MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Livestock Market report the following trade:

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023 THIRD EVENING SHEEP FAIR 1,317 STORE SHEEP FORWARD

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787) & Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

A very respectable entry of sheep forward commanded a very good trade throughout. Plenty of men still looking for ewes and rams resulted in a very pleasing trade and store lambs would be a fierce trade. Sample prices as follows:-

Shearling Ewes

£180.00	(Charollais)	Mr C. Morris
£165.00	(Black Texel)	Mr D. Manning
£155.00	(Suffolk)	L.&DA. Lightfoot

Aged Ewes

£162.00	(Bluefaced Leicester) 3 Yrs	Mr N.	Kinsey
£141.00	(North Country Mule) 3/4 Yrs	Mr N.	Kinsey
£148.00	(Jacob) 3 Yrs	Mr N.	Gallagher
£142.00	(Texel) 3 Yrs	D.&LN	M.Jones

Ewe Lambs

£190.00	(Charollais)	SWP.&JA. Talbot
£138.00	(Charollais)	Mr C. Morris
£125.00	(Texel)	Mr R. Corfield
£120.00	(Suffolk)	David Benbow

Store Lambs

£92.00 x 2	Texel X	Mr C.H. Beeby
£91.00	Texel X	Mr H.R. Sockett

<u>Rams</u>

*	*** * * * * * * * *	* * * *
£420.00	(Suffolk) 2 Yrs	Mr G. Biddulph
£460.00	(Charollais Shearling)	Mr G. Biddulph
£490.00	(Texel Shearling)	R. & J. Plant

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2023 184 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market) Auctioneer: Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Seasonal entry forward with a good number and a big thank you to our vendors for their continued support. Certainly not the vintage show of last week in all sections with a large percentage of worked or parlour cows. Trade remains brisk for young meated types but light plainer cows harder to place.

Top of the tree returned at 234p or £1,580.64 for sucklers, clean to 230p or £1,807.80, bulls to 194p or £1,850.52 and dairy to 194p or £1,361.88. The overall average returned at 137p.

74 Dairy - Young meated cows seem to be the order of the day seeing trade race away to 194p (£1,361.88) for black and white from distant travellers The Williams Family, Hay-On-Wye who also had 188p



 $(\pounds1,353.60)$ etc. Millenheath Farm Ltd, Higher Heath saw 192p (£1,205.76), 191p (£1,123.08) etc, Wyndford Wagu Ltd, Chadwell saw 189p (£1,228.50), 176p twice (£925.76) and £820.16), Martin Partners, Longford Fleckvieh to 175p (£1,011.50) and 163p (£1,268.14) etc, distant travellers The Evans Family, Wern black and white to 175p (£857.50) etc and closer to home H. & J. Smith & Sons, Biddulph Moor with their cows to 159p (£1,068.48), 155p twice (£1,156.30) and £1,041.60) etc to mention a few. The section average returned at 120p (£768.95).

60 Sucklers - Not quite the quality of last week find a solid trade throughout. Prices raced away to 234p (£1,502.28) for Blonde from Mr C. Hopley, Cholmondeley, The Piggott Family, Shocklach saw their Charolais to 178p (£1,580.64) and distant travellers Mr A.T. Turner, Bwlch-Y-Ffridd saw 177p (£1,210.68) for his Blonde. Natives saw Herefords to 165p (£1,277.10) from Mr R.J. Hall, Needwood and in the lump £1,455.44 from Mr Phil Cadwaladr & Family, Leighton. The section average returned at 144p (£983.64).

3 Bulls - Simmental trade to 194p (£1,858.52) from Mr John Minshall, Tean. Limousins to 159p (£1,291.08) from The Jones Family, Arenig and Hereford to 147p (£1,334.76). The section average returned at 167p (£1,494.71).

37 Clean - Dominated with steers and these traded to 230p (£1,807.80) for a Blue from Phil Tushingham, Clotton and their Fleckvieh to 215p (£1,698.50). Handful of heifers and these traded to 225p (£1,656.00) for Blonde from Mr Roy Jefferies.

Please keep the numbers coming to satisfy demand weekly and a big thank you to all our vendors and buyers for their continued support.

- RED MARKETS -

From May 2023 - Only One Red Market a Month - Our Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 13 November / 11 December / 8 January 4.30pm For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.

