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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008

### Bluetongue Disease

**We now have Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Mid Glamorgan, Avon, Wiltshire & Warwickshire in the Bluetongue Protection Zone. As such no stock from these counties can come to Ross until Herefordshire moves from Surveillance Zone to Protection Zone status. We are doing everything in our powers to put pressure to speed this up but the decision obviously is up to DEFRA. If you require any further information please contact the Market Office (01989) 762225.**

### 150 CATTLE

133 Clean Cattle, 17 OTMS.

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A very short entry of cattle due to Bluetongue restrictions which came into effect from Midnight. All markets were reporting lower returns last week as demand generally weakened. There is no doubt that prices have eased but from the averages it will be seen that the trade is still very good. Best cattle sold above **160 pence** to a top of **182 pence**. Many more cattle could readily have been sold to advantage.

**Top price per kilo:** 182.00p for an entry from Mr BD Powell, Llangrove.

**Top price per head:** £1166.10 for an entry from the same vendor.

|                |                    | <i>Top p/kg</i> | <i>Av/kg</i> | <i>Av/head</i> | <i>Overall Av/kg</i> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>STEERS</b>  | Light (370-460kg)  |                 |              |                |                      |
|                | Medium (465-555kg) | 159.50p         | 152.50p      | £766.63        |                      |
|                | Heavy (560+kg)     | 169.50p         | 153.50p      | £1023.24       | <b>153.40p</b>       |
| <b>HEIFERS</b> | Medium (400-480kg) | 157.00p         | 150.10p      | £670.02        |                      |
|                | Heavy (485kg+)     | 182.00p         | 150.90p      | £828.58        | <b>150.80p</b>       |

### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

|                | <b>Steers</b> | <b>Heifers</b> | <b>Bulls</b> |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Premium</b> | 165.20p       | 165.90p        |              |
| <b>Prime</b>   | 154.20p       | 155.10p        |              |
| <b>Others</b>  | 130.70p       | 131.00p        |              |

### 17 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(10 Cull Cows, 2 Heifers, 4 Steers, 1 Cull Bull)

**Sale after the clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A very short entry of overage cattle due to the Bluetongue zone. Trade as reported everywhere last week is less money, those cows that were 120p are now 110p. Nevertheless the cows still averaged 103.65p/kg and £692.37 per head. Obviously more needed as 17 overage cattle is not enough for the five buyers present.

|                        | <i>Top Price / kg</i> | <i>Top Price / head</i> | <i>Av Price / kg</i> | <i>Av Price / head</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Overage Steers         | 138.00p               | £1060.13                | 123.00p              | £844.25                |
| Overage Heifers        | 134.00p               | £914.27                 | 119.00p              | £878.33                |
| Grade 1 Cows           | 129.00p               | £917.49                 | 128.50p              | £692.37                |
| Grade 2                | 115.50p               |                         | 109.00p              |                        |
| Grade 3                | 106.00p               |                         | 103.50p              |                        |
| Grade 4                | 67.00p                |                         | 67.00p               |                        |
| <b>Overall Average</b> |                       |                         | <b>103.65p</b>       |                        |

### **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!**

### **1808 SPRING LAMBS**

**Sale at 9.15 am prompt.**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

As expected a much reduced entry of lambs which can only now come from Herefordshire and Worcestershire. The trade fell throughout last week as shops reported a continued level of consumer resistance. The better lambs sold particularly well peaking at 164.1 pence. There were several pens of plainer lambs, lacking meat, which proved more difficult to sell. The overall average was £55.05 (40.5 kilos).

**Top Price per Kilo:** 164.10 pence for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.

**Top Price per Head:** £64.00 four times for entries from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Mesr VE & BM Samuel, Mesr JR & C Barrett and Mesr M Gray & N Smith.

|                         | <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) | 164.10p         | 139.00p        | £52.75           |                   |
| Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)  | 153.80p         | 134.00p        | £55.24           | <b>135.50p</b>    |
| Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)     | 129.50p         | 129.00p        | £60.61           |                   |
| Overweight (52.1kg +)   | 100.00p         | 100.00p        | £64.00           |                   |

### **QUALITY PRICE REPORTING**

| <b>Weight</b>  | <b>Up to 30 kg</b> | <b>30.5 – 36</b> | <b>36.5 – 43</b> | <b>43.5 – 48</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Premium</b> |                    |                  | 160.20p          | 155.90p          |
| <b>Prime</b>   |                    |                  | 144.10p          | 140.10p          |

### **182 CULL EWES & RAMS**

**Sale at 10.30 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

Due to the Bluetongue restrictions a reduced entry of ewes met a continued good trade. As in recent weeks strong ewes regularly sold over £60 per head with an overall average of £50.10. First quality ewes sold from £52, second quality sold from £38, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of rams also met another good trade to average £56.50.

### **REARING CALVES**

**Sale at 10.30 am, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

A shorter entry of rearing calves sold to another excellent trade. Top price was £260 for a Belgian Blue bull with all continental bulls from £200 to this figure. Small Hereford cross bulls to £160 and Friesian bulls £65. Simmental heifers to £240 with Belgian Blue to £205. **Next Calf Sale Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 10.30 am.**

### **FORTHCOMING SALES**

#### **JULY**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> ROSS AUCTION CENTRE

Sale of Store Cattle & Rearing Calves. Entries for Store catalogue to received by 12 noon Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> ROSS AUCTION ROOMS

Sale of Antiques and Furniture.

Contact Roger Garlick Tel: 01989 762225.

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