



MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Livestock Market report the following trade:

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023

200 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Red Market)
Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Good number forward and a big vote of thanks for your support and its great to see some returning faces also. On the night a much brisker trade for all weights, grades and nationalities and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. As always young meaty cows returning at a premium and also a bit more confidence in feeding cows with a couple more feeding accounts operating.

Top book read to the following overage clean to 256p or £1,891.44 in the lump, 210p or £1,348.20 for dairy, 187p or £1,625.32 for sucklers and 172p or £1,757.84 for bulls. The overall market average returned at 136p.

126 Dairy - A broad spectrum of variety for our buyers to get excited about seeing young, black and white selling to 210p (£1,348.20) from Mr John Shropshire, Cheswardine. Muir Farming Ltd, Hopton heifer topped at 195p (£1,162.20) and The Done Family, Larkton saw 190p (£1,109.60) and 156p (£845.52), The Wright Family, Mere cow to 166p (£1,022.56). Distant travellers The Nowell Family, Stone saw 154p (£868.56), GA.&JA. Williams, Hanmer to 154p (£960.96), RW.&EE. Edwards & Son, Hanmer 152p (£1,188.64) and Mr George Cork & Family, Oakhanger black and white to 151p (£1,087.20) etc to mention a few. The section average returned at 119p (£767.38).

41 Sucklers - Reasonable entry and a lot of travelled cattle forward with additional buyer presence for feeding types. Trade peaked at 187p (£1,570.80) for Charolais from distant travellers The Jones Family, Cwmtirymynad and further cattle to 179p x 2 (£1,625.32 and £1,349.66) and 174p (£1,200.60). Natives saw Herefords to 175p (£1,120.00) from NJ.& RL. Clarke, Ellesmere. The section average returned at 151p (£1,052.63).

2 Bulls - Blonde stock bull to 172p (£1,757.84) from PJ.& EJ. Beecroft & Partners, Westbury. Welsh Black to 150p (£1,329.00) from A.P. Jones & Family, Arenig. The section average returned at 161p (£1,543.42).

31 Clean - Overage Charolais heifers took the gold medal at 256p (£1,704.96) from The Blake Family, Rhosmadog and Limousin to 210p (£1,444.80). KA.&AS. Littler, Duddon Common saw 242p (£1,234.20) for their Simmental and Mr A. Whitfield, Derrington to 240p (£1,219.20) and 234p (£1,492.92) for their Continentals. In the steers Mr Phil Tushingham, Clotton saw their Angus to 222p (£1,891.44) Hereford to 218p (£1,831.20) and black



and white to 207p (£1,722.24).

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 11 December / 8 January / 12 February at 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 14 December / 25 January / 22 February)

All cattle to travel on a TB16E License - further details or assistance contact Bernie or Ben.

239 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

19 Cull Sows & Boars - Very much a two tier trade today on all departments with best sows selling at 90p to 115p topping at 130p/kg. Mediums and small sows harder work at 30p to 70p/kg.

98 Fat Pigs - Again a tale of two sides!! Best very good to sell but others very hard work indeed and some not even getting a bid! Best 170p to 210p/kg topping at 245p/kg. Mediums ok at 120p to 150p/kg but others at 50p plus.

	Av.	Top	Top
47-60kg	95p	130p	£78.00
61-79kg	135p	245p	£194.00
80-100kg	157p	230p	£206.00
101+kg	126p	168p	£277.00
Sows	91p	130p	£401.00

122 Store & Weaner Pigs - A massive entry forward after last sales flyer!! Back to reality today. Best weaners at £40 to £60 topping at £65. Mediums £25 to £30 and smalls or rare breeds £10 to £20. A lovely sow and litter made £540 from The Bowers Family, Mow Cop.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 4 December (CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE) & 18 December/15 January 10.30am
Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs
All enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

186 WEANLINGS

Auctioneer : Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

After selling 550 Weanlings two weeks ago, today was a disappointing entry when you consider the

current trade! Those vendors selling today have been over the moon with their prices, with both top end and bottom end weanlings in high demand as buyers had to compete hard to purchase. While there is this level of demand is it worth getting some tested prior to Christmas?

Starting with the bulls we saw excellent demand for the strongest bulls, top spot going to 8 month Blues at £690 for Messrs Clough, Melverley. Smart 4 month Angus bulls sold to £490 for HS.&A. Callwood, Ollerton and 3 month Angus bulls from Mr B.E. Worth, Whatcroft sold for £420. Best bulls £525 plus, medium bulls or cross bred types £400 to £500.

