

MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Livestock Market

report the following trade:



CHRISTMAS OPENING 2023

Closed Monday 25 December!!

Open Wednesday 27 December
FOR SHEEP ONLY.

Closed Monday 1 January 2024

Open Wednesday 3 January 2024
"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

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

ACTION NEEDED NOW All livestock 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 — PLEASE LET US HAVE A COPY HERE IN THE OFFICE-Thank you

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

410 HEAD ORANGE MARKET

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

348 Calves - Another large entry after only three weeks since the last sale. Dominated by young calves sold pre-Christmas which affected sale averages. Top end strong calves selling well and processing sorts always in demand.

Bulls	Top	Av.	Heifers	Top	Av.
Friesian	£155	£70	British Blue	£220	£76
British Blue	£290	£114	Angus	£145	£82
Angus	£230	£102	Longhorn	£30	£24
Longhorn	£58	£36	Hereford	£118	£93
Hereford	£135	£92	Charolais	£185	£84
Charolais	£190		Simmental	£180	£157
Simmental	£135	£80			
Limousin	£220	£156			

62 Store Cattle - A short entry but cattle well bid for and better end 220p to 240p/kg or £1,100 to

£1,300 topping at £1,380. For any TB related advice please ring Ben on 07791 791356.

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023

130 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market)

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Not quite as many cows forward with a very mixed show in terms of quality. A lot of light and plain cows in the mix would be a touch harder to sell with meated or younger sorts still a very good trade. The best raced away to 221p or £1,517.90 for clean, bulls to 162p or £1,315.44, sucklers to 182p or £1,506.96 and dairies to 152p or £1,325.78. An overall market average was returned at 135p.

87 Dairy - Not enough meated cows on offer with the best selling to 152p for an Aryshire cow weighing 816 kilos to generate £1,240.32 for E.C. Jervis & Son, Standon. Top price in the lump was £1,325.78 for a Friesian cow weighing 878kgs from Mrs Shelia McLeavy, Stowe-By-Chartley. Others to mention :- Montbeliarde 800kgs (135p) £1,080.00 HF.&J. Langley & Partners, Friesian 688kgs (148p) £1,018.24 P.B. Williamson & Son and Friesian 720kgs (140p) £1,008.00 Sillito & Gill Farming to mention a few. Meated cows sold from 135p to 150p, steakers 120p to 135p, heavy plain 105p to 120p and thereafter 80p to 100p. The section average was returned at 121p or £766.45.

22 Sucklers - Only a handful of best meated cows sold to 182p for a cracking Charolais cow weighing 828kgs to return £1,506.96 for Mr G.M. Jones, Cwmtirmynach. Others as follows :- 179p (634kgs) £1,134.86 (Limousin) Jones Brothers, 177p (608kgs) £1,076.16 (Blonde) Mr Anthony Whitfield 173p (754kgs) £1,304.42 (Hereford) Mr Anthony Whitfield, 167p (728kgs) £1,215.76 (Saler) Mr W.G. Haynes, 166p (£762kgs) £1,214.92 (Charolais) Mr

G.M. Jones and 160p (816kgs) £1,305.60 (Charolais) Mr G.M. Jones. The section average was returned at 151p or £1,022.90.

5 Bulls - Blues topped at 162p for a Simmental bull weighing 812kgs to gross £1,315.44 for Mr J.H. Blakeman, Ollerton. The section average was 134p or £1,102.26.

16 Clean - Not enough forward with the level of trade hitting 221p for a Friesian heifer weighing 570kgs from Hungersheath Farm, Ashley. Top price in the lump was £1,517.90 for a Friesian heifer weighing 706kgs from AJ.&MR. Hughes, Ightfield. The section average was returned at 190p or £1,083.43.

- RED MARKETS -

**From May 2023 - Only One Red Market a Month -
Our Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of
Every Month ... Monday 8 January /
12 February / 11 March 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 25 January / 22 February / 21 March
All cattle to travel on a TB16E License -
further details or assistance
contact Bernie or Ben.**

146 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

1 Cull Sow - Short entry sold to 100p/kg.

98 Fat Pigs - Little demand for second or third quality pigs but best still a good trade at 170p to 190p topping at 210p/kg for gilts from Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury Mortimer. Second quality pigs at 90p to 110p and others at 50p to 70p harder to place.

	Av.	Top	Top
60-79kg	87p	200p	£150.00
80-100kg	158p	210p	£173.60
101+kg	115p	180p	£205.80
Sows	100p	100p	£310.00

47 Store & Weaner Pigs - Best at £25 to £35 topping at £50 for 31kgs pigs. Little demand for coloured sorts at £15 to £20.