To accommodate restricted younger cattle and feeding cattle ORANGE MARKETS are the third Thursday of every month (Thursday 23 November / 14 December / 25 January) All cattle to travel on a TB16E License - further details or assistance contact Bernie or Ben.

118 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

17 Cull Sows & Boars - Top trade for sows today as the best trade at 100p to 125p/kg topping at

150p/kg. Mediums sold well at 80p to 100p/kg. Boars Stafford sold for £485. Best bulls £580 plus, medium bulls traded from 18p up to 50p so much the same trade as or cross bred types £400-£500. previous weeks for these.

entered pigs failed to show. An unbelievable trade with month Limousin from Mr J. Birch, Oswestry at £990. Next best over 300p/kg topping at 360p from regular supporter some 9 month Blue steers from Rooms Farm Ltd, Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury Mortimer. With this level of Adderley at £835, and 9 month Simmentals from Mr M. trade and buyer support we really need 100 plus every Groom, Croxton at £755. sale please.

	Av.	Top	Тор
80-100kg	247p	360p	£304.80
101+kg	175p	310p	£365.80
Sows	110p	150p	£385.80

66 Store & Weaner Pigs - Trade on fire!!! A lovely sow and litter made £550 from The Edwards Family, Llangedwyn. Weaners would be as dear as I have ever seen them!! Best sorts over £100!! Topping at £110 for 14kgs!! In general stores and weaners trading at £50 to £70 and all looking well sold.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 20 November/Monday 4 December (CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE) & 18 December 10.30am Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs / All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

130 DAIRY YOUNGSTOCK

Auctioneer : Jason Brown (07774 816384) & Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

A fantastic entry of 130 dairy youngstock, bonfire night may have come and gone but the sparks were still around ringside and soon reignited into a blaze!!

This was the best trade for a while on most catego-bulls. ries of stock, which resulted in many buyers going home

No close calving heifers in this sale, January calving heifers from IE.&TM. Speed, Chester sold to £1,300 for Forestgate Janice 2, she sold, due January to an Aberdeen Angus.

Farming heifers running with the bull from the same vendor, sold to £820.

A consignment of bulling heifers from Mr J. Pickford, Stone sold to frantic bidding and peaked at £1,050 for Picston Darwin Hazel and £1,000 for Picston Redcarpet Roslyn with a further twenty-two over £800.

Other bullers from Wynford Wagyu, Chadwell £950 x 3, £940 x 2 and £900.

Yearling heifers to £780 from IE.&TM. Speed, £720 and £700.

2023 born maiden from Mr J. Pickford, Stone sold to £680 for Pickstock Armour Sexy.

Calves from D.& SC. Sutton, Crewe to £420 x 2 for Oakhanger Zinger Greta 2 and Oakhanger Mecca Ines.

416 WEANLINGS

Auctioneer: Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

mentioning those who went home empty handed. Several buyers commented on the impressive show of quality forward today: which was another reason for such a strong trade. Starting with the bulls we saw good demand for the strongest bulls, top spot going to 7 month Blues at £710 for SM Gilman & Partners, Lilleshall. Smart 7 month Charolais bulls sold to £595 for H&C Bloxham & Co, and smart 5 month Hereford bulls from Mr D. Campbell,

In the steers we saw a super show and buyers did 35 Fat Pigs - A much reduced entry as two loads of not hesitate about getting stuck in. Top call going to 15 Younger steers included 6 month Angus from Mr B. Patterson, Knutsford at £580 and 5 month Blues from the same home at £570. Best types £600 plus, mediums £450 to £585.

All heifers a very good trade indeed, with plenty of sharp types to bid at. Top call was £960 for 15 month Blues from H.&C. Bloxham, Stafford. Suckler bred 7 month Blues from Mr L.J. Bradbury sold for £800. Smart 7 month Simmentals sold for £700 from DA.&EM. Drinkall & Son, Darnhall, 6 month Blues from Mr B. Patterson made £640 and 8 month Angus from J.&J. O'Neill made £635. Best heifers £600 plus, mediums £400plus.

