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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 30th JUNE 2008

213 CATTLE

163 Clean Cattle, 50 OTMS.

Sale at 10.30 am prompt Auctioneer: Richard Williams

No Monmouthshire cattle due to Blue Tongue zones and this resulted in a shorter entry. All abattoirs have reduced deadweight prices but the trade did not reflect this. Some wonderful runs of cattle from 180 pence to 193 pence. A new buyer was in attendance and this again helped the overall trade. Many more cattle could have been sold to advantage.

Top price per kilo: 193.00p for an entry from Mesr MJ & LA Davies, Boughrood. **Top price per head**: £1271.33 for an entry from Mesr EL & B Francis & Son, Garway.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	188.00p	154.20p	£847.28	
	Heavy (560+kg)	193.00p	159.70p	£996.39	159.20p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	185.50p	163.20p	£752.19	
	Heavy (485kg+)	191.00p	160.40p	£901.05	160.50p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	190.60p	190.20p	
Prime	161.20p	160.60p	145.20p
Others	135.10p	134.20p	

50 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

Sale after the clean cattle

(39 Cull Cows, 10 Heifers, 1 Steers)

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

Like all other sections in the Market the Blue Tongue rules reduced the overall entry. Quality was down as well, with a higher than normal proportion of thin cows lacking meat. Nevertheless the cows averaged 114.47 up to £1368.99. The few good Friesians on offer reached a respectable 132p/kg. Overage up to 154p/kg.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	123.00p	£874.65	123.00p	£874.65
Overage Heifers	154.00p	£881.09	119.00p	£596.46
Grade 1 Cows	144.00p	£1368.99	135.50p	£756.31
Grade 2	132.00p		128.30p	
Grade 3	122.00p		116.70p	
Grade 4	101.00p		85.00p	
Overall Average			114.47p	

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!

2726 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

In spite of Blue Tongue restrictions meaning that no Monmouthshire lambs could come to the market there was a very good entry of lambs. The trade fell away significantly last week but prices at Ross were well ahead of expectations. Best lambs sold to <u>187.5 pence</u> with the <u>£70</u> barrier being broken on several occasions. A new buyer was in attendance but the trade was so good that he couldn't even start. The overall average of the lambs was £58.60 (40.2 kg).

Top Price per Kilo: 187.50 pence for an entry from Mesr D & IJ Bishop, Colwall. **Top Price per Head:** £75.00 for an entry from the same vendor.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	179.40p	147.20p	£55.29	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	187.50p	145.00p	£59.48	145.70p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	139.40p	137.10p	£64.57	
Overweight (52.1kg +)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	Up to 30 kg	30.5 - 36	36.5 - 43	43.5 - 48
Premium			165.20p	162.10p
Prime			150.10p	147.90p

290 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.30 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

With nine buyers in attendance a disappointing entry of ewes due to Blue Tongue restrictions met a flying trade. Strong ewes sold over £60 per head but the large entry of small and plain ewes reduced the overall average to £47.31. First quality ewes sold from £50, second quality sold from £35, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of stronger rams sold to £64.50 and an average of £56.70.

70 REARING CALVES Sale at 10.30 am, Thursday 19th June

A larger entry of 70 rearing calves sold to an outstanding trade with an abundance of potential buyers in attendance. Top price was £320 for both a Belgian Blue bull with others of the same breed £310, £305, etc, and a Simmental. Other Simmental bulls £318, £260 (twice) and £255. Limousin bulls to £290, £285, £280, £270, etc. Charolais bulls to £245 and Friesian £54. Belgian Blue heifers to £240, £255, £220, £215, etc. Simmental Heifers to £225, Charolais Heifers £220 and Limousin heifers £232 (twice), £228, £215, etc. Weaned Aberdeen Angus bulls to £275, £260, £250 (three times) with Aberdeen Angus heifers £200 (three times), £180 (twice), etc. Weaned Belgian Blue bulls and Limousin £310. Weaned Limousin heifers £240. **Calves will now be sold fortnightly with the next sale Thursday, 3rd July, commencing at 10.30am**.

FORTHCOMING SALES

JULY July 3 rd Thursday 17 th Wednesday 23 rd	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE ROSS AUCTION CENTRE ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Rearing Calves at 10.30 am. Sale of Store Cattle & Rearing Calves. Entries for Store catalogue to received by 12 noon Thursday 10 th June. Sale of Antiques and Furniture.
wednesday 23	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Contact Roger Garlick Tel: 01989 762225.