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ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2009

284 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am prompt

212 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 72 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

The poor weekend weather resulted in several farmers being unable to attend and therefore a shorter entry than expected ensued. Once again there was a flying trade on all classes of cattle with another new face around the ring. Best cattle realised over 190p pence with a handful over 200 pence to a peak of **211p**. There was nowhere near enough cattle for the demand and many more cattle could have easily been sold.

Top price per kilo: 211p for an entry from Messrs DE & SJ Cheacker, Bristol.

Top price per head: £1,442.05 for an entry from Mr B D Powell, Llangrove.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
STEERS	Light (370-460kg)	138.00p	138.00p	£570.63	
	Medium (465-555kg)	156.00p	153.02p	£826.67	
	Heavy (560+kg)	211.00p	169.13p	£1,109.27	168.40p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-480kg)	163.50p	139.14p	£642.13	
	Heavy (485kg+)	195.00p	161.42p	£920.69	160.03p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	195.20p	192.10p	
Prime	175.10p	172.10p	
Others	146.20p	145.10p	

72 OVERAGE CATTLE

Sale after clean cattle

27 - 30 to 48 mths & 46 – 48 mths +

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

An average entry of overage cattle met a most outstanding trade as was expected. This weeks entry was mainly beef type cows which did help the average of 131.50p per kilo. Black and whites were in the 130s for the best with most 120p+. 20% of the entry was over 150p/kilo with 3 cows under 100p. The brain stem charge issue is intensifying with the auctioneers' stand off remaining firm. This argument needs immediate settlement for the good of the industry. As a Red market we are dependant on abattoir support we have no feeding men or dealers around our ring. In our case, the majority of the buyers are deducting the charge from all their farmers. Until a settlement has been reached we are prepared to stand this charge ourselves so our farmers can carry on trading as normal. In the scheme of things this action does not weaken the resolve of the other auctioneers, but does provide a short term solution in a very individual case to a problem that should have been sorted out long ago.

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	169.00p	£1,162.00	155.62p	£1,093.20
Overage Heifers	170.00p	£1,089.90	139.29p	£796.99
Cull Cows	182.00p	£1,395.74	131.50p	£886.65
Overall Average			143.47p	

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!

1,643 HOGGETS

Sale at 9.15 am prompt.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A disappointing entry in terms of numbers sold to another wonderful trade which was significantly ahead of markets at the end of the last week. All best sorts realised over 185p to a peak of **193.50p**. The overall markets average was **£73.80** (42kgs)

Top Price per Kilo: 193.50p for an entry from Miss J E Clarke, Tirley.

Top Price per Head: £81.00 for an entry from Messrs C & A Bowen & Sons, St Weonards.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	193.50p	174.70p	£64.98	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	192.60p	180.60p	£75.73	178.96p
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	177.50p	168.60p	£77.21	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	152.30p	150.50p	£79.12	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 -36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 - Over
Premium	182.10p	188.20p	187.20p	
Prime	178.40p	180.90p	180.40p	165.20p

285 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

With a new buyer in attendance a disappointing entry of ewes met a flying trade. Several lots over £70 with Suffolks selling to the top price of **£83.50**. The overall average of £61.49 was an increase of £10 per head on the previous week, the highest average seen in the market for some time. First quality ewes sold from £62. Second quality sold from £45. Small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of rams also met a good trade selling to £63 and average £52.46.

FORTHCOMING SALES

FEBRUARY

Thursday 19th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Rearing Calves & Store Sheep. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 12th February.

Wednesday 25th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Flowering Trees, Shrubs, Conifers and Bulbs. Sale at 11.30 am.

MARCH

Thursday 5th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Rearing Calves & Store Sheep. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 26th February.

Saturday 7th **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Poultry and Ornamental Wildfowl. Entries to Chris & Gene Taylor Tel/Fax 01874 730883

Wednesday 11th **ROSS AUCTION ROOMS** Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.
