



**MARKET DRAYTON  
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Market Drayton Market  
report the following trade:

**THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2024  
267 HEAD ORANGE MARKET**

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

**235 Calves** - What a trade!!!! Another two hundred plus calves could have been sold easily! Best continental bulls £300 plus topping at £440, £425, £420 etc, etc. Best Angus bulls £200 to £250 topping at £260. No fear at an 'orange sale'.

Bulls	Top	Av.	Heifers	Top	Av.
Friesian	£220	£96	BB	£425	£175
British Blue	£440	£210	AA	£280	£104
Angus	£260	£161	Long	£95	
Longhorn	£240	£101	HFD	£145	£112
Hereford	£185	£124	Simm	£140	£88
Simmental	£125		Lim	£230	£138
Charolais	£82				
Limousin	£225	£161			

**3 Weanlings** - A very small entry topping at £390 for four month old Friesian steers.

**29 Stores** - Again a short entry with one load unable to attend. Best cattle in short supply at £1,200 to £1,400 with more farming types on offer at £600 to £700 looking well sold.

Aberdeen Angus	Steer	£1,400	590kgs
Friesian	Heifer	£700	350kgs
Aberdeen Angus	Heifer	£1,230	580kgs
Aberdeen Angus	Heifer	£1,200	508kgs
Aberdeen Angus	Heifer	£670	355kgs

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**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024  
130 DAIRY CATTLE NORTON COURT  
FARM HERD DISPERSAL SALE**

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

**GLOUCESTER HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS  
PEAK AT 2.350GNS**

The dispersal sale of the all year round calving milking portion and very close calving heifers of the commercial herd of mixed dairy breeds on behalf of the Smith Family from Norton, Gloucester took place at Market Drayton Market for convenience.

The top price of £2,100 was for a Holstein Friesian second calver which had calved in early October and was purchased by a Cheshire buyer.

A Holstein Friesian second calver which had been calved a fortnight sold for £2,020 to a Staffordshire buyer.

Another Staffordshire buyer purchased a June calved Holstein Friesian third calver back in calf for £2,000.

**Averages:**

123 milking cows and heifers £1,347 (inc. faults)  
7 in-calf heifers £1,333

**CHRISTMAS OPENING 2024**

**OPEN Monday 23 December - BARREN SALE 3.30PM.**

**Wednesday 25 December - CLOSED**

**Monday 30 December - CLOSED**

**OPEN Wednesday 1st January - CALVES 10am  
& SHEEP 10am.**

**BACK TO NORMAL WEEK COMMENCING  
MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025 !!!**



**MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2024  
145 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS &  
OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market)**

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Cows sold on an absolutely flying trade from start-to-finish on all weights and grades. Top accolades were 219p for dairies, 272p for sucklers 248p for clean and 258p for bulls. An overall market average was returned at a staggering 191p!!.

**98 Dairies** - A real mix on offer with some meated cows commanding a premium as ever with leaner plainer sorts looking very well sold. The best sold to 219p for a Friesian cow weighing 600 kilos to gross £1,314.00 for Hungersheath Farm Ltd, Ashley. Top price in the lump was £1,759.50 for a Friesian cow weighing 850kgs from A.A. Winstanley & Partners, Highfields. Other highlight prices as follows:- £1,713.04 Friesian 874kgs Lees Dairy Farms, £1,634.88 Friesian 786kgs Mr P.S. Hemmings, £1,583.60 Friesian 856kgs A.A. Winstanley & Partners, £1,575.28 Friesian 812kgs A.A. Winstanley & Partners, £1,534.08 Friesian 816kgs P. & M. Timmis and £1,507.22 Friesian 806kgs Sillito & Gill Farming to mention a few. Meated cows traded from 180p to 210p, steakers 155p to 175p, heavy plain 130p to 150p and thereafter 105p to 125p. An overall section average was returned at 172p or £1,085.91.

**29 Sucklers** - Not enough forward for the level of demand saw the best race away to 272p for a Charolais cow weighing 672kgs from Mr G.M. Jones, Cwmtirmynach. Top headage was £2,254.00 for a Charolais weighing 920kgs from Brindley Farms Ltd, Kingswood. Also breaking the £2,000 barrier was Mr A. Sayer, Hilderstone with his Limousin cow weighing 820kgs selling to 253p to realise £2,074.60. Feeding sorts also look well sold trading between 200p to 230p. The section average was 224p or £1,504.48.

