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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009

287 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am prompt Auctioneer: Richard Williams

226 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 61 OTMS. A shorter entry of cattle sold to another firm trade which was probably slightly easier than the previous week. There were still 11 buyers around the ring but the real "fizz" seems to have gone with buyers all complaining of buyer resistance to high meat prices. The entry was highly variable with several good quality loads forward but at the other end of the scale a high percentage of plainer sorts. Best quality sold from 190 - 200 pence with heavier sorts again selling particularly well.

Top price per kilo: 201p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Bristol. **Top price per head**: £1252.67 for an entry from Mr BD Powell, Llangrove.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	175.50p	160.20p	£844.61	
	Heavy (560+kg)	188.00p	159.30p	£996.61	159.40p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	180.00p	163.00p	£718.44	
	Heavy (485kg+)	201.00p	160.60p	£896.69	160.60p

OUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	192.70p	191.90p	
Prime	162.40p	161.90p	
Others	135.10p	134.20p	

61 OVERAGE CATTLE

22 - 30 to 48 mths, 38 over 48 mths & 1 Cull Bull

Sale after clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan A few less in the over 30 month section. As always a real mixed bag in the 30-48 months section, the best to 160p/kg and the worst to 109p/kgs. Cows highlighted with the top grossing beast in the market at £1288.38 and 164p/kg. Black and Whites best at 110-115p/kg and most 100-105p/kg. Plain cows 85-95p. Cull bulls to 116p/kg.attendance.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	157.00p	£1167.88	148.60p	£994.05
Overage Heifers	160.00p	£992.09	141.10p	£812.34
Grade 1 Cows	164.00p	£1288.38	141.00p	£683.03
Grade 2 Cows	116.00p		110.90p	
Grade 3 Cows	110.00p		101.40p	
Grade 4 Cows	96.00p		85.40p	
Cull Bulls	107.00p	£813.12	116.00p	£813.12
Cow Overall Average			101.40p	

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!**

2072 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt. Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A slightly reduced entry of hoggets sold to a much improved trade which was up by about 7 pence on the previous week. Handy weighted, well meated sorts really sold well from 190 to 199.7 pence. Again it was **belly shorn hogs** which stole the show proving that there is a marked premium to be had. Many more hogs could have been sold to advantage.

Top Price per Kilo: 199.70p for an entry from Mesr AJ Jones & Son, Dingestow. **Top Price per Head:** £81.50 twice for entries from Mesr HJ Sparey & Son, Garway.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	180.80p	164.50p	£61.54	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	199.70p	173.00p	£72.06	170.60p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	177.10p	159.10p	£74.75	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	137.60p	135.40p	£75.00	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 -36	36.5 - 43	43.5 - 48	48.5 - Over
Premium		190.10p	191.20p	
Prime		172.40p	171.20p	158.20p

352 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met another improved trade. Once again several lots sold over £80 with a pen of Continental ewes selling to the top price of £98. Considering the number of small and plain ewes forward the overall average of £63.82, which was an increase of £5 per head on the previous week, was very satisfactory. First quality ewes sold from £70, second quality sold from £50, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of varied quality rams also met a good trade selling to £66 and an average of £56.41. A short entry of goats averaged £30.

FORTHCOMING SALES

MARCH

Thursday 5 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15 am, Dairy Cattle at 12 noon, Rearing Calves at 10.30 am & Store Sheep at 11 am.
Saturday 7 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Poultry and Ornamental Wildfowl. Entries to Chris & Gene Taylor Tel/Fax 01874 730883
Wednesday 11 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 19 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Rearing Calves & Store Sheep. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 19 th February.