

MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Market Report The Following Trade:





MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025 126 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market) Auctioneer: Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Just simply not enough cattle forward for the level of trade with all cattle well exceeding expectations. An overall market average was returned at an incredible 256p.

94 Dairies - The best sold to 328p for a Friesian weighing 730kgs to gross £2,394.40 for R.&R. Vernon & Sons, Burleydam. Top headage was £2,474.20 for a Friesian cow weighing 890kgs from JA.&HE. Lutner, Wood Lane. Other highlight prices as follows:- £2,330.18 Friesian (886kgs) Seaton Farms, £2,180.40 Friesian (790kgs) H.&J. Smith & Sons, £2,167.70 Friesian (818kgs) D.W. Lea & Sons, £2,133.46 Friesian (686kgs) Edge Farming and £2,080.04 (698kgs) DN.&JG. Price to mention a few. Meated cows traded from 260p to 290p, steakers 240p to 255p, heavy plain 210p to 235p and thereafter 190p to 205p. An overall average for the section was returned at 248p or £1,536.22.

22 Sucklers - A lot more could have been sold with the top slot hitting 340p for a Limousin cow weighing 714kgs to realise £2,427.60 for EO.&VJ. Roberts, Llanfihangel. Coming closely behind was a Simmental cow weighing 716kgs selling to 307p to gross £2,198.12 for Mr G.P. Acreman, Dunston. Grazing sorts often trading between 260p and 290p. An overall section averaged returned at 273p or £1,707.39.

4 Bulls - The best raced away to 396p for a underage British Blue bull weighing 712kgs to accumulate £2,819.52 for Mr A. Bennett, New Mills. Top price in the lump was £3,087.28 for an Angus bull weighing 1036kgs for Moreton Wood Farm, Calverhall. The section average returned at 313p or £2,935.46.

6 Clean - Top price was 384p for an Angus heifer weighing 694kgs to generate £2,664.96 for PM.&SM. Tushingham, Clotton who also achieved £3,137.60 for an Angus weighing 874kgs. The section average was returned at 312p or £1,872.24.

- RED MARKETS -

Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 14 April/12 May, 3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.

122 PIGS

Auctioneer: Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

5 Cull Cows - A very short entry and twenty plus could have easily been sold. No sows under 92p and topping at 108p/kg twice from JF.&SD. Ball, Stoke Heath.

75 Fat Pigs - A basic stand on trade to previous weeks. Best a joy to sell with second quality holding their own but setting no records. Best gilts 200p/kg plus topping at 280p/kg from Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury

Mortimer.

Av.Top60-79kgs127p135p£117.8780-100kgs159p280p£273.00101kgs136p155p£163.27Sows99p108p£293.76

42 Weaner Pigs - More resistance this sale with best weaners trading £35 to £45 topping at £50 for two pens from Mr Nick Read, Lower Wych.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 7 & 21 April / 5 & 19 May 10.30am Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

478 WEANLINGS

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

Another fantastic entry of weanlings and a cracking trade from start to finish. Trade of the day went to the 6-10 month old cattle which were in high demand. The buy of the day were the 3-5 month types which although they were well sold they weren't any dearer than previous sales – which was expected with the increase in calf prices.

Trade through the roof for strong bulls with top spot going to a 9mo Inra 95 bull from R. Foxley & Sons, Offley Brook at £1,100 followed by 8 month Limousins at £1,080 from Mr M. Narloch, Whitchurch.

The steers topped at call going to £1070 for 10 month Angus from Mr S.B. Ellsmoor, Woore followed by £1,060 for 8 month Charolais from R. Foxley & Sons, Offley Brook. An excellent run of cattle from Mr A. Mitchell, Knutsford saw 6 month Blues sell to £1,000.

The heifers were the dearest on the day especially the natives, with top price going to £1,180 for an 9 month Charolais from Mr C.P. Wardle, Sandbach followed by £1,070 for Angus heifers from Mr T. Sharratt, Pool Quay. A nice packet of 6-7 month Blues at £880 from AJ.&MR. Hughes, Whitchurch.

These weanlings are in high demand so get them tested ready for our next sale on Monday 7th April. Please get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance!

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WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025 172 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer: Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Sorry to sound repetitive but "WOW" what another flying trade and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage!! A huge vote of thanks to all our supporters both locally and nationally on both the buyer and seller front. Only really one grumble today and that would be from the buyers

requiring more cattle and particularly bulls - please can you help next week?!?