In the steers we saw a flying trade as we saw a dominance of 4 to 6 month olds, buyers after older types went home disappointed. Top call going to 5 month Blues at £670 from JMUU Ltd, Stafford followed by 4 month Blues from DA.&JC. King, Nantwich at £600.

In the Natives we had 4 month Angus at £600 for Mr J.R. Drinkall, Tarporley. 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 £550 plus, mediums £450 to £525.

All heifers a super trade indeed, with plenty of good types to bid at. Top call was £690 for 6 month Blues from JMUU Ltd, Stafford. Smart 7 month Herefords from GR.&E. Webster & Son, Ashbourne at £580. Younger types included 5 month Blues from DA.&JC. King, Nantwich at £560 and 4 month Angus from J.R. Drinkall at £480. Best heifers £500 plus, mediums £400 plus. The next sale is on Monday 4 December 2023. Get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance!

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WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023

194 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Just shy of my two hundred and lets hope you vendors are saving for next week as the trade is warming up nicely going into the Christmas Market Week. Trade buoyant especially for the right cattle creating a two tier trade with buyers wanting shape, loin and weight on the day. Plainer and lighter types well policed though with further finishers operating on the day. Do not forget it is Christmas Market next week Wednesday 29 November — so please get your cattle in early and commercial types will be required on this day!


Leading lights shone bright to 330p or £2,070.00 for steers, 330p or £1,830.08 for heifers and 318p or £2,745.00 for bulls.

65 Bulls - No where near enough for the level of trade with demand totally outstripping supply, more urgently required to fulfil increasing orders. Sucklers peaked at 318p (£1,971.60) for a Limousin from Edward Evans & Family, Halfway House and further bull to 308p (£2,371.60). Mr Fred Watson & Family, Burston run of Continentals sold to 280p (£1,792.00), 278p (£1,579.04) etc, Mr Richard Savage & Family, Hanwood Blue Cross to 278p (£1,851.48) and 271p (£1,685.62) etc. In the lump Mr D.E. Evans, Mold sold Charolais to gross £2,745.00 and £2,628.78. Natives saw Shorthorn to 264p (£1,895.52) from The Mallaber Partners, Drakelow. Drayton specials with black and whites to 260p (£1,575.60) from distant travellers The Bennett Family, Somersal. The section average returned at 241p (£1,501.52).

42 Steers – Extremely mixed entry with something for all pockets on the day. Leading lights shone brightly to 330p (£1,768.80) for Bazadaise from Mr Charles Forrester, Northwood. JG.&DJ. Francis & Son, Newtown saw their overage Blue to 300p (£2,070.00), Mr Darren Young, Balterley Limousin to 298p (£1,853.56) and 278p (£1,851.48), Mr Julian Corfield of Corfield & Aston Blue to 281p (£1,792.78) and 272p (£1,637.44), Mr James Madders, Tixall Limousin to 272p (£1,904.00) to mention a few. Natives sold to 248p (£1,383.84) for a Hereford from Mr D.T. Boulton, Croxton. The section average returned at 245p (£1,572.96).

87 Heifers – The entry to boast the “good, bad and ugly” but what did show superstar quality was a run of Limousins from IE.&M. Gittins, Brooks selling to 330p (£1,808.40), 320p (£1,497.60), 306p (£1,450.44), 300p (£1,320.00), 290p twice (£1,635.60 and £1,432.60), Mr Ian Brown & Family, Werrington sold Limousin to 328p (£1,666.34) and 282p (£1,223.88), The Williams Family, Corwen Bazadaise to 307p and (£1,528.86), 298p (£1,442.32) etc. Martin Edwards & Family, Morton Limousin to 306p (£1,646.28). Mr Julian Corfield, Corfield & Aston Limousin to 298p (£1,478.08) and 283p (£1,409.34) etc. Distant travellers The Turner Family, Bwlch-Y-Ffridd sold Limousins to 298p (£1,335.04) and 286p (£1,470.04) to mention a few. Natives to 280p (£1,428.00) for an Angus from The Williams Family, Corwen. The section average returned at 255p (£1,352.86).

