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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 9th APRIL 2007

140 CATTLE	

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

95 Clean Cattle, 15 OTM Cattle.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A very short entry of cattle for the Easter Monday sale sold to another marvellous trade. The entry was nowhere near enough for the demand with a particularly strong trade on heavier sorts. Many more cattle are required to retain our excellent buying support. MONDAY 16TH APRIL IS A GREEN MARKET, NO CALVES.

Top price per kilo: 135.00p for an entry from Mesr RJ Badham & Sons, Rockfield. **Top price per head**: £897.70 for an entry from the same vendor.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	125.00p	112.60p	£556.00	
	Heavy (560+kg)	135.00p	117.20p	£767.93	117.20p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)				
	Heavy (485kg+)	134.00p	114.60p	£616.12	114.60p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	134.20p	133.20p	
Prime	118.10p	117.20p	
Others	106.10p	105.20p	

15 OVER THIRTY MONTH CATTLE

(3 Clean Steers, 12 Cull Cows)

Sale after the clean cattle Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A short entry of overage cattle sold to an excellent trade. The overall average was **85.2 pence**.

3507 HOGGETS

Sale after Spring Lambs

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A good entry of hoggets for the Bank Holiday market in spite of the poor trade at the end of last week. Once again handier weighted hogs from 38 - 43 kilos sold to an excellent trade peaking at **<u>143.80 pence</u>**. It was a different story for the heavier sorts which proved much more difficult to sell. Very few heavy sorts realized much over <u>£52</u>.

Top Price per Kilo: 143.80p for an entry from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Tregare. **Top Price per Head**: £61.00 twice for entries from the same vendor.

Hoggets continued.

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard 32.1 – 39 kg)	133.50p	123.50p	45.52	118.60p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	143.80p	117.00p	49.39	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	112.50p	106.30p	49.71	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	100.00p	93.60p	50.26	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING - HOGGETS

Weight	30.5 - 36	36.5 - 43	43.5 - 48	48.5 + over
Premium	135.10p	132.10p	120.20p	
Prime	125.10p	123.10p	112.10p	105.20p

59 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt Auctioneer: Richard Williams

As expected a short entry of lambs after the flush of last week. An excellent trade ensued with lambs peaking at **204.4 pence**

	Top p/kg	Av p/kg	Av £/head	Overall Av
Light (25.5 – 32 kg)				
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	204.40p	202.90p	74.20	193.20p
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	182.50p	180.10p	72.57	
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)				
Overweight (52.1kg +)				

179 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.15 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A reduced Bank Holiday entry of ewes met an improved trade. Strong ewes regularly sold over £50 per head to an overall average of £40.20 an increase of £5 on the previous week. First quality ewes sold from £42, second quality sold from £28, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. Rams also sold to an improved trade selling to £50.

30 REARING CALVES

APRIL

A disappointing entry of 30 rearing calves sold to an excellent trade. The majority of the entry were Belgian Blue calves which sold to a top price of £248 for a heifer calf. Other Belgian Blue heifer calves realised £235, £220 (twice), £205, £170, etc. Belgian Blue bulls to £245, £240, £220, £215 and £200. Limousin heifers to £190. Small Charolais heifers to £110. Hereford cross heifers to £70. Aberdeen Angus bulls to £130 and £120. Hereford cross bulls £120 and Friesian bulls £46.

FORTHCOMING SALES

Wednesday 18thROSS AUCTION ROOMSSale of Antique Furniture and Effects. Entries invited to Roger
Garlick (01989) 762225Thursday 19thROSS AUCTION CENTRESale of Store Cattle. Sale at 11 am. Entries for catalogue to be
Received by 12 noon Thursday 12th April.

STORE LAMBS

Please note we are holding sales of STORE LAMBS on every GREEN MARKET. The demand is excellent resulting in very good trades being experienced. Also BREEDING EWES are sold on GREEN MARKETS.

Sale at 12.30 pm

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.

ARE YOU DEFICIENT?

Are newborn calves slow to rise and suck? Is it difficult to fatten calves on your land? Is the consumption of grain/hay/silage high? Is it difficult to keep the cattle in peak condition? Is your lambing percentage low? Is there a significant difference between scanning percentage and lambs to market? Do your lambs stand still after weaning? Is it difficult to finish lambs without creep? **Do you want your stock to grow healthier faster and cheaper?** If you do then you might need to retain the balance of trace elements to your ground.

To find out more please ring Jeremy Jehan on 07970 048080