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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

### 209 FINISHED CATTLE

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

193 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 16 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

An increased entry of clean cattle sold to an outstanding trade which was probably ahead of the previous week. All best sorts realized over **190 pence** with numerous cattle over £1300 to a peak of £1412. The entry was nowhere near enough for the demand and many, many more cattle are required to satisfy demand.

**Top price per kilo:** 198.50p for an entry from Mr R Carter, Dursley.

**Top price per head:** £1412.04 for an entry from Mr RJ Badham & Sons, Monmouth.

		<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)	198.00p	168.10p	£865.80	
	Heavy (560+kg)	198.50p	170.00p	£1079.08	<b>169.40</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	197.00p	160.00p	£699.94	
	Heavy (485kg+)	198.00p	160.50p	£870.16	<b>160.50</b>

### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Bulls</b>
<b>Premium</b>	192.10p	191.20p	
<b>Prime</b>	171.00p	170.10p	
<b>Others</b>	145.10p	143.40p	

### OVERAGE CATTLE

**Sale after clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A very short entry of overage due to the alleged abattoir boycott and the snow. The biggest talking point was the stand by most abattoirs to deduct the brain stem charges now the cost of the test has been passed to them by the government. Our stance, as the LAA, was not to deduct this £7.50 charge as the abattoirs were asking us to do on their behalf. The stock that came to us were from farmers who specifically asked for the deduction to be made. We took the hard decision to go with their wishes. Due to the lack of publicity about this issue we are unsure what farmers feel about this charge. We hope this issue is sorted one way or another by next Monday.

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	140.00p	£1125.77	139.20p	£1008.96
Overage Heifers	155.00p	£1062.71	147.80p	£857.47
Cows	146.00p	£951.57	122.73p	£801.23
<b>Overall Average</b>			<b>122.73p</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!**

**1403 HOGGETS****Sale at 9.15 am prompt.**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A shorter entry of hoggets following the overnight snow. Against all odds the trade was way ahead of last week with the £90 barrier being broken on numerous occasions with a market record peak of **£97** being achieved. Best Hogs realized over 200 pence to a top of **218.4p**. The overall market average was **£75**.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 218.40 pence for an entry from Miss D Lang, Apperley.**Top Price per Head:** £97.00 for an entry from the same vendor.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	203.80p	179.20p	£66.43	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	218.40p	180.00p	£76.69	<b>179.70p</b>
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	204.20p	174.10p	£79.21	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	159.20p	148.10p	£80.45	

**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>	192.10p	200.10p	201.90p	
<b>Prime</b>	180.10p	182.10p	183.20p	158.20p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A disappointing entry of ewes met another good trade. Top price £71 for Suffolks left an overall average of £50.21. 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 £55.

**FORTHCOMING SALES****FEBRUARY**

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**    Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15 am, Rearing Calves 10.30 am, Store Sheep 11 am, Dairy Cattle 12 noon.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION ROOMS**    Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 76222
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**    Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep.  
Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**    Sale of Flowering Trees, Shrubs, Conifers and Bulbs.  
Sale at 11.30 am.

**MARCH**

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**    Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep.  
Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE**    Sale of Poultry and Ornamental Wildfowl.  
Entries to Chris & Gene Taylor Tel/Fax 01874 730883
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>    **ROSS AUCTION ROOMS**    Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
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