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



MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER
(10.30am)
AT MARKET DRAYTON
MARKET, TF9 3SW
(moved from Bickley Town Farm, Malpas,
for sale convenience)

DISPERSAL SALE OF THE ENTIRE
MILKING PORTION OF
THE PEDIGREE LONGMEADOW HERD OF
147 MONTBELIARDE DAIRY CATTLE
147 milking cows and heifers
to be sold in calving order
YOUNG HERD – 50% lacts 1 to 3
NMR recorded - 6,967 kgs 3.98%F 3.54%P cc155
Cubicles - Grazed - Self Feed Silage -
Very Quiet Cattle
For HF. & L. Langley & Partners

82 DAIRY CATTLE

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

COWS TO £2,400 – HEIFERS TO £2,350

Milk in the tank is definitely the order of the day with young cows selling on a fast trade.

Fresh Holstein Friesian second calvers sold to £2,400 and £2,300 and an Ayrshire second calver from S.N. Bailey & Partners, Crewe. Brown Swiss third calvers sold to £1,620.

Holstein Friesian fresh heifers peaked at £2,350 from RA. & JE. Williams & Son, Hay-on-Wye.

Hankins Heys Farm sold heifers at £2,280, £2,120 and £2,020 averaging £2,035 for their four, and R.J.&R.H. Gadsbey, Yarlet sold to £2,100.

There was a large number of mid lactation cows and heifers sold from two herd dispersals.

Next week is the Christmas Market with classes for both fresh commercial and pedigree cows and heifers with the pedigree section being supported by the Western Holstein Club.

Averages:

Fresh Cows £1,874

Fresh Heifers £1,851

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

**For Sale AI Flask before the dairy cattle
Wednesday 29 November (4 yrs old, topped up
regularly/no semen).**

246 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Great numbers forward for the end of November and a fast trade through out. Plenty of customers for all makes and models and similar numbers are needed in a fortnight please.

Bulls hard to place today but only old sorts forward. Trade did top at £1,160 for a Charolais from Mr C. Wardle, Mill Lane. Friesian steers continue to ring the bell with best at £900 to £1,050 topping at £1,100. Farming types at £750 to £850 and trade mainly round 180p to 200p/kg.

Yarding cattle topping out at £1,610 with better end £1,300 to £1,500. Best sorts at 240p to 260p/kg with some of the better suckler bred cattle 280p/kg. Native heifers selling around that 200p average. Plenty of good cattle £1,100 to £1,200 looking well sold today.

Plenty of demand for farming and younger cattle today with good over wintering cattle at around 380kg to 400kgs selling at £800 to £850 for native steers. The 280kg to 320kg selling well at £600 to £650 mark.

NO STORES NEXT WEEK (29th November) - Back to business Wednesday 6 December - all store enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,100.00	563kg	C&SA.Brassington&Son
Friesian	£1,040.00	522kg	C&SA.Brassington&Son
Friesian	£975.00	503kg	Mr M.W. Whalley
Friesian	£910.00	473kg	Mr M.G. Willett
Blonde D'A.	£1,300.00	528kg	JE.&JM.Salmon
British Blue	£1,610.00	684kg	Mr D.J. Rikunenko
British Blue	£1,340.00	522kg	TB.&S. Cartmail
British Blue	£1,220.00	510kg	PG.&DR. Goodwin
British Blue	£1,140.00	498kg	DJ.&MM. Atkin
Shorthorn	£625.00	284kg	Mark Latham
Angus	£1,570.00	599kg	R.&SEA.Blantern
Angus	£1,390.00	546kg	PG.&DR. Goodwin
Angus	£1,070.00	388kg	Mr G.E. Morris
Angus	£700.00	339kg	Hallmark Organics
Hereford	£1,100.00	528kg	Mrs Pam McPhillips
Hereford	£1,090.00	456kg	Mr G.E. Morris
Hereford	£990.00	434kg	Billington Farming
Cont	£1,000.00	482kg	Mr J. Theobald
Montbeliarde	£1,220.00	518kg	Mr P.E. Moss
Charolais	£1,505.00	576kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Charolais	£1,000.00	430kg	DA.&SA.Littlehales
Simmental	£1,610.00	642kg	Mrs Pam McPhillips
Simmental	£1,500.00	574kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Simmental	£1,140.00	526kg	Mr J.T. Davies
Limousin	£1,410.00	524kg	DJ.&MM. Atkin
Limousin	£1,350.00	516kg	Mrs H.M. Timmis