An amazing trade highlighted with prices to 461p or £3,385.20 for bulls, 438p or £3,041.02 for heifers and 430p or £3,231.58 for steers. The overall market average returned at 375p or £2,260.83.

Please remember the new order of sale, with tested cattle being sold first followed by non-tested and to conclude with the bulls.

37 Bulls - Demand totally outstripping supply resulting in an absolute blistering trade throughout for all weights, grades and breeds. Trade raced away to a very impressive 461p or £2,848.98 for a Limousin from "Spud" Stubbs, Coppenhall with the family close behind with their £1,628. The second sale to disperse this herd will take Limousins to 445p (£3,034.90), 434p (£3,385.20) and place next week which will include the March Show and 412p (£2,735.68). Paul & Christine Tippetts, Lodge Hill Sale. saw their Limousins to 449p (£2,819.72) and 440p (£2,772.00). Natives new record at 416p (£2,337.92) for a Hereford from Mr Graham Johnson, Dunston Heath and further Limousin to 401p (£2,381.94). saw black and whites to 355p or £2,868.40 from distant supports The Jones Family, Llanerfyl. The section average returned at 376p or £2,266.23.

53 Steers - Trade truly electric with weights certainly no barrier and demand throughout. Distant supporters The Price Family, Hereford took pole position with a Blue at 430p or £2,420.90 and Limousin to 418p (£2,783.88). Closer to home A.E. Barlow & Co, Hamstall Ridware sold Limousins to 409p (£2,985.70), 394p (£2,994.40), 388p (£2,700.48) and 383p (£2,428.22), The Siddorn Family, Tattenhall Blondes to 402p (£2,315.52) and 398p (£2,555.16). In the lump Mr Steve Simpkin, Almington saw his Limousin gross £3,231.58 and £2,916.86. Natives sold to 372p (£2,298.96) for Angus from Lee Gilbert, LG Farms Ltd, Market Drayton. The section average returned at 370p or £2,345.12.

82 Heifers - Strong trade throughout with the superstar quality returning at 438p or £2,654.28 for Limousin from The Binns Family, Stone Heath and further Limousins to 427p twice (£2,502.22 and £2,476.60), 423p (£2,428.02) and 404p (£2,399.76). Distant support The Price Family, Hereford saw their Limousins to 430p (£2,635.90) and 397p or a staggering £3,041.02. Again another traveller to Drayton Mr Gwyn Jones & Family Limousins to 427p (£2,544.92), 426p (£2,504.88), 425p (£2,371.50) etc. Closer to home Mr Jonny Warner & Family, Stoke Heath Limousins to 426p (£2,198.16), 422p (£2,481.36) and 414p (£2,343.24). Mr Emyr Roberts & Family, Llanfihangel Limousin to 425p (£1,963.50) etc and Mr Ian Manning & Family, Worthenbury Limousin to 416p £700 for five month old Angus steers. (£2,163.20). Natives sold to 374p (£1,944.80) from Mr weanling trade saw the majority of cattle selling between Mark Butler & Family, Light Oakes to mention a few. The £550 to £650 being three to five month old looking well section average returned at a very impressive 380p sold indeed. (£2,245.04).

Please keep the numbers coming to meet this Please ensure all cattle are flying demand. accompanied with a FILLED IN DECLARATION FORM signed & correct Farm Assurance details. Thank you.

66 DAIRY CATTLE

Auctioneers : Jason Brown (07774 816384) & Gwilym £1,000. Richards (07768 020393)

ANOTHER COMPLETE CLEARANCE OF ALL TYPES **WITH £3,000 TOP**

A very mixed bag with something to suit everyone but lacking top quality.

The best calved heifers sold to £3,000 for MW & JM Trevor-Jones, Oswestry, £2,800 DI Ball & Son, Sandbach, £2,680 HS & A Callwood, Knutsford, £2,650 OC Whittaker & Sons, Tabley, £2,600 RW Harper & Partners, Nantwich, £2,550 Mr N Stubbs, Hilderstone.

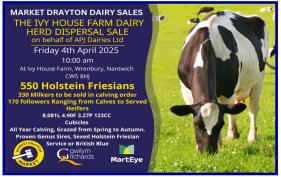
Mr N Stubbs also sold the top priced cows getting £2,620 for a third calver, £2,500 and £2,420 for second calvers and £2,300 for a fourth calver.