**6 Bulls** - The best sold to 258p for a British Blue bull weighing 1006kgs to return £2,595.48 for Neuadd Goch Ltd, Adfa. Under age bulls topped at 243p for a Friesian bull weighing 614kgs to realise £1,492.07 for RJB Farming Ltd, Marbury. The section average returned at 229p or £1,608.12.

**12 Clean** - Dominated with Friesian heifers saw the best hitting 248p for a Friesian weighing 624kgs to accumulate £1,547.52. The section average was returned at 220p or £1,110.24.

**We are open on Monday 23 December for barren cows. To book in cows contact Bernie on 07778 164274 - Merry Christmas.**

**- RED MARKETS -**

**Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of  
Every Month ... Monday 13 January/10 February,  
3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted hold-  
ings with a movement licence from Animal Health.**

**193 DAIRY CATTLE**  
**ASHWOOD FARM HERD DISPERSAL SALE**  
Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards (07768 020393) &  
Jason Brown (07774 816384)

**GRAZING DAIRIES SELL TO £1,650**

The dispersal sale of primarily the milking portion of the commercial herd of grazing dairy cattle on behalf of the Allen Family from Ash Parva, Whitchurch took place at Market Drayton Market for convenience.

The top price was £1,650 for a close calving fifth calver purchased by a Cheshire buyer, the same buyer purchased another January calving fifth calver at £1,620.

A January calving fourth calver sold for £1,500 to a Shropshire buyer.

The sale attracted a good crowd of buyers including a strong South West Wales presence.

**Averages:**

127 milking cows and heifers £901 (inc. faults)

46 in-calf heifers £557

20 maiden heifers £454

**101 PIGS**

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

**72 Fat & Cull Cows** - Only a single sow on offer today trading at 80p. Fat pigs very hard to sell today except for the very best. Best gilts 150p to 200p topping at 220p. Some pigs not meeting vendors expectations today with others trading from 40p to 100p not looking very dear at all.

	Av.	Top	Top
60-79kgs	120p	220p	£164.27
80-100kgs	116p	190p	£165.60
101kgs	94p	150p	£118.50

**29 Weaners** - Just three pens today with 20 lovely weaners from Mr Nick Read, Lower Wych changing hands at £60 (18kgs).

Thank you to everyone over the past twelve months for their support. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

**- NEXT PIG MARKETS -**

**Monday 6 & 20 January/3 & 17 February 10.30am**

**Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs**

**All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.**

**192 WEANLINGS**

Auctioneer: Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

A small show of weanlings and there just wasn't enough to go around! Which has led to a phenomenal trade! Confidence is certainly high with buyers bidding hard to secure a batch. All makes and models in demand as another hundred could have been sold today.

A decent number of bulls on offer with good demand for all grades. Top spot went to a 7mo Charolais at £875 from R. Foxley & Sons, Stafford. Next were 6 month Blues at £810 from CP.&SL. Sutton, Burleydam. Best of the younger types saw 4mo Limousins at £520 from R.&K. Jones, Chirbury.

The steers have been on fire with the youngest looking the dearest! Top call going to 9mo Blues from Mr Ian Cook, Biddulph at £870. Next up were 6-7 month suckler bred Angus which sold to £810 from E.G. Dyke & Son, Stafford. The younger types saw 5 month Blues to £700 for Mr J Redfern, Tamworth and 4 mo Blues at £650 from D.&J. King, Wrenbury and 5 month Angus at £630 from Mr M. Latham, Derby.

The heifers wouldn't have as much quality on offer as the steers but growing types were on fire. Top spot went to Angus from E.G. Dyke & Son at £790 and 8 month Herefords at £650 from RW Harper & Partners, Burland. Topping the younger end were 4 month Blues at £600 from Rooms Farm Ltd, Adderley and 4 month Limousins at £515 for R&K Jones, Chirbury.

Thank you to all buyers and sellers for their support of the weanling section in 2024. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025 with our first sale being on Monday 6 January 2025! Please get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance!

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**WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024**

**119 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS**

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Seasonal entry forward selling on a very festive fuelled trade, with Christmas cheer abundant for clean and bulls on the day. The only real disappointment would be the need for more cattle with several firms unable to start and new buying presence ringside! Huge vote of thanks to all our vendors and buyers for their continued support throughout 2024 and lets hope this level of trade is the norm for 2025. Health and happiness to you all!!