Limousin	£1,320.00	469kg
Limousin	£1,110.00	424kg

R.&SEA.Blantern
Mr Richard Timmis

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde D'A.	£1,170.00	480kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
British Blue	£1,190.00	489kg	F.H. Davies & Son
British Blue	£1,155.00	504kg	F.H. Davies & Son
British Blue	£1,020.00	422kg	GM.&JA. Williams
British Blue	£740.00	336kg	C.F. Matthews & Son
Angus	£1,200.00	577kg	Mr W.G. Latham
Angus	£1,010.00	462kg	Mr J. Theobald
Angus	£940.00	434kg	BillingtonFarmingLtd
Angus	£740.00	366kg	BillingtonFarmingLtd
Hereford	£955.00	463kg	Mr J.R. Turner
Hereford	£800.00	393kg	Mr J.R. Turner
Hereford	£760.00	394kg	BillingtonFarmingLtd
Montbeliarde	£1,290.00	544kg	Oliver Jones
CBD	£1,290.00	586kg	Oliver Jones
Charolais	£1,300.00	564kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Charolais	£1,300.00	494kg	Mr A. Whitfield
Charolais	£920.00	382kg	Mr W.C. Cheadle
Charolais	£900.00	394kg	Mr C. Wardle
Simmental	£890.00	380kg	Avon Finch Ltd
Limousin	£1,490.00	532kg	TB.&S. Cartmail
Limousin	£1,170.00	465kg	JH&MR.Rushton&Sons
Limousin	£1,090.00	450kg	R.&SEA.Blantern
Limousin	£860.00	359kg	Mr P.T. Hillard

1,260 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

A much better show of lambs with more meat on offer selling to a fast trade throughout to return an overall market average of a very pleasing 269p.

Lights raced away to 279p for 30kgs to return £83.70 for Mr M. Millington, Lilleshall.

Standards raced away to 324p for 37.2kgs to gross £120.53 for Miss J.L. Hartley, Podmore. Other notable prices :- 37.5kgs (314p) £117.75 Miss J.L. Hartley, 37.1kgs (311p) £115.38 W. Shelley & Sons Ltd, 35kgs (312p) £109.20 W. Shelley & Sons Ltd, 37kgs (305p) £112.85 Wathes & Co.

Mediums sold to 321p for 42kgs to gross £134.82 for L.J. Plant & Son, Croxton and coming a close second at 320p twice for 45.1kgs and 44.7kgs to return £144.32 and £143.04 for Mr E.L. Bunning, Morville and Messrs H.F. Jones, Nantmawr respectively. Others as follows :- 315p (42.8kgs) £134.82 Mr E.L. Bunning, 310p (43.6kgs) £135.16 Messrs H.F. Jones, 309p (43.3kgs) £133.80 A. Mitchell & Son.

Heavies sold to 318p for 47.1kgs to realise £149.78 for Mr E.L. Bunning, Morville. Top price in the lump was £154.21 for 63.2kgs from Mr M.R. Johnson, Buerton. More lambs required with this level of trade please.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	309	297p
Prime	850	270p
Other	101	229p

Lambs Graded :- Lights to 279p (£83.70) average 238p (£69.31). Standards to 324p (£120.53) average 268p (£96.65). Mediums to 321p (£144.32) average 273p (£115.15). Heavies to 318p (£154.21) average 268p (£129.99).

182 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Less ewes forward with a lot of plain in the mix the best sold to £170.00 for Texels ewes from Jeanette Fox, Mill Lane. Rams sold to £120.00 for a Texel Ram from Mr

G. Williams, Whitchurch. Light ewes traded from £20 to £45, plain ewes £43 to £62, cutting ewes £68 to £88 and heavy ewes £90 to £146. An overall average was returned at £83.45.

70 STORE LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Store lambs sold to £42.00 for Mr & Mrs DEJ. Irwin, Whitegate with the overall average returning at £66.80.

566 REARING CALVES

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

Similar numbers forward and another phenomenal trade! We'd be over the moon with this trade in May never mind November! All grades looking extremely well sold but once again we've had several volume buyers after strong calves causing plenty of competitive bidding around the ring. Do not forget it is Christmas Calf Week next Wednesday. Please come and join us for a morning of trading and festivities.

