



MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD Market Drayton Market Report The Following Trade:





Sale Dates

Wednesday 17 th Dec	Regular Sale
Monday 22 nd Dec	Sheep TBC
Wednesday 24 th Dec	No Sale
Monday 29 th Dec	Calves and Sheep
Wednesday 31 st Dec	No Sale
Monday 5 th Jan	Weanlings, Pigs & Barrens
Wednesday 7 th Jan	Regular Sale

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025

134 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Red Market)

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

A lighter show of cows forward for the red with very few best continental sorts and meated cows in the mix. A few more younger clean cattle were easily sold and meated or heavier cows easy to place but plainer, leaner, lighter cows just a little harder work.

Nevertheless top slots hit 342p or £2,358.72 for clean, 261p or £1,706.94 for sucklers, 291p or £2,102.25 for dairies and 344p or £2,799.08 for bulls. An overall average was returned at 221p or £1,4636.40.

94 Dairies - An entry full of lighter leaner plainer cows with the best to 291p for a Friesian cow weighing 588 kilos to gross £1,711.08 for M. & D. Batkin & Sons, Marchamley. Other highlight prices were as follows: Friesian 622kgs (275p) £1,710.50 Sillito & Gill Farming, Friesian 594kgs (272p) £1,615.68 Sillito & Gill Farming, Friesian 592kgs (271p) £1,604.32 M. & D. Batkin & Sons. Top headage was £2,102.20 for a Friesian cow weighing 914kgs for P. & M. Timmis, Weston Lane. Meated cows traded from 250p to 280p, steakers 220p to 250p, heavy plain 190p to 220p and thereafter 170p to 190p. The section average was returned at 207p or £1,335.96.

17 Sucklers - Not a vintage show with the best

to 261p for a Welsh Black cow weighing 654kgs to gross £1,706.94 for a local Shropshire vendor. Coming a very close second was Mr G.E. Morris, Tushingham with his Limousin cow weighing 640kgs to generate £1,664.80. The section average was returned at 246p or £1,489.62.

10 Bulls - Bulls raced away to 344p for an underage bull weighing 636kgs to realise £2,187.84 for R.&SF. Harper Withington. Top price in the lump was £2,799.08 for a Hereford stock bull weighing 1102kgs from M. Weaver Ltd, Stone. The section average was returned at 295p or £1,937.62.

10 Clean - The best hit 342p for a Limousin steer weighing 656kgs to generate £2,243.52 for A.H. Blackwell & Partner, Coton-In-The-Elms who also had a further Limousin steer weighing 702kgs achieving 336p to gross £2,358.72. The section average was returned at 318p or £1,989.24.

- RED MARKETS -

Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 12 January/9 February, 3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.

PIGS CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE MONDAY

15 DECEMBER AT 10.30am

OTM & BARREN COW AT 3.30pm

(Sponsored by Barbers Rural Consultancy & PS Higgins Electrical Services Ltd)

Champion Pigs To Be Awarded

The G.&S. Perpetual Cup

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 15 December/5 & 19 January, 10.30am

Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs

All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025

209 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Few less forward after last weeks "Christmas Cracker" Show and trade, however this week a totally different sample of cattle forward. Trade very much following the slide of the deadweight with only the best cattle and cattle with a full loin holding some spirited bidding. One would say a two tier trade with a three tier show of cattle offering something for everyone and everyone for something and to quantify this statement a third of the cattle over thirty months, a third lean and light and a third commercial types. The beauty of Drayton we are a green market and we can add some value to lighter, leaner types. As always a big thank you to all our vendors and buyers for their continued support

and lets hope the trade correction is only a bump in the road!!

Leading lights shone to 450p or £2,630.88 for heifers, 440p or £3,047.04 for steers and 404p or £3,127.80 for bulls. The overall market average of 341p or £2,065.33. Yes down on the week but the quality forward a totally different commodity!!!

80 Bulls - Trade a little easier throughout with sucklers peaking at 404p or £2,811.84 for Limousin from Mr Bernard Parsons, Golden Hill Lane. Mr Ralph Jones & Family, Penkridge saw his Limousins to 401p (£2,678.68), 389p (£2,326.22), 383p (£2,589.08) etc, Mr Brian Taylor & Family, Scholar Green saw their Limousins to 401p to gross £3,127.80 and 400p (£2,344.00). Distant travellers The Evans Family, Mold Limousin to 385p (£2,764.30) and Mr R.S. Whitley, Spon Green Limousin to 385p (£2,972.20) to mention a few. Natives to 356p (£2,214.32) for Angus from T. Swift & Son, Wheaton Aston. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 336p (£2,096.64) from W.E. Bennett & Sons, Ashbourne. The section average returned at 346p or £2,165.73.

56 Steers - Little bit like "dolly mixtures" and ages ranging from 15 months to 50 months and everything in between. Racing away to 440p or £2,503.60 was a Blue from distant supporters The Brown Family, Nuneaton and further Limousin to 421p (£2,521.79). Closer to home a regular Cheshire vendor saw 398p (£2,547.20) for a Simmental. Distant supports The Simcock Family, Felton also saw a Simmental to 392p (£2,352.00) and Blue Cross to 379p (£2,266.42) etc and C. Leek & Sons, Rookery Corner Limousin to 381p (£2,468.88). In the lump Mr Nev Evans & Family, Winnington saw their thirty-two month Limousin gross £3,047.04. The section average returned at 345p or £2,179.95.

