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## ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

### 206 FINISHED CATTLE

**Sale at 10.30 am prompt**

170 Clean Cattle (under 30 months), 36 OTMS.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen all the wholesalers trying to bring back their prices. With the consumer credit crunch taking effect sales are obviously going to be difficult. What the abattoirs cannot control, however, is the weakness of the pound and the fact that there are generally less cattle about. Today we had another entry of variable quality which sold to a ring full of bidders. The edge has certainly come off the trade with only best sorts realizing over 180 pence. Generally the trade was very much in line but poorer quality cattle are certainly reducing overall averages.

**Top price per kilo:** 187p for an entry from Mesr MA Hardy Ltd, Barry.

**Top price per head:** £1205.28 for an entry from Mesr CD & MG Blandford, Much Marcle.

		Top p/kg	Av/kg	Av/head	Overall Av/kg
<b>STEERS</b>	Light (370-460kg)				
	Medium (465-555kg)	153.00p	152.10p	£779.97	
	Heavy (560+kg)	174.00p	156.00p	£964.59	<b>155.70p</b>
<b>HEIFERS</b>	Medium (400-480kg)	157.00p	156.10p	£662.63	
	Heavy (485kg+)	187.00p	156.70p	£884.01	<b>156.70p</b>

### QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
<b>Premium</b>	175.20p	180.90p	
<b>Prime</b>	155.10p	154.90p	
<b>Others</b>	135.10p	134.20p	

### 36 OVERAGE CATTLE

**Sale after clean cattle**

23 - 30 to 48 mths, 13 over 48 mths.

Auctioneer: Jeremy Jehan

A very short entry of overage cattle sold to a very fast trade. Best overage to 148p/kg. Cows overall average 101.7p. Again best Friesians to 120p/kg. Only those lacking meat under 100p/kg. Eight buyers around the ring, many more could be sold.

	Top Price / kg	Top Price / head	Av Price / kg	Av Price / head
Overage Steers	141.00p	£1032.68	134.30p	£880.29
Overage Heifers	148.00p	£981.55	124.80p	£708.37
Grade 1 Cows	125.00p	£967.98	125.00p	£695.32
Grade 2 Cows	120.00p		117.50p	
Grade 3 Cows	111.00p		110.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	99.00p		82.16p	
Cull Bulls				
<b>Cow Overall Average</b>			<b>101.70p</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!**

**1607 HOGGETS****Sale at 9.15 am prompt.**

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

In spite of the outstanding trade of recent weeks there was a disappointingly low entry of hoggets forward. Nationally numbers are very short and with the weak pound stimulating exports the trade appears set to stay strong over the forthcoming weeks. The quality of the hoggets on offer today was much poorer than of late with a high percentage of lean numbers forward. Well meated belly shorn hogs sold particularly well. Again heavier sorts sold well with numerous pens from £80 to £86.50.

**Top Price per Kilo:** 196.20p for an entry from Mr L Sterry, Westbury on Severn.**Top Price per Head:** £86.50 twice for entries from Mesr DRE & JV Parry, Raglan.

	<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av p/kg</i>	<i>Av £/head</i>	<i>Overall Av</i>
Standard (32.1 – 39 kg)	175.20p	168.10p	£62.55	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5kg)	196.20p	174.20p	£73.54	<b>172.80p</b>
Heavy (45.6 – 52kg)	188.00p	165.00p	£79.64	
Overweight (52.1kg +)	162.80p	155.20p	£84.65	

**QUALITY PRICE REPORTING**

<b>Weight</b>	<b>30.5 -36</b>	<b>36.5 – 43</b>	<b>43.5 – 48</b>	<b>48.5 - Over</b>
<b>Premium</b>	180.10p	187.10p	186.20p	
<b>Prime</b>	168.20p	175.10p	174.90p	165.90p

**243 CULL EWES & RAMS****Sale at 10.00 am**

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A disappointing entry of ewes, considering the demand of recent weeks, met another improved trade. Several lots sold over £80 with Suffolk ewes selling to the top price of £103.50 and an overall average of £65.51. The top price and overall average being the highest figures achieved in this market for ewes. First quality ewes sold from £75, second quality sold from £55, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. An entry of varied quality rams also met a good trade to average £55.38.

**45 REARING CALVES sold on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March****Sale at 10.30 am**

An entry of 45 rearing calves sold to yet another excellent trade. Limousin bulls made to £300 (twice) with others £298, £270, £260, etc. Belgian Blue bulls to £290, £240 and Hereford cross bulls to £205. Friesian bulls to £110, £78, £70, etc. Heifers made to a top of £265 (twice) with small Limousin heifers to £190, £180 (twice), etc. There were no Charolais or Simmental calves forward this week. A 5 month old Friesian bull calf made £298. Next Sale **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am.**

**FORTHCOMING SALES****MARCH**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15am, Dairy Cattle at 12 noon, Rearing Calves at 10.30am & Store Sheep at 11am. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**APRIL**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **ROSS AUCTION CENTRE** Sale of Store Cattle at 11.15 am, Dairy Cattle at 12 noon, Rearing Calves at 10.30 am & Store Sheep at 11 am. Entries for Store Cattle Catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> **ROSS AUCTION ROOMS** Sale of Antique Furniture & Effects. Entries to Roger Garlick, Tel: 01989 762225.