducing imports trade seems destined to stay firm. An absolutely superb trade ensued on all classes forward. The first beast in the ring was a Friesian which came to £879, this set the trend with all best cattle over 160 pence to a top of 168 pence. Numerous cattle realized over £1,000 to a peak of £1,142.87. IF YOU ARE SELLING DEADWEIGHT AT PRESENT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER REGISTERING YOURSELF AS A REGISTERED CHARITY!! Many more cattle are required to retain our excellent buying support. MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY IS A RED MARKET. FEBUARY 11TH IS THE NEXT GREEN MARKET.

Top price per kilo: 168.00p for an entry from Mesr A & R Livestock Ltd, Eldersfield.

Top price per head: £1142.87 for an entry from the same vendor.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560+kg)	147.00p	128.70p	£797.99	128.70p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	134.50p	125.10p	£536.85	
	Heavy (485kg+)	168.00p	130.60p	£696.09	130.20p

OUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	155.20p	155.60p	
Prime	132.10p	132.90p	130.10p
Others	112.60p	113.20p	

92 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(83 Cull Cows, 7 Heifers, 7 Steer)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The shortage of manufacturing beef in the country continued with a tremendous trade from start to finish. Higher numbers of cows in every market, but still the trade improves. Today 80 cows averaged 79p/kg throughout, best cows 114.5p and the worst 43p. A nice run of old Limousin cows averaged 108.2p/kg up to £802.56 from Mesr Phillips of Abergavenny. Only seven cows under 70p and 11 over one pound. The overage clean section had fewer numbers, they generally lacked confirmation and flesh of the previous weeks. Nevertheless they averaged just under the pound and up to 110p/kg. More overage can be sold to advantage.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	109.50p	£761.28	96.80p	£654.12
Overage Heifers	110.00p	£630.81	89.60p	£553.60
Grade 1 Cows	114.50p	£802.56	107.20p	£517.35
Grade 2	94.20p		92.66p	
Grade 3	76.90p		75.70p	
Grade 4	63.20p		60.86p	
Overall Average			78.30p	

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!

2079 HOGGETS Sale at 9.00 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A similar entry of hoggets met another blistering trade. Once again 10 buyers were in attendance and the entry was nowhere near enough for the demand. All classes were in keen demand with best continental sorts reaching over 130 pence to peak at 137.80 pence. Once again stronger hoggets sold best with numerous pens over £55. The overall average of the hogs was £48.50. MANY, MANY MORE HOGGETS COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN SOLD.

Top Price per Kilo: 137.80 pence for an entry from Mesr A & R livestock, Eldersfield.

Top Price per Head: £57.80 twice for entries from Mesr Bank Farm Partners, Abberley, & Mr VJ Eaton, Dymock.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	137.80p	113.50p	£42.19	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	125.00p	112.00p	£47.63	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	116.20p	112.00p	£53.24	112.40p
Overweight (52.1kg +)	110.50p	103.20p	£55.57	

OUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	Up to 30 kg	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 - 48
Premium			135.10p	132.90p
Prime			115.00p	114.00p

270 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 9.30 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of ewes sold to slightly less demand following the excellent trade of recent weeks. The overall average of £32 was very satisfying considering the entry consisted mainly of mule and plain ewes. A short entry of first quality ewes sold from £34, second quality sold from £22, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of rams averaged £27.40.

5 DAIRY CATTLE Sale on Thursday 24th January 08

Sale at 12 noon

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

Another very small entry with numbers short nationally and the Blue Tongue movement restrictions making selling through markets exceedingly difficult on the boundary. The quality of the entry was also very poor. However, third quality calved heifers sold to £1,010 from Mesr MJ & A Slatter, Tewkesbury, and second quality 3^{rd} calvers to £1,030 from Mesr D & G Wall, Hereford.

FORTHCOMING SALES

FEBRUARY

	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Green Market
Wednesday 13 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antiques and Furniture. Entries now invited.
		Contact Roger Garlick Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 7 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Entries for Catalogue to be
		Received by 12 noon Thursday 31 st January. Sale at 11 am.
Thursday 21st	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am.
Wednesday 27 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Shrubs, Plants & Bulbs.