The next sale is on Monday 20 November 2023. Get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance! * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023 149 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Not enough cattle forward for the level of trade with best and meated cattle commanding a premium and selling on a flyer with best cattle well past the £3/kilo mark. A mixed show in terms of meat all looking well sold with top slots being 324p for steers, 346p for heifers and 303p for

70 Bulls - A good trade with well fleshed and heavier bulls in very strong demand and more could have been sold to vendors advantage. A lot of lighter, leaner bulls in the mix would slightly distort the average but still look very well sold trading between 180p and 210p. The best sold to 303p for a cracking Limousin bull weighing 660 kilos to return £1,999.80 for Mr I.G.C. Morris, Stottesdon. Top price in the lump was £2,116.92 for a Limousin bull weighing 708kgs from N.&B. Moseley & Son, Allostock. Other notable prices as follows:- 293p (538kgs) Limousin £1,576.34 Mr I.G.C. Morris, 290p (540kgs) Limousin £1,577.60 Mr I.G.C. Morris, 287p (616kgs) Simmental £1,767.92 Mr W.J. Holdcroft, 286p (606kgs) Limousin £1,733.16 Mr I.G.C. Morris and 277p Chester for Forestgate Chalet Gergeous with others at (596kgs) Limousin £1,650.92 Mr R.J. Savage and 276p (620kgs) Limousin £1,711.20 Mr R.R. Jones. The section average was returned at 238p £1,463.03.

27 Steers - The best sold on a flying trade selling to 324p for a Limousin steer weighing 544 kilos to accumulate £1,762.56 for R.J. Clare & Partners, Adderley. Top headage was £2,142.86 for a cracking British Blue Wow what a fantastic trade!! Sunday nights steer weighing 698kgs from Mr Richard Hill, Baschurch fireworks continued through to Mondays weanlings as who had further Blue at 628kgs achieving £1,971.92. we've had a firecracker of a sale! We've had a packed Other high light prices as follows :- £1,725.56 Hereford ringside with 58 successful purchasers and that's without (716kgs) Mr A.W. Kennerley, £1,693.60 Limousin (580kgs) R.J. Clare & Partners, £1,663.20 Charolais (540kgs) Nicholls & Heath to mention a few. The section average returned at 264p or £1492.40.

> 52 Heifers - Not enough best shaped heifers forward with a blistering trade topping at 346p for a corking Limousin heifer weighing 550 kilos to gross £1903.00 for Mr J.G. Johnson, Dunston Heath who had a

£1,713.60. Other highlight prices :- £1,754.40 (680kgs) 260p/kg for better end up to and over 300p/kg on a few Charolais Mr C.E. Blake, £1,685.92 (656kgs) British Blue occasions. Average cattle at 200p to 230p/kg. John Mason Ltd. £1.679.92 (506kgs) Limousin T.A. Warner & Son, £1,623.24 (668kgs) British Blue R.I. & AML. Side- Best £750 to £850 for steers and heifers today. Only very bottom, £1,610.86 (674kgs) Hereford RN.&RA. Mountford, small for age cattle hard work at £300 to £500. 200 plus £1,590.40 (560kgs) Limousin E. Jones & Sons, £1,530.00 (500kgs) Limousin J.W. Gosmore & Partners. The section average returned at 247p or £1,361.24.

Please more cattle required next week to meet increasing buyer demand please. Thank you.

80 DAIRY CATTLE

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards (07768 020393) & Jason Brown (07774 816384)

FLYING TRADE - COWS TO £2,720 **AND HEIFERS TO £2,520**

Duncan Blood of Hankins Heys Farm, Nantwich set today's trade off to a flying start with his four second calvers averaging £2,500 to a top of £2,720 and others at £2,580, £2,500 and £2,200. Skinner Bros, Melton Mowbray £2,150 (second calver) and £1,850 (third calver).

Heifers topped at £2,520 from D & E Monk, Ormskirk with RG Woolley & Son, Acton selling at £2,450, Frank Speed, Betley £2,300 and £1,990, Marcus Callwood, Knutsford £2,300, TA Dobson & Son, Bickley £2,250, HS & A Callwood ££2,150, RW & EE Edwards & Sons, Whitchurch £2,120 and £1,930, OC Whittaker & Sons, Tabley £1,910.

Ayrshire heifers sold to £1,610 and Jerseys to £1,180.

In-calf heifers sold to £750 (Holstein Friesian) and £520 (Jersey).

There was a very strong heifer calf trade with twelve over £220 to a top of £280 twice.

Averages:

Top 5 Cows £2,430

12 Cows £1,973 (all breeds and faults)

Top 10 Heifers £2,192

29 Heifers £1,666 (all breeds and faults)

Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by the Western Holstein Club - Wednesday 29 November.



MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER (10.30am)AT MARKET DRAYTON MARKET, TF9 3SW

(moved from Bickley Town Farm, Malpas, for sale convenience) For HF & L Langley & Partners Genuine Dispersal Sale of the entire LONGMEADOW herd of

200 PEDIGREE MONTBELIARDES

Full details next week

253 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer: Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

More forward than expected this week and plenty of customers about. Trade just for all commodities but some few small for age types look good value.

Massive numbers of Friesian steers forward today. Forty-two in total averaging 180p/kg. Top end at £900 to £1,000 up to £1,060 or 200p or 220p/kg. Farming types at £750 to £850.

Yarding cattle a joy to sell today with a better show Auctioneer: Mark Jones (07813 625787) forward. Best at £1,300 to £1,500 topping at £1,790 for Blues from Mr D.J. Rikunenko, Whixall and £1,700 from selling on an absolute flying trade with plenty of lambs over

further Limousin at 336p weighing 510kgs to gross £1,200 looking very well sold. Trade generally at 240p to

Younger cattle very well bid for and more needed. stores every week please - all store enquires to Ben 07791

Steers			
Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,060.00	514kg	DM.&PJ. Kinsey
Friesian	£1,005.00	507kg	Mr N.R. Brandon
Friesian	£960.00	497kg	Mr N.R. Brandon
Friesian	£830.00	432kg	Skinner Bros.
Friesian	£820.00	458kg	Mr I.C. Edwards
Blonde	£1,500.00	556kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
British Blue	£1,790.00	772kg	Mr D.J. Rikunenko
British Blue	£1,700.00	568kg	Mr P.J. Brindley
British Blue	£1,560.00	642kg	Mr D.J. Rikunenko
British Blue	£1,215.00	512kg	J. & S. Farming
British Blue	£940.00	434kg	R. Foxley & Sons
British Blue	£855.00	377kg	S. &RE. Crank
Angus	£1,655.00	617kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Angus	£1,290.00	528kg	BP.&LS. Hopley
Angus	£1,150.00	458kg	Mr M.W. Whalley
Angus	£800.00	373kg	Mr D.T. Edgerton
Angus	£770.00	348kg	S. & RE. Crank
Welsh	£1,400.00	542kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Hereford	£1,200.00	500kg	BP.&LS. Hopley
Hereford	£1,190.00	534kg	J. & S. Farming
Hereford	£1,170.00	486kg	BP.&LS. Hopley
Hereford	£940.00	393kg	Mr G.E. Jones
Charolais	£1,600.00	600kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Charolais	£1,580.00	596kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Charolais	£1,500.00	574kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Simmental	£1,500.00	570kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Simmental	£1,400.00	542kg	Mr R. Watson
Limousin	£1,300.00	538kg	JH.&MR. Rushton
Limousin	£1,260.00	518kg	RW.& JE. James
Limousin	£1,150.00	394kg	Rachel Whittaker
Limousin	£1,100.00	400kg	Rachel Whittaker
Limousin	£920.00	348kg	Rachel Whittaker
Heifers			

	<u>Heiters</u>			
	Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
	British Blue	£1,700.00	552kg	Lees Dairy Farms
	British Blue	£1,540.00	630kg	Mr D.J. Rikunenko
	British Blue	£1,240.00	502kg	F.H. Davies & Son
	British Blue	£950.00	422kg	Mr A.J. Palmer
	Angus	£1,140.00	502kg	Mr R.H. Turner
	Angus	£1,050.00	450kg	Mr G.E. Jones
	Angus	£850.00	417kg	Mr M.W. Whalley
	Angus	£845.00	365kg	S.&RE.Crank
	Hereford	£1,230.00	549kg	F.F. Finney & Son
	Hereford	£700.00	378kg	Mr L. Mould
	Charolais	£1,255.00	506kg	Mr L. Mould
	Charolais	£890.00	420kg	N.F. Shelley & Sons
	Simmental	£1,375.00	544kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
f	Simmental	£1,180.00	483kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
)	Limousin	£1,440.00	568kg	RW.&JE. James
	Limousin	£1,130.00	448kg	Rachel Whittaker
	Limousin	£1,110.00	466kg	RW.&JE. James
2	Limousin	£1,020.00	439kg	N.F. Shelley & Sons

1,324 PRIME LAMBS

A different trade in the sheep shed this week The Brindley's, The Lees. Plenty of cattle at £1,100 to 300p per kilo a total clearance reported and an overall market average returned at a staggering 278p. A lot more Hartley, Mere at £410. Best at £300 to £360, mediums at lambs could have been sold to vendors advantage with ten £180 to £270, smalls at £100 to £170. buyers in attendance please get in touch with Mark if you have lambs to sell.

