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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 30th JULY 2007

266 CATTLE

180 Clean Cattle, 4 Young Bulls, 39 OTMS

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A slightly reduced entry of finished cattle again sold to an excellent trade. The overall quality was probably poorer than last week and yet best sorts still realized over 135p to a top of 143 pence. There was again a very good trade on heavier sorts and more could have been sold to advantage. **MONDAY 6th AUGUST IS A RED MARKET.**

Top price per kilo: 143.00p for an entry from Mesr ED & SM Rees, Awre.

Top price per head: £886.20 for an entry from Mesr Baldwin, Coleford.

		<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)	140.50p	113.20p	£577.25	
	Heavy (560+kg)	130.00p	113.30p	£744.07	113.2p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	139.50p	117.50p	£539.28	
	Heavy (485kg+)	143.00p	115.30p	£628.05	115.4p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	135.20p	136.70p	
Prime	115.20p	116.10p	
Others	105.10p	104.10p	

39 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(31 Cull Cows, 6 Steers, 2 Heifers)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

Again a short entry of overage this week, not due to the rain but sun and drying conditions. Better cows on offer today, with more meat throughout. Trade would be less than last week with firms reporting sales slow.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows	-----	-----	-----	-----
Grade 2 Cows	85.50p	£590.40	78.20p	
Grade 3 Cows	74.50p		69.30p	
Grade 4 Cows	67.50p		49.60p	
Overage Steers	94.50p	£604.42	80.30p	£465.87
Overage Heifers	90.00p	£601.13	88.90p	£540.88
Cows Overall Av			70.60p	£453.67

IMPORTANT – 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!

2531 SPRING LAMBS**Sale at 9.15 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of lambs again sold to a firm trade which was ahead of the previous week. Best trade was on lambs over 41 kilos which peaked at **131.2 pence**. Numerous plainer lambs from 36-39 kilos reduced overall averages. Once again it was evident that well meated lambs sold to advantage. The overall average was **£47/head** which was **£3 ahead** of the corresponding market last year.

Top Price per Kilo: 131.20p for an entry from Mesr HJ Sparey & Son, Garway.**Top Price per Head:** £53.00 for an entry from Mesr J Heath Partnership, Garway.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)	106.0p	106.0p	£33.50	
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	131.2p	115.5p	£42.82	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	130.0p	116.2p	£48.19	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	113.5p	110.0p	£51.52	116.00p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	Up to 30 kg	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 - 48
Premium		130.20p	130.10p	
Prime		116.00p	116.20p	112.10p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met another good trade but slightly less than the flying demand of the previous week. Strong ewes regularly sold between £45 - £50 per head. A large entry of plain ewes reduced the overall average to £34.49. First quality ewes sold from £40, second quality sold from £28, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of rams sold to £51 and averaged £39.20.

35 REARING CALVES**Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry to 35 rearing calves sold to a good trade although fewer buyers in attendance due to the improved weather. Top price was £210 for a Belgian Blue bull with Charolais bulls to £200 and Limousin bulls £190. Hereford cross bulls to £162, small Aberdeen Angus £105 and Friesians £70. Few quality heifers forward topping at £160 for a Charolais with Limousins to £140, Hereford cross £112 and Aberdeen Angus £52.

12 DAIRY CATTLE**Sale at 11 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

Another terrific trade with commercial heifers peaking at £1,335 for AP Ractliffe, Gloucester, with others to £1,200, £1,175 from the same home. First quality heifers averaged £1,210, second quality £861, third quality £788. Cows to £1,050 twice for 2nd calvers from S Morgan & Sons, Hereford, and CM Stone, Gloucester. Many more could have been entered to satisfy the strong demand.

FORTHCOMING SALES**AUGUST**

Thursday 16th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle. Entries for the catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 9th August.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 19th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Antiques and Effects.

Thursday 13th ROSS AUCTION CENTRE Sale of Store Cattle

CHANGES TO RED & GREEN MARKET TIMETABLE**All Green Markets to include a Calf Market:**

6TH AUGUST RED
 13TH AUGUST GREEN
 20TH AUGUST RED
 27TH AUGUST GREEN – BANK HOLIDAY

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.