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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

### MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2007

Please note earlier times for Sale of Lambs, Cull Ewes and Fat Cattle (9am, 9.30 am & 10am respectively). Market opens at 7.30am.

#### CATTLE

78 Clean Cattle, 26 OTMS

**Sale at 10.00 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A very disappointing entry of cattle for the green market. The 20 day standstill rule certainly had an impact on the entry and we will have to look at holding more red markets in order to ensure that we have enough stock for the buyers. Numbers are generally lower all over the country and the dry weather also meant many farmers were busy on the land. A very good trade followed with the quality of the entry being very patchy. Many more cattle are needed if we are to retain our buying support. **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER IS A GREEN MARKET.**

**Top price per kilo:** 139.00p for an entry from Mesr Coldbrook Farming Ltd, Barry.

**Top price per head:** £853.52 for an entry from Mr SN Jones, Newport.

		<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)	107.50p	107.50p	£540.35	
	Heavy (560+kg)	135.00p	110.00p	£705.09	<b>110.0p</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	117.00p	100.60p	£460.19	
	Heavy (485kg+)	139.00p	109.30p	£611.59	<b>107.1p</b>

#### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Bulls</b>
<b>Premium</b>	130.10p	130.00p	
<b>Prime</b>	116.10p	116.20p	
<b>Others</b>	102.10p	101.20p	

#### 26 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(22 Cull Cows, 3 Steers, 1 Heifers)

**Sale after the clean cattle**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A disappointing trade on the Overage Cattle. The buyers present were all looking to buy their cows a lot cheaper, blaming lack of home trade, no export and movement restrictions. Meated cows 60 – 75p, plain sorts 40 – 50p and plain cows 30 – 40p.

#### **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!**

**519 SPRING LAMBS****Sale at 9.00 am prompt**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A pathetic entry of lambs met an improved trade on the previous week. The entry was just not enough for some buyers to even start and we need more lambs to get things going. Best lambs sold over 95 pence with the general run around 85 pence. The overall average was **£36**.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 96.15p for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.**Top Price per Head:** £40.00 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)	93.60p	93.60p	£36.00	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	96.10p	84.10p	£35.17	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	78.10p	78.00p	£35.84	<b>87.50p</b>
Overweight (52.1kg +)				

**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>			98.10p	92.10p
<b>Prime</b>			92.10p	85.10p

**142 CULL EWES & RAMS****Sale at 9.30 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A short entry of ewes met an improved trade. Strong ewes sold around £40 per head with an overall average of £28.60. First quality ewes sold from £32, second quality sold from £20, small and plain ewes sold to this figure.

**120 REARING CALVES****Sale at 12.30 pm**

An entry of 120 rearing calves of variable ages and quality. However all top quality calves in good demand with smaller and poorer quality calves less money than pre-restriction days. Top price £244 for a Charolais bull with another £228. Limousin bulls to £240 (twice) with others £220 (twice), £200, etc. Simmental bulls to £225, £202, £185 with Belgian Blue to £218, MRI bulls to £195, £190 and Hereford to £175, £165. Friesian bulls to £55. Heifers topped at £200 (twice) for Belgian Blues with others £185, £180, £170, etc. Limousin heifers to £150 and Charolais £145. Hereford cross heifers £138.

**30 DAIRY****Sale at 11.00 am**

Auctioneer: Gwilym Richards

The mixed quality entry were all sold with the lower end attracting limited interest. However, the better quality end met fierce bidding with the best quality heifers averaging £1,435. Top price was £1,470 on two occasions from MJ Hathaway, Cheltenham and A Ractliffe, Gloucester. Cows sold to £945 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> calver from JA & SA Jones, Monmouth, with heifer calves from the same home making £190.

**FORTHCOMING SALES****OCTOBER**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Store Cattle Sale to start at 11 am.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	BUILTH WELLS SHOWGROUND	NSA Ram Sale – Sale of 200 Lleyrn Rams – Ring 17 and 12 Meatlines – Ring 8. Sale at 10.30 am.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	<b>GREEN</b> Exempt Market for Fatstock & Calves. Also sale of Texels postponed from 17 <sup>th</sup> September.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Lleyrn Sheep (postponed from 13 <sup>th</sup> September)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	<b>RED</b> Slaughter only Fatstock.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION ROOMS	Sale of Antiques and Effects.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	BPA Pig Sale.

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**RED & GREEN MARKET TIMETABLE**

**All Green Markets to include a Calf Market:**

10 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	GREEN	5 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	RED
17 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	GREEN	12 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	GREEN
24 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	RED	19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	RED
		26 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	GREEN
1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	RED		
8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	GREEN		
15 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	RED		
22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER	GREEN		
29 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	GREEN		

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	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Top head</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>
Grade 1 Cows				
Grade 2 Cows	88.00p	£630.88	82.50p	
Grade 3 Cows	77.00p		70.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	64.00p		49.10p	
Overage Steers	101.00p	£702.58	83.50p	£499.02
Overage Heifers	87.00p	£597.78	78.10p	£441.17
<b>Cows Overall Av</b>			<b>68.60p</b>	<b>£450.20</b>

***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.