Leading lights shone brightly to 362p or £2,849.60 for bulls, 350p or £2,284.04 for steers and 346p or £2,009.40 for heifers. The overall market average was returned at 280p.

**51 Bulls** - An extremely mixed entry forward with the good, bad and ugly well represented on the day. Trade extremely brisk and many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. Sucklers raced away to 362p (£1,867.92) for a Limousin from Mr Ian Morris & Family, Stottesdon and further bulls to 348p (£1,746.96), 324p (£1,678.32) etc. Mr Pete Moseley & Family, Allstock bulls sold to 344p (£2,215.36), 328p (£2,473.12), 324p (£2,345.76) and 319p (£2,328.70). Natives sold to 308p (£1,570.80) for Angus from Mr David Benbow, Eccleshall and Mr Steve Greenhill, Congleton Angus grossed £1,909.30 to mention a few. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 282p (£1,934.52) from Mr Dave Holt & Family, Middlewich. The section average returned at 280p (£1,648.08).

**23 Steers** - Humble number forward and a fantastic trade to end the year with a top price of 350p (£1,967.00) for Blue from Mr Brian Owen, Market Drayton and further Limousin to 338p (£1,960.40). In the lump Mr Nev Evans & Family, Halfway House trio of Continentals returned at £2,284.04, £2,076.68 and £2,056.16. Natives sold to 297p (£1,764.18) for Hereford from Mr Mark Gardiner, Draycott-In-The-Clay. The section average returned at 280p (£1,873.29).

**51 Heifers** - Real mixed entry with something for everyone and everyone for something!! Trade peaked at 346p (£1,923.76) for Limousin from Mr Jonny Warner & Family, Stoke Heath and further heifer to 338p (£1,757.60). In the lump Mr Ian Dutton & Family, Styche Angus returned £2,009.40. Natives reached 311p (£1,810.02) for Angus from Mr Rob Nicholls & Family, Dayhills. The section average returned at 290p (£1,620.27).

## 119 DAIRY CATTLE

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

**£3,330 TOP – 6 OVER £3,000 –  
ALL MILKERS AVERAGE £2,167**

The Christmas Show and Sale supported by the Western Holstein Club was sponsored by Gro-Agri and judged by Rob Ward.

£3,330 was the top price for the pedigree heifer Lachstone Sentiment B Issy from Lachstone Farms, Northwich. The first prize pedigree heifer Lachstone Mecca V Penquin sold for £3,300. Lachstone Farms sold others at £3,300, £3,100, £3,000, £2,850 and £2,820 averaging £3,031 for all 8.

RJ Rees, Brecon sold a pedigree heifer for £3,320.

Commercial heifers sold to £2,800 from HS & A Callwood, Knutsford.

Pedigree cows from LF Horton & Sons, Northwich to £2,820 (second calver) and £2,800 (third calver).

The champion and first prize pedigree cow Bannistree Veralin 141 from D & E Monk, Ormskirk sold for £2,450.

Commercial cows sold to £2,600 for a second calver from N Stubbs, Stone.

The dispersal of the British Friesian herd for NW Williams, Usk sold to £1,700 for a 4<sup>th</sup> calver.

In-calf Heifers to £1,680. Maiden Heifers to £700.

Heifer Calves to £150. Beef Breeding Bulls to £1,950 (Aberdeen Angus 50 months).

42 cattle sold over £2,000 in all.

### Averages:

46 Fresh Heifers (all in) £2,188.

17 Fresh Cows (all in) £2,113.

The MDM Dairy Team wishes to thank all the vendors, purchasers, sponsors and staff for their support during 2024 and wish all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2025. The next weekly dairy sale will be on Wednesday 8 January 2025.

**The Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by the  
Western Holstein Club will be on Wednesday  
29 January 2025.**

## 132 STORE CATTLE

**Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)**

Great sale for the last sale of 2024 and what a year it has been. Many thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Top draw yarding cattle selling at £1,250 to £1,500 topping at £1,780 for a Charolais from Mr Malcom Davies, Betley. Best cattle regularly 270p to 280p/kg with those better warmer cattle heading up to and over 300p/kg. Native heifers finding new homes at £1,300 plus for the best topping at £1,395 for Angus heifer from Mr Joel Redfern, Yarlet.