The trade of the day was for the first sale to disperse the Spring calving grazing crossbred herd for Mr IC Edwards, Whitchurch with second calvers to £2,120, £2,000 and £1,950. All 22 cows and heifers averaged

Served heifers sold to £1,500, bulling heifers to £1,280 and heifer calves to £200.

Heifers (all breeds inc faults) £2,120 Drayton specials Cows (all breeds inc faults) £1,997





364 STORE CATTLE Including 42 Weanlings Auctioneer: Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

A lift in numbers and yet again what a fantastic trade. 350 plus easily absorbed by our regular buyers.

A wonderful little entry of weanlings topped at A very fast

A small show of cows and calves topped at £1,300 and averaged £1,210. Great to see more bulls forward with the better end trading at £1,200 to £1,500 topping at £1,790. Friesian bulls topping at £960 and £900 (300kg approx). More bulls needed to meet demand.

A little offering of Friesian steers topped at £1,640 with best at £1,200 to £1,400 and farming sorts £850 to £1,000. Trade generally at 280p to 320p/kg and averaging 270p/kg.

Yarding cattle continue to ring the bell with top end at £1,800 to £2,200 toping at £2,550 for Angus steers from H.M. Fearnall & Sons, Bunbury. Best cattle very much 370p to 400p/kg with super star suckler cattle at 400p to 450p/kg.

300 plus cattle needed every week please - all store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Weight

Vendor

<u>Steers</u>

Breed

Longhorn

Hereford

Hereford

Hereford

Stabiliser

Stabiliser

Charolais

Charolais

Simmental

Simmental £1,440.00

£1,150.00

£2,110.00

£1,800.00

£1,620.00

£1,700.00

£1,350.00

£1,790.00

£1,680.00

£1,470.00

390kg

577kg

526kg

514kg

525kg

371kg 596kg

474kg

442kg

420kg

Betley Court Fm Ptn

DRB Farming Serv.

WA.Dudleston&Sons

Betley Court Fm Ptn

Mr Robert Hares

IG.&TM. Beckett

HS.&A. Callwood

F.H. Davies & Co.

Mr F.L. Jones

Price

Dicca	1 1100	vvcigiii	VCIIGOI
Friesian	£1,640.00	506kg	DRB Farming Serv.
Friesian	£1,250.00	442kg	N.R. Brandon Ptns
Friesian	£1,170.00	432kg	Mr R. Latham
Friesian	£960.00	350kg	S.M. Gilman & Ptns
Friesian	£860.00	367kg	S.M. Gilman & Ptns
Blonde	£1,410.00	438kg	JE&JM. Salmon
Blonde	£1,340.00	380kg	JE&JM. Salmon
Blonde	£900.00	215kg	Mickley Stud Ltd
British Blue	£2,225.00	535kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
British Blue	£2,170.00	566kg	TO. & GO Lewis
British Blue	£1,900.00	516kg	Mrs V.E. Lloyd
British Blue	£1,870.00	494kg	T S Farms
British Blue	£1,570.00 £1,540.00	494kg 429kg	T.E. Pott & Son
Shorthorn	£2,100.00	568kg	DRB Farming Serv.
Shorthorn	£1,980.00	543kg	CR&G.Shepherd&Son
Shorthorn	£900.00	215kg	Mickley Stud Ltd
Angus	£2,550.00	688kg	H.M. Fearnall & Sons
Angus	£2,160.00	545kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Angus	£1,990.00	544kg	Winnington Dairy Fms
Angus	£1,535.00	472kg	T.E. Potts & Son
Angus	£1,460.00	414kg	Amy Seabridge
Longhorn	£1,360.00	390kg	Betley Court Fm Ptn
Hereford	£1,980.00	543kg	CR&G.Shepherd&Son
Hereford	£1,970.00	518kg	TO. & GO. Lewis
Hereford	£1,260.00	365kg	F.J. Cornes & Son
Hereford	£920.00	295kg	E.J. Morris & Son
Montbeliard		252kg	Eamonn Vaughan
Charolais	£2,160.00	560kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Charolais	£1,150.00	277kg	Eamonn Vaughan
Simmental	£1,700.00	498kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
Simmental	£1,060.00	254kg	Eammon Vaughan
Limousin	£2,280.00	532kg	D. & J. Johnson
Limousin	£1,900.00	470kg	D. & J. Johnson
Limousin	£1,780.00	442kg	Mr T.E. Ralphs
Limousin	£1,700.00	452kg	D. & J. Johnson
Limousin	£1,500.00	378kg	W.B. Ackerley & Ptns
<u>Heifers</u>			
Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,010.00	356kg	Betley Court Fm Ptn
British Blue	£2,170.00	624kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
British Blue	£1,960.00	546kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
British Blue	£1,600.00	387kg	OM&JR.Whittingham
British Blue	£1,360.00	464kg	J.M. Brindley & Ptns
Shorthorn	£1,800.00	537kg	CR&G.Shepherd&Son
Shorthorn	£1,710.00	532kg	DRB Farming Serv.
Shorthorn	£900.00	264kg	Mickley Stud Ltd
	£1,780.00	542kg	F.H. Davies & Co.
Angus Angus	£1,760.00 £1,650.00	542kg 504kg	S.M. Gilman & Ptns
Angus	£1,605.00	486kg	IG.& TM. Beckett
Angus	£1,003.00 £1,190.00	400kg 422kg	Betley Court Fm Ptn
	£1,190.00 £1,040.00	422kg 340kg	Talbots Contracting
Angus	£1,040.00	JHUNG	i aibota contracting

