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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2006

351 FINISHED CATTLE

234 Clean Cattle, 48 OTM cattle

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of clean cattle met an excellent trade considerably ahead of the previous week. Once again there was a variable quality ranging from plain Friesian steers in the 70's to better quality continentals in the 120's. All buyers were keen to do business and as a result prices were good throughout the auction. Once again many more cattle could easily have been sold. **The next market on the 13th March is a RED market.**

Top price per kilo: 124.00p, from Mesr EL & SM Rees, Awre.

Top price per head: £814.20 from Mr GJ Williams, Haverfordwest.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
STEERS	Medium (455 – 550 kg)	116.5p	102.6p	£519	
	Heavy (555 kg +)	123.0p	105.3p	£684	105.0p
HEIFERS	Medium (400 – 480 kg)	114.0p	103.7p	£465	
	Heavy (485 kg +)	124.0p	104.6p	£577	104.6p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	120.1p	120.0p	
Prime	108.2p	107.1p	
Others	96.1p	95.2p	

48 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(13 Clean Cattle and 35 Barren Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

An increased entry sold to a good trade with the number found nowhere near enough for the demand. Overage clean cattle peaked at 90 pence to average 74.5 pence. Cull Cows included several plainer sorts in the 15 – 30 pence range. The overall average was 62.1 pence peaking at 80 pence. Cull Bulls sold to 57.5 pence.

	<i>Top</i>	<i>Top £/head</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av//head</i>
OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE	90.0p	£627.55	74.50p	£423.51
CULL COWS	80.0p	£577.58	62.10p	£369.77

3249 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

What a difference a week makes! Last week we had a very disappointing entry and yet this week the generally improved trade resulted in a much larger turnout. Everybody was very fit and as a result a tremendous trade ensued. All better handier weights realized over 125 pence to peak at 133.50 pence. There was also keen bidding on heavier hoggets with several pens over £57 peaking at **£60**. The overall average of the hoggets was **£52.60**.

Top price per kilo: 133.50p from Mesr HA & MA Straight, Hartpury.

Top price per head: £60.00 from Mesr Clifton Hill Farm.

Hoggets (continued)

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Light (25.5 – 32)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	132.40p	120.10p	£44.00	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	133.50p	123.50p	£52.19	122.50p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	122.00p	115.00p	£55.00	
Overweight (52 kg +)	114.20p	107.10p	£57.82	

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 + over
Premium		130.1p	130.2p	
Prime		124.1p	123.0p	116.0p

289 CULL EWES AND RAMS

Sale at 10.15 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of ewes met a continued good trade with a top price of £54.40. A large entry of welsh speckled ewes reduced the overall average to £31.70. First quality ewes sold from £35. Second quality sold from £22. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams also sold to a similar trade to average £35.46.

51 REARING CALVES

Sale at 12 noon

A short entry of 51 rearing calves sold to an excellent trade on all quality calves. Bulls sold to £245 for a Simmental with Limousins making £202, £200, £180 (twice), £165, £155, etc. Belgian Blue £182, £172, £160 (twice). Aberdeen Angus bulls £175 and £155. Charolais bulls £142. Heifers to a top of £180 for a Belgian Blue with Limousins to £162 and Simmentals £160.

18 DAIRY CATTLE

Sale at 12.30 pm

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

A total clearance with the best calved heifers to £1008 from A Ractliffe, Gloucester, with others to £976.50, £966, £955.50, £945, £913.50. No first quality fresh calved cows on offer with a 2nd calver to £651.

FORTHCOMING SALES

MARCH

Thursday 9th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am.
Wednesday 15 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antiques and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick 01989 762225.
Thursday 23rd	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle. Entries to be received by 12 noon Thursday 16th March for the Catalogue.

PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTING

Please note we will still be holding alternative Red and Green Exempt Markets. This means that 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.

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.

OLDER CATTLE DISPOSAL SCHEME (OCDS)

The above scheme catering for all stock born before 1st August 1996 is now in operation. A fixed headage price of approximately £246.71 (370 euros) before stoppages, will be payable for all animals fit for human consumption.

Animals have to be correctly tagged and exactly match their paperwork. We are holding collections on a regular basis on a pre-booked system. Please contact the Market office 01989 762225 or Jeremy Jehan 07970 048080 with your entries.

What you require: Signed OCDS 17, Readable Ear Tag, Matching Paperwork, Sound animal born before 01.08.96