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**ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31ST MAY 2010**

MONDAY 7th JUNE IS A RED MARKET

164 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

134 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 30 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A short entry for the Bank Holiday sold to a **MUCH IMPROVED TRADE**. After the poor trade of last week we were greeted with the news that our deadweight friends had again reduced prices this week. As such we didn't go into the auction with much confidence – how wrong we were! It is true to say the quality of cattle was much improved but generally averages were 10p up on the previous week. Let us hope this is a sign of things to come!!

Top price per kilo: 179.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1216.24 for an entry from Mesr FC Garlick & Sons, Orcop.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560kg+)	174.00p	152.70p	£995.06	152.70p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-395kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	179.00p	150.50p	£893.35	150.50p
BULLS	Medium				
	Heavy (560kg+)	154.00p	149.10p	£1002.73	149.10p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	170.10p	170.40p	
Prime	152.10p	151.90p	150.10p
Others	130.40p	132.40p	

30 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

12 - 30 to 48 mths, 18 over 48 mths.

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A small Bank Holiday entry, some good cows on offer, some buyers missing due to the entry – we only knew of 4 cows coming on Friday. Please help us to help you and let us know of your entries. When people are travelling long distances we need to let them know accurate entries. Cows to a top of 132.5p/kg.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	130.00p	£967.37	127.10p	£871.54
Overage Heifers	150.00p	£1159.25	131.50p	£818.65
Grade 1 Cows	132.50p	£1044.12	128.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	116.00p		110.10p	
Grade 3 Cows	108.00p		106.10p	
Grade 4 Cows	99.00p		84.40p	
Cow Overall Av.			102.10p	£719.22
Cull Bulls				

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!

1534 SPRING LAMBS**Sale at 9.15 am**

Auctioneer Richard Williams

A reasonable entry of lambs for the Bank Holiday market sold to another strong trade. Again the entry was variable with a number of plain leaner lambs forward. Again it was the smarter goods that sold best peaking at **£130**. Handy weights sold particularly well with several pens over 230 pence to a top of **342 pence**. Many more lambs could readily have been sold.

Top Price per Kilo: 342.00p for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.

Top Price per Head: £130.00 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>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	342.00p	207.50p	£78.62	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	230.00p	204.60p	£83.82	205.70p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	202.00p	192.70p	£89.73	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		240.10p	220.10p	
Prime		212.10p	207.10p	202.10p

300 HOGGETS**Sale following Lambs**

Auctioneer Richard Williams

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	171.00p	161.80p	£60.51	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	169.00p	156.40p	£65.12	159.90p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	141.00p	140.60p	£70.00	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	133.00p	125.20p	£67.88	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		170.10p	160.40p	
Prime		165.10p	160.00p	150.10p

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

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced entry of ewes met a continued good trade. Strong lean ewes were in short supply but those forward sold over £100 with continentals selling to the top price of £108. The overall quality not as good as the previous week but still left an average of £68.20. First quality ewes sold from £80. Second quality sold from £60, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An increased entry of Rams met a flying trade selling to £124 and average £92.57. A large entry of Goats also met a good trade selling to £74.50..

75 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 27th May**Sale at 10.30 am**

An entry of 75 rearing calves sold to another good trade. British Blue heifers in good demand to £330, £305, £295, £275, £270, etc. Limousin heifers to £272 and Aberdeen Angus £160. Limousin and Blonde D'Aquitaine bulls to £280 with other Limousins £275, £260, etc. Aberdeen Angus bulls to £175 and Friesian bulls £130, £120. In the weaned section 6 month old Continental bulls to £400 and £395 with continental heifers £355 and £350. 4-5 month old Hereford cross heifers £370 and 3 month old Hereford cross bulls £365. **PLEASE NOTE: Next Calf Sale is Thursday 17th June and fortnightly thereafter.**

FORTHCOMING SALES

JUNE

Saturday 5 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Poultry & Ornamental Wildfowl. Contact Chris & Gene Taylor for details: 01874 730883.
Thursday 10 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Dairy Cattle Dispersal Sale. For details contact Gwilym Richards, Tel: 01600 860300.
Thursday 17 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Store Sheep & Calves. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 10 th June.
Wednesday 23 rd	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.

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.**

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

All farmers must secure the market gates to the gates of their trailers each and every 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).