D.P. Crow, Wellington.

Standards sold to 329p for 38.6kgs to gross mediums and smalls at £60 to £110. £126.99 for Mr R.J. Nicholls, Dunham Heath. Other notable prices as follows:- 37.6kgs (317p) £119.19 Mr for the best and second quality. Top call went to a Blue J.W.A. Jones, 38.3kgs (316p) £121.03 A.G. Bonsall & Son, heifer at £380 from GA Hargreaves & Sons, Cresswell. 35.7kgs (305p) £108.89 x 2 Mr L.T. Swinnerton and P. & C. Best types £220 to £300, mediums £130 to £190, smalls Swinnerton, 37.4kgs (300p) £112.20 NTN. & EM. £90 to £120. All calf enquiries to Ben or Jonty Baskeyfield.

Mediums hit 341p for 43kgs to return £146.63 for MWS Fencing, Alkington. Other notable prices as follows:-£141.75 (45kgs) S. & A. Perkins, £140.11 (44.2kgs) S. & SM. Moss, £139.50 (45kgs) S. & SM. Moss, £138.60 (44kgs) Mr R.J. Nicholls, £138.60 (42kgs) Mr I.C. Evans, £138.26 (44.6kgs) A. Mitchell & Son, £137.25 (45kgs) P. & ABERDEEN ANGUS Swinnerton.

Heavies sold to 322p for 47.5kgs to return £152.95 £320 for Mr E.L. Bunning, Morville who also achieved a further £310 run as follows:- £153.76 (48.2kgs), £148.12 (46kgs), £147.84 (48kgs). Top price in the lump was £167.40 for 62kgs for MWS. Fencing, Alkington. More lambs required with this level of trade please.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	247	306p
Prime	1001	276p
Other	76	239n

Lambs Graded: Lights to 280p (£89.60) average 250p (£74.50). Standards to 329p (£126.99) average 275p (£98.43). Mediums to 341p (£146.63) average 282p (£119.00). Heavies to 322p (£167.40) average 272p (£133.12).

210 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer: Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold to £172.00 for Beltex ewes from Lipley Beltex, Cheswardine. Rams sold to £175.00 for a Texel from Mrs J. Evans, Moss Lane. Light ewes traded from £370 Hargreaves & Sons £20 to £45, plain ewes £43 to £62, cutting ewes £68 to £88 WELSH and heavy ewes £90 to £146. An overall average was returned at £91.92.

655 REARING CALVES

Auctioneers: Ben Baggott (07791 791356) & Jonty HEREFORD Cliffe (07595 453306)

What a cracking trade! As the industry begins to talk the calf trade down we've seen quite the opposite today! This has been helped massively by a buzzing sale ring with new and returning faces. In total we've had 58 purchasers SIMMENTAL with 33 buying more than 10 each. If you're after calves, we have plenty of choice to suit all budgets.

Those who have presented quality calves have been £305 rewarded with a super trade. Mediums and smalls have MGX x 1 £190 J.H. Morris & Sons been better to sell this week so overall I think all our sellers will have gone home happy today.

As for the individual sections we start with the Friesians which continue to look as sharp as ever. Top spot at £162 for Mr R. Cope, Adderley. Best £80 plus, mediums £40 to £70, smalls £15 to £35.

The native bulls have been an excellent trade, more demand for Angus this week and in line with the Herefords. Top call went to an Angus at £320 for DLG Morris & Partners, Handley. Best types £170 to £240, mediums at £100 to £160. Smalls at £50 to £90. Best and second quality Continental bulls show no sign of letting up with another phenomenal trade, thank you vendors for supplying the quality! Top call was a Blue from TS.&AE.