Wishing all clients a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the pig section.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 15 January 2024

Monday 5 & 19 February 10.30am

Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs

All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

166 WEANLINGS

Auctioneer : Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

What a difference a fortnight makes with half the stock and nearly double the trade! The sale was dominated by younger 3 to 5 month old types which all looked extremely well sold, we just could have done with more steers and bulls as heifers were in huge supply today. This brings the end to the weanling sales for 2023 where we have sold just over 8,000 head. Thank you to all buyers and sellers for their support of this growing section.

We look forward to seeing you on 15th January 2024 for our next sale.

Starting with the bulls which were a fantastic trade for all well grown types. Top spot going to 9 month Charolais at £825 for Mr J. Foxley, Stafford. Suckler bred Angus from Mr M. Hodgkins, Seighford made £680 and 6 month Blues to £580 from Mr P. Wakeling, Chester. Best bulls £500 plus, medium bulls or cross bred types £350 to £450.

In the steers we had a cracking trade for all grades, leading the way were Newbold Partners who sold their 9 month Bazadaise for £690. Next up saw 8 month Herefords from Mr M. Groom, Croxton at £630. Smart 3 month Blues from JR Drinkall Ltd sold for £500. Best types £500 plus, mediums £400 to £500.

All heifers a super trade, with strength being the order of the day. Top call was £720 for Angus heifers from Benbow Bros, Market Drayton. Next were 7 month Angus heifers from Mr M. Hodgkins at £670 and 7 month Charolais at £565 from Mr R. Foxley. Pick of the younger types was 4 month Blues from at £455 from the K.R. Britton & Son. Best heifers £500 plus, mediums £400 plus.

Please note there is NO SALE on Monday 1 January 2024. The next sale is on Monday 15 January 2024. Get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance!

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2023

60 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Seasonal number to close 2023 and the trade full of Christmas Cheer!! Half as many buyers but boy did they want some cattle to close the year! I think the auctioneer did not quite call it right on the day but seasonal spirit prevailed and business concluded.

A huge vote of thanks to all our vendors, buyers, hauliers and staff for making 2023 a fantastic year and seeing records broken.

On behalf of the directors may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas & Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 2024. Numbers will be wanted on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

20 Bulls - No superstars but who chanced the day certainly reaped the rewards with commercial bulls to 275p (£1,584.00) for Angus from ED.&J. Morris & Sons, Llangedwyn. Mr Pete Moseley & Family, Allstock saw 270p (£1,890.00) for a Charolais and R. Foxley & Sons, Offley Brook also 270p (£1,414.80). The section average returned at 252p (£1,406.95).

26 Steers - A cracking trade throughout seeing Angus to 299p (£1,734.20) from distant travellers Mr Simon Beamond, Caersws and 287p (£1,825.32), 279p (£1,735.38) etc. Mr David Mounfield, Shrays Lane sold Limousins to 290p (£1,392.00) to mention a few. The section average returned at 266p (£1,646.58).

14 Heifers - Humble number forward but demand totally outstripping supply. Mr David Mounfield, Shrays Lane sold Shorthorns to 296p (£1,527.36) and Mr Bob Yeomans, New Street Lane Simmental to 277p (£1,689.70) to mention a few. The section average returned at 258p (£1,559.72).

67 DAIRY CATTLE

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

FRESH HEIFERS TO £2,350 – FRESH COWS TO £2,300

A very pleasing end to the year with a very level trade for The Farmart Magazine sponsored December Monthly Show and Sale supported by the Western Holstein Club and judged by Gareth Hunt.

The top priced pedigree heifer ROWARTON AP-LEJAX LADY at £2,550 was one of three from GJ Sutton, Congleton with others at £2,280 and £2,200 to average £2,343.

C Whitticase & Son, St Martins sold heifers from their GLANMARTON herd to £2,480 and £2,300.

Cows sold to £2,300 for the first prize pedigree cow the second calver DALEBANK MARIO BREEZE from David Rees Farms, Nantwich.

LF Horton & Sons, Northwich sold their heifer HEATHLEIGH APPS GENEROUS for £2,400 and their fourth calver HEATHLEIGH EQUINOX PRESENT 2 for £2,300.

RA & JE Williams, Hay-on-Wye sold heifers to £2,300 including the Champion. DI Ball & Son, Sandbach £2,220. Skinner Bros, Melton Mowbray £2,200.

Over half of the heifers sold over £2,000.

Montbeliardes sold to £1,900 for a second calver and Brown Swiss to £1,780 for a second calver.

