

ROSS AUCTION CENTRE – WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
MONDAY 9TH MAY 2011

**ANOTHER LARGE MARKET,
LAMBS DEARER AS MORE FIRMS SWITCH FROM HOGGETS**

Steers to	204 pence	£1368
Heifers to	196 pence	£1294
Cull Cows to	170 pence	£1417
Friesian Cows to	136 pence	£1155
Lambs to	316 pence	£120
Hoggets to	252 pence	£115.50
Cull Ewes to		£130

322 FINISHED CATTLE

Sale at 10.30 am

202 Clean Cattle, 47 Overage Clean, 70 Cull Cows, 3 Cull Bulls.

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of clean cattle sold to another wonderful trade throughout. It was great to see the return of several old faces and we thank you all for your support! There were no end of cattle over 185 pence to a top of 204 pence for a superb Limousin cross steer. Again heavier cattle sold particularly well with several cattle over £1350 to a top of £1368. We now have a wide range of buyers for all classes of cattle so you can bring your stock here with confidence.

Top price per kilo: 204.00p for an entry from Mesr DE & SJ Cheacker, Pilning.

Top price per head: £1368.08 for an entry from Mesr WM Watkins & Sons. Grosmont.

		<i>Top p/kg</i>	<i>Av/kg</i>	<i>Av/head</i>	<i>Overall Av/kg</i>
STEERS	Medium (465-555kg)	198.00p	176.40p	£907.22	
	Heavy (560kg+)	204.00p	168.60p	£1084.65	169.10p
HEIFERS	Medium (400-395kg)	177.00p	170.40p	£787.19	
	Heavy (485kg+)	196.00p	169.50p	£968.64	169.60p
BULLS	Heavy (560kg+)	161.00p	159.40p	£968.85	159.40p

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

	Steers	Heifers	Bulls
Premium	200.10p	192.30p	
Prime	175.10p	173.90p	165.20p
Others	142.10p	140.00p	

47 OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE

Sale following Clean Cattle

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of overage clean cattle included a wide variety of classes with prices ranging from 80 pence to a top of **178 pence**. Again trade was very firm and more could readily have been sold.

70 CULL COWS & 3 CULL BULLS

Sale following Overage Clean

Auctioneer: Richard Williams

A larger entry of cull cows sold to a storming trade. Best continentals peaked at **170 pence** to gross **£1417**. There was a flying trade on the Friesian cows with best sorts from 130 to 136 pence to gross **£1155**. Today we had cows from as far afield as Devon and Oxfordshire so we must be doing something right!

	<i>Top Price / kg</i>	<i>Top Price / head</i>	<i>Av Price / kg</i>	<i>Av Price / head</i>
Overage Steers	158.50p	£1112.49	150.00p	£912.46
Overage Heifers	178.00p	£1267.35	149.00p	£840.24
Grade 1 Cows	170.00p	£1417.02	143.00p	
Grade 2 Cows	137.00p		130.00p	
Grade 3 Cows	125.00p		119.00p	
Grade 4 Cows	102.00p		97.00p	
Cows Overall Av			127.40p	£856.52
Cull Bull	100.00p	£1171.12	100.00p	£983.73

1507 SPRING LAMBS

Sale at 9.15 am

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher

A larger entry of spring lambs sold to an excellent trade which was about £6/head in front of the previous week. Best lambs were in keen demand with several pens over 300 pence to a top of 316 pence per kilo. The good trade is obviously encouraging some unfinished leaner sorts which is reducing overall averages. With more abattoirs moving over to lambs we urgently need more to satisfy increased demand. The overall average of the lambs was **£111.81** (40 kilos). Again keenest demand for lambs from 38-40 kilos.

Top price per kilo: 316 pence for an entry from Mesr B Blandford & Sons, Eastnor.

Top price per head: £120.00 four times for entries 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)	316.00p	283.60p	£107.24	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	302.00p	278.10p	£112.96	279.80p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	238.00p	237.00p	£114.00	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)				

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		315.00p	302.10p	
Prime		280.10p	279.00p	

1564 HOGGETS

Sale following Lambs

Auctioneer: Greg Christopher.

A similar entry of hoggets met another strong trade throughout. It was very much an “end of season” show with several vendors selling their last loads. Not a bad way to finish, however, with numerous pens over **£105** to a top of **£115.50**. The overall average of the hoggets was **£99.66** (41.5 kilos)

Top Price per Kilo: 252.00p for an entry from Mesr Moorend Farms, Hereford..

Top Price per Head: £115.50 for an entry from Mesr J Heath Partnership, Garway.

	<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)	251.00p	242.40p	£91.32	
Medium (39.1 – 45.5 kg)	252.00p	238.80p	£99.30	239.80p
Heavy (45.6 – 52 kg)	233.00p	225.80p	£106.26	
Overweight (52.1 + kg)	197.00p	187.60p	£113.50	

QUALITY PRICE REPORTING

Weight	30.5 – 36	36.5 – 43	43.5 – 48	48.5 – Over
Premium		255.00p	253.00p	
Prime		242.30p	241.00p	227.00p

449 CULL EWES & RAMS

Sale at 10.00 am

Auctioneer: Martyn Evans

A similar entry of ewes met a continued flying trade. Overfat ewes met a more selective demand but thirty lots still sold over £100. Texels sold to the top price of £130, Suffolks to £120, Mules to £105 leaving another excellent overall average of £95.47. First quality ewes sold from £100, second quality sold from £75, small and plain ewes sold to this figure. A short entry of Rams also met another good trade to average £95.20.

FORTHCOMING SALES

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Thursday 12 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves.
Wednesday 18 TH	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Antique Furniture & Household Effects. For details Contact Roger Garlick on 01989 762225
Wednesday 25 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Shrubs, Bulbs, Fruit Trees and Nursery Stock. Sale at 11.30 am.
Thursday 26 th	ROSS AUCTION CENTRE	Sale of Store Cattle, Store Sheep, Calves. Entries for catalogue to be received by 12 noon Thursday 19 th May.

SHEEP EID

RG & RB Williams Auctioneers Ltd will not be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the reading of any EID Tags or manual Sheep Ear Tags.

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!

ESCAPED LIVESTOCK PLAN

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