The native heifers have been a two tier trade with best and mediums good to sell but smalls seeing little Lights hit 280p for 32kgs to return £89.60 for Mr demand. Top price went to a Hereford at £265 from GM&HJ. Fern, Penkridge. Best types £130 to £170,

The Continental heifers have been excellent to sell

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN **BRITISH BLUE** (68 - AV.£77.34) (93 - AV.£247.08) £162 Mr R. Cope (Adderley) £410 TS.&AE. Hartley £160 Davenport Farming Ltd £400GA. Hargreaves & Sons

HEREFORD (84 - AV.£121.75) (37 - AV.£140.32) DLG.Morris&Ptns £310 GM.&HJ.Fern DLG.Morris&Ptns £300 GM.&HJ.Fern **MONTBELIARDE CHAROLAIS** (16 - AV.£126.44) (8 - AV.£338.75) £195 J.S. Dodd & Sons x 2 £400 Mr W.J. Holdcroft £185 J.S. Dodd & Sons £390 B.J. Mould Ltd SIMMENTAL LIMOUSIN (10 - AV.£268.30) (6 - AV.£248.73) £350 DV&DA.Cliffe&Sons £355 Mr A.T. Williams £350 P. & F. Jenkinson £315 Mr A.T. Williams WELSH x 1 **BROWN SWISS x 1** £295 Walker & Hargreaves £140 Hickson & Sons Ltd NOR RED x 1 DANISH RED x 1 £98 Davenport Farming Ltd £58 Martin Partners

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE ABERDEEN ANGUS (119 - AV.£163.07) (86 - AV.£76.97) £380 Hargreaves & Sons £202 HS.&A. Callwood £198 LE. Weston & Sons **NORWEGIAN RED** (2 - AV.£137.50) (2 - AV.£122.50) £165 Davenport Farming £160 GA.Hargreaves&Sons £115 Walker & Hargreaves £80 Davenport Farming **CHAROLAIS** (42 - AV.£95.93) (7 - AV.£235.71) £265 GM.&HJ. Fern £365 Robert Hares £205 AW.&L. Hollinshead £275 B.J. Mould Ltd **LIMOUSIN** (20 - AV.£214.40) (3 - AV.£235.00)

L.E. Weston & Sons

£325 J.R. Ward & Sons

SHEEP KEEP / WANTED / FOR SALE!

£315 Mr V. McNaugher

£210 Mr A.T. Williams

Sheep Keep Available - Approx 150 Acres Burleydam Area / Contact 01630 653817.

Wanted - Winter Housing for up to 60 cattle, near Wem. No feeding/bedding required but would be a bonus. Contact 07925 035929.

For Sale Collie X Hunterway Puppies (from working parents) Ready Mid-November/Micro Chipped/1st Vaccine / Contact 07824 389206.

For Sale 2 Pedigree Hereford Bulls (16 Months/5 Years) Easy Calving Contact 07773 767491.





stock vendors to take action now and do not leave it until December to ask their vet for a farm visit and a signed declaration.

What's Changing?

Changes in legislation as from 13 December 2023 will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals and or part of any animal to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of this new rule is to comply with EU Export Regulations to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm bio-security.

What Do Producers Need To Do?

Producers will be required to obtain a signed declaration from their vet that the visit has taken place. Obtaining a signed veterinary attestation must be done at least once over a 12 month period and can be combined with any routine veterinary visit. Farmers and Vets much keep a copy.



Applications for the 2023 Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) are now open. Farmers will be paid to undertake actions that improve farm productivity, whilst protecting the environment.

The agreement will last for three years from its start date and can be 'upgraded' annually to add more actions or eligible land. There is no current deadline to apply for the SFI and applicants are encouraged to apply to suit them.

On top of the SFI actions, the scheme offers a 'management payment' of £20 per ha for the first 50 ha entered into the agreement. Additionally, the government are offering an 'acceleration payment' to applicants with agreements that are live before the end of the year. This means they will receive 25% of their annual payment within the first month, to help with cashflow and input costs when setting up the agreement.

Your total annual payment will be paid in four equal quarterly instalments. Although the SFI does not offer funding for capital items, it can be used alongside the Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant and the Farming Investment Fund.

SFI actions include:

Soil & hedgerow management options

e.g. SAM3 (Herbal leys) - £382 per hectare.

Nutrient & pest management options

e.g. NUM1 (Assess nutrient management & produce a review report) - £589 per year.

Farmland wildlife on arable & buffer strip options

e.g. AHL4 (4m to 12m buffer strip on arable & horticultural land) - £451 per hectare.

Farmland wildlife on improved grassland & low input grassland options

e.g. IGL2 (Winter bird food on improved grassland) - £474 per hectare.

If you would like further information and guidance regarding the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) 2023, please call the team on 01630 692500.

www.barbers-rural.co.uk