There is no dairy sale between Christmas and the New Year, the next sale will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

On behalf of all of the Drayton Dairy Team, thank you for your support during 2023 and we look forward to your continuing support in 2024.

A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Averages:

Fresh Heifers £2,350 Heifer Average £2,163
Fresh Cows £2,450 24 Dairies Over £2,000

Market Drayton Dairy Sales

SHOW AND SALE

Supported by
The Western Holstein Club

31 JANUARY 2024

SHOW 9AM
SALE 10.30PM

For more details, please speak to
Gwilym, Jason or Jonty

  



Market Drayton Dairy Sales

DAIRY YOUNGSTOCK SALE

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024

SALE AT 10.45AM

For more details, please speak to
Jason or Jonty

  



45 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Stores sold on a brisk trade topping out at £1,600 for 556kgs from W.A. Dudleston & Sons, Ford.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,230.00	492kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
British Blue	£1,100.00	442kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
British Blue	£470.00	231kg	Mr Joseph Williams
Angus	£1,060.00	428kg	C.G. Massey & Sons
Angus	£905.00	412kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Charolais	£470.00	231kg	Joseph W. Williams
Limousin	£1,600.00	556kg	WA.Dudleston&Sons
Limousin	£1,200.00	400kg	WA.Dudleston&Sons
Limousin	£1,120.00	434kg	WA.Dudleston&Sons
Limousin	£485.00	253kg	Joseph W. Williams

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,270.00	516kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
British Blue	£1,020.00	448kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
British Blue	£890.00	401kg	Mr Geraint Evans
British Blue	£605.00	262kg	Mr N.G. Simpkin
Angus	£1,160.00	491kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Angus	£1,160.00	522kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
Angus	£1,080.00	442kg	C.G. Massey&Sons
Hereford	£1,220.00	568kg	Mr Eric A. Derry
Limousin	£1,230.00	490kg	WA.Dudleston&Sons
Limousin	£1,160.00	421kg	Mr A. Whitfield
Limousin	£1,000.00	418kg	WA.Dudleston&Sons
Limousin	£790.00	349kg	Mr N.G. Simpkin

2,129 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Lambs sold to a much faster trade to return an overall market average of a very pleasing 282p.

Lights sold to 288p for 32 kilos to realise £92.16 from W.H. Edwards & Co, Corwen.

Standards hit 333p for 37.7kgs to generate £125.54 for M. & L. Gibson, Batherton. Others as follows :- £123.01 (36.5kgs) Mr G.A. Radmore, £121.91 (38.7kgs) M. & L. Gibson and £117.66 (37kgs) D.J. & P. Smith to mention a few.

Mediums raced away to 330p for 42.4kgs to gross £139.92 for D.G. Weston, Hilderstone. Top headage was £141.80 for 43.1kgs for Mr E.R. Roberts. Other notable prices :- £139.95 (45kgs) Mr G.A. Radmore, £139.50 (45kgs) M. & L. Gibson, £139.50 (45kgs) A. Mitchell & Son and £136.08 (42kgs) Mr J.E. Rogers.

Heavies hit 330p for 47.4kgs to generate £156.42 for Mr J.E. Rogers, Hall Lane. Top price in the lump was £182.00 for 70kgs from DA.&TJ. Pyke, Calverhall. A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

We are OPEN for SHEEP ONLY on Wednesday 27 December - all enquires to Mark 07813 625787.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	301	309p
Prime	1,487	283p
Other	341	234p

Lambs Graded :- Lights to 296p (£92.16) average 258p (£76.06). Standards to 337p (£125.54) average 278p (£101.08). Mediums to 330p (£141.08) average 289p (£122.08). Heavies to 330p (£182.00) average 283p (£136.15).

448 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold to an improved trade topping at £200 for Texel ewes from Mr Eamonn Vaughan, Springwood and Rams to £119.00 for a Texel ram from J.H. Hockenhull & Son, Baddiley.

Light ewes traded from £30 to £48, plain ewes £50 to £70, cutting ewes £75 to £95 and heavy ewes £100 to £120. An overall average was returned at £98.43.

34 STORE LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Store lambs sold to a top price of £80.00 for Mr E. Richards, Pool Lane. The overall average was returned at £62.97.

511 REARING CALVES

Auctioneer's : Ben Baggott (07791 791356) & Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

What a way to finish off 2023, great numbers and an excellent trade! Over 33,000 calves have been sold this year, thank you very much indeed to all buyers, sellers and staff. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will see you on Wednesday 3 January 2024 for our next calf sale.