Limousin	£1,690.00	512kg	Mrs V.E. Lloyd
Limousin	£1,460.00	388kg	Mr A.J. Pugh
Limousin	£1,410.00	406kg	T S Farms
Limousin	£1,320.00	408kg	Betley Court Fm Ptns

2,629 PRIME HOGGETS

Auctioneer: Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Another large entry of hogs on offer selling to a very pleasing trade throughout. A total clearance was reported and an overall market average was returned at a very pleasing 349p.

Lights sold to 391p for 31.2kgs to generate £121.99

for Mr M. Lancaster, Congleton.

Standards hit 390p for 37.3kgs to accumulate £147.03 for Mr P.D. Crossmore, Nantwich. Top price in the lump was £150.15 for 39kgs from Mr K. Edwards, Llanrwst.

Mediums raced away to 447p for 45.2kgs to gross £202.04 for D.&JM. Williams, Basford. Other notable prices were as follows:- £195.75 (45kgs) R. Swift & Sons, £194.48 (44.2kgs) R. Swift & Sons, £194.47 (43.7kgs) R. Swift & Sons, £191.74 (44.8kgs) D. & JM. Williams, £190.80 (45kgs) R. Swift & Sons and £190.10 (43.7kgs) D. & JM. Williams.

Heavies sold to 390p for 47.9kgs to return £186.81 for Mr D. Thomas, Wood Lane. Top headage was £202.42 for 69.8kgs from Mr D.T. Donlan, Scholar Green. The vast majority of heavies traded from 280p to 320p or £145 to £160. More next week please!

	Sold	Av.
Premium	289	406p
Prime	1,984	347p
Other	356	291p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 391p (£121.99) average 322p (£99.34). Standards 398p (£150.15) average 344p (£126.01). Mediums 447p (£202.04) average 355p (£150.22). Heavies 390p (£202.42) average 320p (£155.24).

350 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer: Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold on another flying trade with the best to £228 for Texel ewes from RC.&NA. Ellis, Northop. Rams to £214 for rams from Brighouse Farms Ltd, Marthall. ewes sold from £80 to £100, plain ewes £105 to £120, cutting ewes £125 to £145 and heavy ewes sold £150 to £180. An overall average was returned at a staggering £167.96.



1,066 REARING CALVES (NEW RECORD) Auctioneer: Ben Baggott (07791 791356) & Jonty

Cliffe (07595 453306)

A record-breaking entry of calves! This exceptional Edwards Farming Ltd turnout is a result of peak spring calving, the return of both new and familiar vendors drawn by the strength of the trade, and the loyal support of our year-round calving vendors. Even with 1,066 calves forward, trade remained strong from start to finish. Buyers travelled from as far south as Essex and Devon to secure our quality calves.

Days like today demonstrate the undeniable value of the WELSH livestock market system. Firstly, providing a transparent (2 - AV.£267.50) and competitive trading environment by bringing buyers £285 GA.Hargreaves&Sons and sellers together, while offering a welcome opportunity £250 Walker & Hargreaves to step off the farm and chat with old and new friends. A sincere thank you to all buyers, sellers, and staff for their contributions to this record-breaking day. As for trade, one thing remains certain - strong, well-presented calves continue to command a premium. However, with springborn calves now more readily available, buyers are becom- LIMOUSIN ing more selective for smaller and plainer types.