A better show of Friesians today with no sign of a change in the trade. Top call going to C.B. Davies & Partners, Saughton at £190. Best £120 plus, mediums £60 to £110, smalls £30 to £50.

The native bulls have been an excellent trade, with the mediums seeing the highest demand. Top call went to a monster of a Hereford from G.&L. Allen, Tilstock at £305. 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. Top spot went to a Charolais from J. Wainwright & Sons, Tetchill at £390. Best at £280 to £360, mediums at £180 to £270, smalls at £100 to £170.

The native heifers have been a two tier trade with best and mediums on fire, a gap to the smalls but better trade than recent weeks. Top price went to a Hereford at £225 from GC.&RE. Durose, Leigh. Best types £140 to £190, mediums at £40 to £100.

The Continental heifers have been excellent to sell for the best and second quality, just look at the blue heifer average! Top call went J Wainwright & Sons who sold a Charolais for £330. Best types £270 to £320, mediums £180 to £250, smalls £110 to £170. All calf enquiries to Ben or Jonty.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN

(42 - AV.£82.19)
£190 C.B. Davies & Ptns
£155 D. & SC. Sutton

BRITISH BLUE

(115 - AV.£253.34)
£378 N.&N.Matthews Ltd
£372 TS.&AE.Hartley

HEREFORD

(47 - AV.£160.26)
£305 G. & L. Allen
£290 RD.&CJ. Benbow

SIMMENTAL

(11 - AV.£296.18)
£342 Brooklyn Farm Ltd
£340 Mr W.J. Holdcroft

SHORTHORN x 1

£108 Mr R.H. Francis

BLONDE D'AQUITAINE

(2 - AV.£260.00)
£290 Mr J.W. Trott
£230 Mr J.W. Trott

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(90 - AV.£125.59)
£300 TS.&AE.Hartley
£270 Baddiley Hulse Ltd

CHAROLAIS

(7 - AV.£315.43)
£390 J.Wainwright&Sons
£388 J.&AJ.Weatherby

LIMOUSIN

(4 - AV.£259.50)
£308 DI.&D. Ellis & Sons
£280 J.H. Morris & Sons

HEIFER CALVES

BLONDE D'AQUITAINE

(2 - AV.£145.00)
£145 Mr J.W. Trott
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ABERDEEN ANGUS

(80 - AV.£71.35)
£182 Baddiley Hulse Ltd
£180 Baddiley Hulse Ltd

CHAROLAIS

(6 - AV.£253.33)
£330 J. Wainwright & Sons
£325 Millenheath Farm Ltd

LIMOUSIN

(2 - AV.£246.00)
£330 PA.&J. Boston
£162 CN.&IR. Atkin Ltd

BRITISH BLUE

(108 - AV.£180.74)
£300 J.R. Ward & Sons
£298 AW.&CM. Barrow

HEREFORD

(30 - AV.£93.93)
£225 GC.&RE. Durose
£160 Brooklyn Farm Ltd

SIMMENTAL

(11 - AV.£216.82)
£275 Brooklyn Farm x 2
£265 Brooklyn Farm Ltd

FLECKVIEH x 1

£160 Harold Davies&Ptns
MONTBELIARDE x 1
£50 Mr M.D. Berrisford



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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Wednesday 29th November 2023

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Christmas Market 2023

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

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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 Collie Puppies (Working Parents)
Llanfihangel Area / Contact 07805 922072.

For Sale Springer Spaniel Puppies (Well bred litter/
kc registered) Contact 07960 124319.

For Sale American Bully Puppies (Good Tempera-
ment)

7 Males/2 Females/Contact 07931 491636.

For Sale 2 Pedigree Hereford Bulls (16 Months/5
Years)

Easy Calving / Contact 07773 767491.

For Sale Quantity of Cosy Calf Jackets
Stafford Area / Contact 07792 653829.

For Sale 8 Pedigree AA Bulls
(Good EBV's/Easy Calving) 17 months
Semen, BVD & Johnes Tested 01782 372447.

NEW VETERINARY ATTESTATION RULE for Farmers to be introduced on 13 December

ACTION NEEDED NOW All live-
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 ani-
mal to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of
this new rule is to comply with EU Export Regu-
lations 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 decla-
ration 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 vis-
it. Farmers and Vets much keep a copy.



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**APPLICATIONS
NOW
OPEN**

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) 2023

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.

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