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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 8th MARCH 2010

MONDAY 15th MARCH IS A GREEN MARKET

248 FINISHED CATTLE

145 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 103 OTMS.

Sale at 10.30 am

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

Another good entry of cattle sold to a generally similar trade. The overall trade has remained quite level over the past few weeks. There were no real superstars forward but best sorts sold to 180 pence. There was again a strong trade on heavier sorts with several cattle over £1200. More cattle could have been sold to advantage.

Top price per kilo: 180.00p for an entry from Mesr EL & SM Rees, Awre. **Top price per head**: £1294.92 for an entry from Mesr GE Phillips & Son, Raglan.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)				
	Heavy (560+kg)	180.00p	153.70p	£999.39	153.70p
HEIFERS	Light (370-395kg)				
	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	166.00p	149.50p	£872.70	149.50p

OUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	175.00p	166.00p	
Prime	160.00p	156.00p	
Others	137.90p	135.10p	

103 OVERAGE CATTLE

35 - 30 to 48 mths, 64 over 48 mths, 4 Stock Bulls

Sale after clean cattle Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

The trade is drawing a reasonable entry each week, again this section were dearer than the previous week. If you have cows to sell – get on and do it! Don't wait for the trade to start dropping. Again no real superstar cows forward, best today 147p for a Limousin cow and £1192.49 for a Simmental cow. Friesians to 119p/kg, lowest 74p/kg. Please keep entries coming forward, next week is a green market.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	156.00p	£1140.90	135.20p	£966.00
Overage Heifers	160.00p	£1104.05	130.70p	£781.31
Grade 1 Cows	147.00p	£1192.49	136.80p	
Grade 2 Cows	130.00p		125.40p	
Grade 3 Cows	118.00p		112.80p	
Grade 4 Cows	109.00p		96.50p	
Cow Overall Av.			110.40p	£742.20
Cull Bull	120.00p	£1142.42	110.90p	£950.16

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!**

1645 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am Auctioneer Richard Williams

A slightly improved entry of hoggets sold to another excellent trade. 10 buyers were in attendance and several were unable to even get going. All classes were in keen demand with numerous pens over 200p to a top of 213p. Again trade was improved on heavier sorts with better sorts selling to £90. Many more hoggets could readily have been sold.

Top Price per Kilo: 213.00p for an entry from Mrs M Mitchell, Corse Lawn. Top Price per Head: £95.00 for an entry from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Tregare.

		Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)					
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)		194.00p	185.20p	£63.97	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)		213.00p	191.40p	£80.16	190.70p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)		208.00p	179.00p	£86.62	
Overweight $(52.1 + kg)$		165.00p	165.00p	£89.17	
QUALITY PRICE	REPORTING	-			
Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 - 43	43.5	- 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		210.00p	207.	90p	
Prime		192.10p	191.	20p	178.20p

402 CULL EWES & RAMS

MARCH

Sale at 10.00 am Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

An increased entry of ewes met another flying trade. Once again on ten occasions ewes sold over £100. Continentals sold to the top price of $\pounds 126.50$ leaving an overall average of $\pounds 80.21$. First quality ewes sold from £90, second quality sold from £65, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams also met another good demand selling to ± 106 and an average ± 80.20 . An entry of generally small and lean goats averaged £45.

30 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 4th March

An entry of 30 Rearing Calves again sold to an excellent trade. Top price was £365 for a British Blue bull with others £335 and £305. Limousin bulls to £320 (twice) and others £320 (twice), £310, £305, £290, etc. Blonde D'Aquitaine bulls to £250 and £245 with Hereford cross bulls £220. Friesian bulls to £85. Heifer calves sold to £255 for a British Blue with Hereford cross £220 and £200. Next calf sale is Thursday 18th March at 10.30 am.

FORTHCOMING SALES

Wednesday 10 th	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick. Tel: 01989 762225.
Thursday 18 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 11 th March.

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.

Grazing/Mowing, 15 Acres at Stowfield, Nr Lydbrook. Available immediately till late Autumn. Ideally suit sheep grazing – some electric fencing needed. Contact RG & RB Williams on 01989 567233

TO LET

Sale at 10.30 am

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

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