Friesian Bulls - A slightly lower entry this week, but £418 Mr S.R. Nash still a strong top price of £270 from Charmley Farms Ltd, £380 Mr S. Harding Ightfield. Best: £160-£250, Mediums: £90-£150, Smalls: £30-£70.

Native Bulls - More forward with a notable rise in Angus entries from farms who normally sell to direct supply chains. Conveniently, our record entry coincided with the direct supply chain reluctantly increasing their calf prices this week - though they still lag £100-£150 behind market value. Top price: £540 for an Angus from DLG Morris & Partners, Handley - one of 18 bulls exceeding £480. Best: £400-£500, Mediums: £300-£400, Smalls: £150-£280.

Continental Bulls - An exceptional trade across all grades, with demand very high. Top price: £615 for a Charolais from Mr Richard Vernon, Hatherton - a testament to top-class calf rearing from his Mum whilst he was soaking up the sun in Benidorm! Best: £475-£650, Mediums: £350-£450, Smalls: £200-£330.

Native Heifers - The trade remains electric for the best and medium types, while buyers are becoming more selective with smaller calves. Top price: £460 for an Angus from Marsh Farms, Shrewsbury. Best: £300-£370, Mediums: £180-£280, Smalls: £50-£150.

Continental Heifers - Quality was in abundance this week, with £400+ proving no barrier for well-bred calves. Top price: £520 for a Charolais from Seaton Farms, Coxbank. Best: £400-£500, Mediums: £300-£370, Smalls: £240-£290.

Weanlings - A handful of strong weanlings were forward, achieving excellent prices. 4 month Blue bull: £730 from Mr J. Redfern, Stafford and 4 month Angus bulls: £610 from Mr R. Upton, Belper. For all calf enquiries, please contact Ben or Jonty.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN (128 - AV.£77.67) £270 Charmley Farms Ltd £260

ABERDEEN ANGUS (168 - AV.£322.95) £540 DLG.Morris&Partners £520 Mr Brian E. Worth

MONTBELIARDE (3 - AV.£213.33) £300 Mr Jack Furnival £275 Walker & Hargreaves

SIMMENTAL (23 - AV.£441.09) £600 DV&DA.Cliffe&Sons £600 Mr Robert Butterworth

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE (165 - AV.£300.48) £515 Walker & Hargreaves PB.&D.Hockenhull £460

BRITISH BLUE (221 - AV.£334.73) £600GA.Hargreaves&Sons T. Swinson & Partners £595 Walker&Hargreaves

HEREFORD

(52 - AV.£254.81)

£535 J.M. Brindley&Ptns £440 Mr Ed Fair **CHAROLAIS** (5 - AV.£499.00) £615 Mr Richard Vernon £570 Seaton Farms

LIMOUSIN (4 - AV.£335.00) £500 Victor McNaugher £400 Mr S. Harding

ABERDEEN ANGUS (154 - AV.£237.73) £460 Marsh Farms £420 DLG.Morris&Ptns

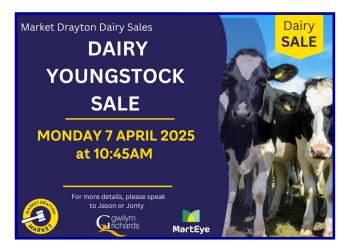
CHAROLAIS (4 - AV.£459.50) £520 Seaton Farms £518 Seaton Farms

(5 - AV.£301.60)

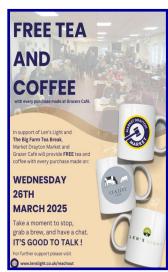
HEREFORD (59 - AV.£169.24) £335 CN.&IR. Atkin Ltd £330 Bratton Partners

SIMMENTAL (19 - AV.£392.11) £505 P. & F. Jenkinson £425 D. & R. Howell













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DEFRA UPDATE THE RPA ARE NO LONGER **ACCEPTING SFI APPLICATIONS**

Last week DEFRA announced that the SFI (Sustainable Farming Incentive) budget has now been fully allocated and the RPA will no longer be accepting new applications. Please note existing agreements will be honoured.

A Spending Review later this year will determine future funding, with details of a revised SFI scheme set to be announced in summer 2025 with an anticipated roll out in 2026.

We understand this news may be concerning for many farmers & landowners. If you have any questions about what this means for you, please don't hesitate to contact us on 01630 692500

> For those needing additional support, you can reach out to: RABI: 0800 188 4444 Shropshire Rural Support: 0300 123 2825



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