Younger cattle very well bid for and trading £900 to £1,000 for shapely sorts topping at £1,060 for Blues again from Mr Joel Redfern. Plenty of trade around £750 to £850 for almost most things.

Steers Averaged £1,283 or 269p

Heifers Averaged £1,137 or 244p

Next sale is Wednesday 8 January - Plenty of demand for cattle - all store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

### Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,240.00	497kg	Mr James Bennion
Blonde	£1,500.00	536kg	JE&JM. Salmon
British Blue	£1,615.00	580kg	E.R.Goodwin&Sons

British Blue	£1,495.00	543kg	E.R.Goodwin&Sons
British Blue	£1,430.00	472kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
British Blue	£1,050.00	364kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
British Blue	£890.00	402kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
Angus	£1,655.00	550kg	Winnington Dairy Fms
Angus	£1,350.00	484kg	IG.&TM. Beckett
Angus	£1,190.00	484kg	Mr J.W. Spedding
Angus	£960.00	357kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
Devon	£1,340.00	472kg	Beaman Saddlery Ltd
Hereford	£1,390.00	530kg	Mr Joseph Gittus
Hereford	£1,350.00	576kg	Mr Joseph Gittus
Hereford	£1,250.00	435kg	Mr N.J. Mountford
Charolais	£1,780.00	620kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Simmental	£1,430.00	542kg	JE&JM. Salmon
Simmental	£1,225.00	486kg	Mr J.W. Spedding
Simmental	£1,195.00	476kg	Mr J.W. Spedding
Limousin	£1,500.00	542kg	JE&JM. Salmon
Limousin	£1,120.00	452kg	Mr T.E. Ralphs

### Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,475.00	554kg	R.J. Hall & Sons
British Blue	£1,420.00	528kg	E.R. Goodwin&Sons
British Blue	£1,060.00	390kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
British Blue	£1,000.00	372kg	PE.&JM. Cawser
Angus	£1,395.00	484kg	Mr J.R. Redfern
Angus	£1,325.00	478kg	IG.&TM. Beckett
Nor Red	£1,380.00	618kg	AG.&H.Barnett&Son
Hereford	£1,325.00	478kg	IG.& TM. Beckett
Hereford	£1,240.00	472kg	Mr N.J. Mountford
Hereford	£1,200.00	568kg	Mr Joseph Gittus

## 2,005 PRIME LAMBS

**Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)**

Lambs sold to a flying trade throughout. A total clearance was reported and an overall market average was returned at 310p.

Lights sold to 311p for 28.7kgs to return £89.26 for JC.& WA. Davies, Llangedwyn. Top price in the lump was £97.60 for 32kgs from Mr J. Richards, Newport.

Standards hit 338p for 38.8kgs to accumulate £131.14 for Jeanette Fox, Mill Lane. Top headage was £131.43 for 39kgs from B. Lawton & Son, Weston Jones.

Mediums raced away to 351p for 44kgs to gross £154.44 for B. Lawton & Son, Weston Jones. Other notable prices were as follows:- £153.91 (45.4kgs) B. Lawton & Son, £149.60 (44kgs) B. Lawton & Son, £148.79 (45.5kgs) Messrs H.F. Jones, £147.29 (44.1kgs) F. Weston & Son, £146.85 (44.5kgs) Mr I.C. Evans, £146.73 (44.6kgs) Mr D. Shenton, £146.25 (45kgs) Mr M. Hill to mention a few.

Heavies peaked at 350p for 48.5kgs to generate £169.75 from Messrs H.F. Jones, Nantmawr. Top price in the lump was £190.80 for 60kgs from WL. &JA. Forrester, Colehurst. The vast majority of heavies traded from 305p to 320p or £145 to £165.

Thanking everyone for their support throughout 2024 and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **WE ARE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY FOR SHEEP AT 10AM** - if you have sheep to sell please contact Mark 07813 625787 - thank you.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	199	327p
Prime	1584	308p
Other	222	256p

**Lambs Graded :-** Lights 311p (£97.60) average 287p (£84.093). Standards 338p (£131.43) average 306p (£111.21). Mediums 351p (£154.44) average 316p (£133.79). Heavies 350p (£190.80) average 310p (£152.96).

