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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 29th MARCH 2010

MONDAY 5th APRIL IS A RED MARKET

180 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

121 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 59 OTMS.

A better day at the office! A better trade with the return of two buyers. Wholesalers still complaining about lack of demand and price. We now have two shorter weeks and nearly all abattoirs have plenty of cattle in front of them. Hopefully numbers should tighten through April.

Top price per kilo: 183.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1141.88 for an entry from Mesr Hill Farm Partnership, Marstow.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	172.00p	166.00p	£907.75	
	Heavy (560+kg)	170.00p	146.90p	£987.10	147.90p
HEIFERS	Light (370-395kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)	155.00p	154.00p	£609.62	
	Heavy (485kg+)	183.00p	146.00p	£854.27	146.40p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	164.20p	162.40p	
Prime	148.90p	147.60p	
Others	135.60p	138.90p	

59 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

29 - 30 to 48 mths, 30 over 48 mths.

The usual shorter entry for the green market, usually some Black & Whites not on TB shut down. Best Friesians to 122p/kg and £1113.75 per head for another one, just emphasizes the wonderful trade we are having in this section. Overall average 108.41p/kg which includes 70% of the entry as Friesians. Overage clean sold to 179p and £1194.17, bullocks to £1142.63.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	150.00p	£1142.63	138.90p	£994.68
Overage Heifers	179.00p	£1194.17	142.30p	£906.68
Grade 1 Cows				
Grade 2 Cows	124.00p	£1113.75	118.60p	
Grade 3 Cows	122.00p		111.90p	
Grade 4 Cows	104.00p		89.70p	
Cow Overall Av.			108.41p	£756.48
Cull Bull				

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.

73 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am

Auctioneer Greg Christopher

A small entry for the **Show & Sale** met an excellent trade, way ahead of markets last week.

1st and Champion B Blandford & Sons £100/head 35kg 2nd B Blandford & Sons 35.5kg £103 50/head 3^{rd} F E Cox 40 kg £112/head

Overall Average 256.25p/kg

Top Price per Kilo 292p for entries from Mesr B Blandford & Sons.

2163 HOGGETS

Sale following Lambs

Auctioneer Greg Christopher

An increased entry met with a cracking trade. Pen after pen of export hogs at £2/kg a top of 222p/kg. Heavier Hogs also met with a dearer trade peaking at £100 on two occasions.

Top Price per Kilo: 222.00p for an entry from Mesr A & R Livestock Ltd, Eldersfield.

Top Price per Head: £100.00 twice for entries from the same vendor.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	211.00p	197.30p	£74.65	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	222.00p	193.60p	£81.55	194.20p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	196.00p	180.60p	£85.49	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	167.00p	160.00p	£86.94	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 –36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium	199.20p	204.90p	222.00p	196.00p
Prime	194.00p	194.70p	185.90p	176.00p

351 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of generally plainer ewes met a continued good trade. Once again several lots sold over £100 with Suffolks selling to the top price of £110. There was an excellent average of £75.65 considering the overall quality forward. First quality ewes sold from £90, second quality sold from £65. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of mainly very lean Rams sold to £85 and average £63.75. Goats sold to £60 and Average £57.50.

FORTHCOMING SALES

APRIL

Thursday 1st	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Store Sheep & Calves.
Thursday 15 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, etc. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 8 th April.
Wednesday 21 st	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 29 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, etc.

SHEEP EID

This only applies to Sheep born after 31st December 2009. For all Lambs born on or after 1st January 2010 we recommend:

- 1. A single electronic slaughter tag for those Lambs intended for slaughter within 12 months of age.
- 2. Full electronic identification for all Lambs intended for breeding i.e. ewe lambs.

TO LET

Grazing/Mowing, 15 Acres at Stowfield, Nr Lydbrook.
Available immediately till late Autumn.
Ideally suit sheep grazing – some electric fencing needed.
Contact RG & RB Williams on 01989 567233

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

All farmers must secure the market gates to the gates of their trailers <u>each and every</u> time stock are loaded/unloaded. If this is not done you are liable for any damage caused by an escaped animal. Once you have finished loading/unloading these gates must be shut and secured. If an animal does escape please inform a member of staff immediately who will blow the 'Whistle'. This then warns the gate keeper to close the vehicle gates. Available staff will secure the market perimeter. Once secure, the escaped animal will need to be herded back into the market pens. (We may use quiet stock already penned to help catch the escaped animal).