You never quite know how the trade will be this close to Christmas... but it's fair to say that we may have had the trade of the year for the second quality/mediums! A packed ringside with 64 successful purchasers leading to a very fast trade indeed.

A super trade in the Friesians which felt even better with two regular buyers missing. Top call going to Mr J.W. Wright, Mere at £172. Best £120 plus, mediums £60 to £110, smalls £30 to £50.

The native bulls have been on fire with best and mediums excellent to sell. Top spot went to F.C. Price & Sons of Hereford at £302. Best types £190 to £240, mediums at £140 to £180. Smallsm at £50 to £120.

The Continental bulls have been a pleasure to sell with oceans of quality making it easy for our buyers to get stuck in. £385 was the top price for both F.&R. Brassington's Charolais and CD.&SE. Malkins Blue. Best at £280 to £350, mediums at £200 to £270, smalls at £120 to £180.

The native heifers saw lots of demand for best and mediums topping at £230 for a Hereford from Mr M.P. Mason, Wolverhampton. Best types £150 to £190, mediums at £70 to £140, smalls £30 to £50.

The Continental heifers have been the trade of the day with forty-one Blue heifers selling for over £240!! Top call was £320 for a Simmental from W.J Holdcroft, Sandbach. Best types £260 to £300, mediums £200 to £250, smalls £100 to £180. All calf enquiries to Ben or Jonty.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN

(40 - AV.£66.98)

£172 Mr J.W. Wright

£158 Mr J.W. Wright

SHORTHORN

(3 - AV.£151.67)

£195 Walker & Hargreaves

£135 Walker & Hargreaves

HEREFORD

(21 - AV.£143.24)

£230 Mr M.P. Mason

£228 SB.&JA. Vaughan

BRITISH BLUE

(101 - AV.£239.83)

£385 CD.&SE.Malkin

£382 Walker&Hargreaves

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(102 - AV.£127.40)

£302 F.C. Price & Sons

£265 Mr J.W. Wright

MONTBELIARDE

(4 - AV. £45.75)

£110 Martin Partners

£28 Martin Partners

CHAROLAIS

(7 - AV.£243.86)

£385 F. & R. Brassington

£280 B.J. Mould Ltd

LIMOUSIN

(5 - AV.£258.60)

£370 Mr G.B. Warner

£365 Mr G.B. Warner

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE

(82 - AV.£221.87)

£300 Fitton Farms Ltd

£300 GA.Hargreaves&Sons

HEREFORD

(23 - AV.£129.70)

£230 Mr M.P. Mason

£200 Mr M.P. Mason

SIMMENTAL

(12 - AV.£234.83)

£320 Mr W.J. Holdcroft

£290 Mr F. Whittaker

BLONDE A'QUITAINE x 1

SIMMENTAL

(11 - AV.£260.91)

£335 Mr W.J. Holdcroft

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WELSH x 1

£228 GA.Hargreaves&

Sons

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(89 - AV.£78.47)

£210 W&P. Benbow&Sons

£205 Fitton Farms Ltd

CHAROLAIS

(3 - AV.£280.00)

£310 CE&GS.Witter&Sons

£265 B.J. Mould Ltd

LIMOUSIN

(5 - AV.£218.60)

£285 Mr G.B. Warner

£258 Mr G.B. Warner

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£125 Mr J.W. Trott

MARKET DRAYTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

GREEN MARKET – EVERY WEDNESDAY

FAT STOCK, STORE STOCK, DAIRIES & CALVES

450 to 750 Calves 8.30am - Auctioneers Ben Baggott & Jonty Cliffe

1,500 to 3,000 Lambs, Cull Ewes & Store Sheep 9.00am - Auctioneer Mark Jones

50 to 80 Dairy Cattle 10.30am - Gwilym Richards & Jason Brown

120 to 250 Bulls & Clean Cattle 11am - Auctioneer Bernie Hutchinson

120 to 250 Store Cattle at 12.30pm - Auctioneer Ben Baggott.

DEDICATED BARREN COW & OTM SALES

Every Monday Evening at 4.30pm

Monday 15 & 22 & 29 January GREEN Market

Monday 8 January / 12 February / 11 March RED Market

10 to 15 Buyers In Attendance

All Grades, Weights & Nationality of Cattle Required

Young Feeding Cows Required on Green Markets.

Winter Housing Available

Feed and Bedding Included Up to 100 Cattle
Whitchurch Area/ Call - 07518 855642.

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Our office will be closed from
5pm on Friday 22nd December
and will be re-open on
Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Whilst the team will be enjoying a well deserved break,
the phone lines will still be monitored during this time.

