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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2007

293 CATTLE

150 Clean Cattle, 95 OTM Cattle.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of finished cattle sold to an excellent trade. The quality was highly variable with several very good runs forward as well as a high percentage of plainer sorts. There was keen bidding on all classes of cattle with several best sorts over 135 pence to a top of 144 pence. The entry was totally insufficient for the demand and many more could easily have been sold. **MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY IS A RED MARKET.**

Top price per kilo: 144.00p for an entry from Mesr MA Hardy Ltd, Barry.

Top price per head: £918.78 for an entry from Mesr LH Attewell & Partners, Undy Magor.

		<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)	123.50p	109.20p	£568.73	
	Heavy (560+kg)	132.00p	109.10p	£711.59	109.10p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	144.00p	112.00p	£622.28	112.00p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	128.60p	130.10p	
Prime	112.00p	112.20p	
Others	99.10p	100.20p	80.20p

95 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(9 Clean Steers, 4 Clean Heifers, 80 Cull Cows, 2 Cull Bulls)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of overage cattle sold to a marvellous trade throughout. Clean cattle peaked at 97 pence to average 90 pence. Cows also sold very well to a top of 100 pence. Black and Whites were in keen demand with several over 80 pence to a top of 85 pence. More overage cattle are urgently required.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	100.00p	£815.90	90.20p	
Grade 2 Cows	85.20p		78.10p	
Grade 3 Cows	74.20p		65.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	60.20p		54.20p	
Overage Steers	95.50p	£796.50	90.60p	£663.33
Overage Heifers	97.00p	£651.38	87.20p	£536.79
Cows Overall Av			70.20p	£451.26

2167 HOGGETS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

An increased entry of hoggets met a very good trade considerably ahead of the previous week. There was an outstanding trade on best sorts which peaked at **135 pence**. The buyers certainly had a limit and the general concern was that supply was now beginning to outstrip demand. Once again clean bellied sorts met a marked premium.

Top Price per Kilo: 135.00p for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.**Top Price per Head:** £54.80 for an entry from Mr LM Buckland, Tewkesbury.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)	103.40p	102.00p	31.58	
Standard 32.1 – 39 kg)	125.30p	109.00p	39.77	111.80p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	135.00p	113.10p	46.88	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	113.00p	105.70p	50.98	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	101.50p	96.20p	52.34	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium	120.10p	125.20p	120.10p	
Prime	111.10p	112.00p	109.40p	104.20p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes sold to a similar good trade to the previous week. Once again several pens of strong lean ewes sold over £40 per head to a top price of £49 with an overall average of £32.85. First quality ewes sold from £35, second quality sold from £22. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly plain rams averaged £25.80. A pen of goats sold to £25.

40 REARING CALVES**Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 40 rearing calves sold to an excellent trade. Top price was £245 for a Belgian Blue bull with others of the same breed £235, £185, etc. Limousin bulls to £180, £170, £165, etc. Small Aberdeen Angus bulls to £105. Older Friesian bulls to £75. Limousin Heifers to £182, £175, £150, £140, etc. with Belgian Blue heifers £175, £155, etc.

8 DAIRY CATTLE**Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

A much improved trade with more buyers in attendance. Calved heifers sold to £1,100 for J Brown, Worcester, £1,020 for Mr Hathaway, Cheltenham, £860 twice. There were no first quality cows on offer with the best making £580 (4th calver). Many more could have been sold today.

FORTHCOMING SALES**FEBRUARY**

Thursday 8th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be Received by 12 noon Thursday 1st February.

Wednesday 14th ROSS AUCTION ROOMS Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger Garlick (01989) 762225

Wednesday 28th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Shrubs and Bulbs.

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.

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