## 264 BUTCHERS EWES

**Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)**

Ewes sold on an absolutely flying trade with the best to £210 for Texel X ewes from PA.&C. Stirk, Biddulph Park. Rams to £212 for Texels from Mr P. Darlington, Moss Lane. Light ewes sold from £60 to £80, plain ewes £85 to £105, cutting ewes £110 to £130 and heavy ewes sold £135 to £160. An overall average was returned at a staggering £134.53!

## 72 STORE SHEEP

**Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)**

Store lambs sold to £80 for long term lambs from Mr Richard Ward, Spoonley. An overall market average was returned at £62.49.

## 696 REARING CALVES

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

It was the week before Christmas, when many travelled to Drayton to do business! A record entry we had, and a super trade we were glad! That's it with the carols but wow...what an entry!! 696 calves the week before Christmas... and 67 buyers who all came in hope of a bargain or two, but there has been no let up in the trade. Unsurprisingly, the entry was dominated by younger calves, and vendors will think Christmas has come early with the fantastic prices achieved. **We are open New Years Day with the sale starting at 10am!** But please inform Jonty of all new years day entries in advance so that we can inform buyers. Wishing all of our calf section customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Onto the section round up with the Friesians continuing to be sky high. Top price of £232 from D.&J. Moseley Ltd, Stoke-on-Trent. Best bulls £160 to £220, mediums £100 to £150, smalls £50 to £90.

The native bulls have been off the clock for the third week running. Top spot was £390 for an Angus from Mr S.R. Nash, Stoke-on-Trent. Best types £290 to £330, mediums £240 to £280. Smalls £170 to £230.

The Continental bulls have been a very good trade with plenty of demand for all grades with the best up a gear. Top spot was £470 for a Limousin from Mr R.G. Swain, Market Drayton. Best at £330 to £400, mediums £240 to £300, smalls at £150 to £220. An extraordinary trade for the native heifers with all grades through the roof! 111 Angus heifers averaged £206!! The smaller they were the dearer they were. Top spot was an Angus at £330 from Mr B.E. Worth, Northwich. Best types at £230 to £270, mediums at £160 to £210, smalls £60 to £130.

The Continental heifers have been a strong trade and up a gear on the week with plenty of demand for smalls and mediums. Top price was £435 from S.&M. Huxley & Son, Talke. Best types £260 to £340, mediums £200 to £250, smalls £140 to £190.

A super entry of 60 weanlings ranging from 8 to 16 weeks which topped at £560 for a Charolais from Mr V. McNaugher, Audlem and £550 for a Simmental from Mr M. Bailey, Biddulph Moor. All calf enquiries to Ben or Jonty.

## BULL CALVES

**FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN**

(36 - AV.£130.43)

£235 P. & R. Robinson

£232 D. & J. Moseley Ltd

**ABERDEEN ANGUS**

(102 - AV.£237.53)

£390 Mr S.R. Nash

£380 Mr S.R. Nash

**BRITISH BLUE**

(135 - AV.£260.92)

£452 Fitton Farms Ltd

£450GA.Hargreaves&Sons

**WELSH**

(2 - AV.£265.00)

£305GA.Hargreaves&Sons

£225 Walker&Hargreaves

**SWEDISH RED**

(3 - AV.£161.67)

£190 Halton Farms Ltd

£175 Walker & Hargreaves

**CHAROLAIS**

(10 - AV.£363.50)

£405 Mr M. Kulik

£365 D&HE.Colclough&Son

**LIMOUSIN**

(11 - AV.£246.87)

£470 Mr R.G. Swain

£405 Mr V. McNaugher

CONT x 1 £70 J.B. Williams & Partners

## HEIFER CALVES

**BRITISH BLUE**

(120 - AV.£221.79)

£365 Fitton Farms Ltd

£365 Marsh Farms

**HEREFORD**

(41 - AV.£176.80)

£280 Mr J.E. Oulton

£255 Mr M.P. Mason

**SIMMENTAL**

(20 - AV.£247.90)

£330 L.E. Weston & Sons

£315 F. & R. Brassington

WELSH x 1 S.J. Walker & J. Hargreaves

## WEANLING SALE

**MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025**

**Early entries include :-**

**60 x British Blues (3-6 months)**

**12 x British Blues (4-5 months)**

**5 x Hereford & Angus (3-4 months)**

**Entries and enquiries to Jonty or Ben**

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**CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**  
**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM**  
**5:30PM ON MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER**  
**AND WILL BE RE-OPEN ON**  
**THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025**

Whilst our team are having a well deserved break the phones lines will still be monitored