73 Heifers - Certainly not a vintage show with only a handful of superstars and these topped at a very impressive 450p or £2,466.00 for a Limousin from Mr Jonny Warner & Family, Stoke Heath and their Charolais to 400p (£2,304.00). Distant supports The Brown Family, Nuneaton saw their Limousins to 442p (£2,453.10) and 440p (£2,596.00). In the lump Mr Nev Evans & Family, Winnington saw their forty-two month Blue Cross realise £2,630.88. Natives to 388p (£2,436.64) for a Hereford from Mr J. Silvester, High Offley. The section average returned at 345p or £2,028.29.

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

96 DAIRY CATTLE

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

**£3,850 DAIRY TOP
3x £3,000 Plus | 11x £2,500 Plus**

The much anticipated adjustment to dairy cattle values on the back of the substantial milk price drops and softening cull cow prices finally happened with all classes meeting less interest and at lower levels compared to previous sales.

The best still commanded very respectable prices with Lachstone Farms (Jeremy Platt), Northwich topping both the cow and heifer sections. Their heifer made the

top price of £3,850 and their second calver sold for £3,100.

Hankins Heys Farm (Duncan Blood), Nantwich presented a particularly strong line up with second calvers selling at £3,050, £2,900 and £2,820, and heifers to £2,750 and £2,650.

RA Harrison Farms, Wem sold heifers to £2,880. Skinner Bros, Melton Mowbray sold second calvers to £2,650.

Served heifers sold to £1,600, bulls to £1,080, yearlings to £730 and calves to £290.

Only four cattle failed to sell on a challenging day when reality dawned.

Next week will be the last dairy sale for three weeks and includes the Christmas Show & Sale of the Western Holstein Club.

Averages:

Fresh Cows (all in) £2,275.

Fresh Heifers (all in) £2,017.

**Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by
The Western Holstein Club
Wednesday 17 December 2025.**

**Next Monthly Youngstock Sales
Monday 2 February / 2 March 2026 at 10.45am
entries to Jason or Jonty.**

270 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

A bumper entry for December and trade continues to shine. Plenty of buying power and trade much the same.

Good little entry of Friesian steers topping at £1,635 and averaging £1,344 or 311p/kg. The farming types trading at £950 to £1,150 look a better buy than of late.

A bumper entry of yarding cattle attracting brisk bidding. The edge off as a whole for those 400kg to 450kg types but 500kgs plus cattle still knocking on the door. Best at £1,800 to £2,200 topping at £2,400 for Blues from Mr D.J. Rikunenko, Chapel Lane. Best native heifers at £1,600 to £1,800 topping at £1,890 for a Hereford from H.A. Barber & Son, Mere. The top draw cattle still over 400p with strong dairy bred cattle 370p to 380p/kg with most makes and models averaging 350p to 370p/kg with native heifers at 330p/kg average.

The farming cattle at 320kg to 380kg at around 15 to 18 months were a little harder work today but young cattle 8 to 14 months just over wintering just as dear with 250kgs to 250kgs cattle regularly £900 to £1,100 topping at £1,280 for suckler bred Angus steers.

OPEN NEXT WEEK Wednesday 17 December (Last Sale Of The Year). All store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,635.00	466kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Friesian	£1,530.00	479kg	Muir Farming Ltd
Friesian	£1,140.00	418kg	D&HE. Colclough&Son
Friesian	£960.00	341kg	Al&GS. Hollinshead
British Blue	£2,400.00	654kg	Mr D.J. Rikunenko
British Blue	£2,280.00	580kg	Darlingtons UK Ltd
British Blue	£2,010.00	534kg	Billington Farming
British Blue	£1,900.00	518kg	Mr J.P. Carr
British Blue	£1,800.00	465kg	Sandyford Fm Ptns
British Blue	£1,540.00	442kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Angus	£1,870.00	489kg	Sandyford Fm Ptns

Angus	£1,855.00	532kg	D.&M. Leech&Sons
Angus	£1,830.00	528kg	OC.Whittaker&Sons
Angus	£1,550.00	454kg	HK Farming
Angus	£1,280.00	342kg	Mr J.M. Hampton
Hereford	£2,180.00	628kg	Mrs Pam McPhillips
Hereford	£1,760.00	496kg	Shelley & Son
Hereford	£1,690.00	465kg	Shelley & Son
Hereford	£1,625.00	468kg	Muir Farming Ltd
Hereford	£1,110.00	318kg	Al.&GS.Hollinshead
Simmental	£2,100.00	592kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£2,300.00	558kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£2,170.00	568kg	Darlingtons UK Ltd
Limousin	£1,960.00	488kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£1,665.00	448kg	Sandyford Fm Ptns
Limousin	£990.00	312kg	HK. Farming

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,810.00	508kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
Blonde	£1,690.00	443kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
British Blue	£2,070.00	614kg	JN.&HM.Bennett
British Blue	£1,890.00	515kg	James R. Bennion
British Blue	£1,860.00	476kg	Billington Farming
Angus	£1,830.00	538kg	Mr J.P. Carr
Angus	£1,380.00	420kg	Mr P.D. Mellor
Angus	£1,300.00	391kg	Ian N. Whilock
Angus	£1,250.00	360kg	Mr B. Mellor
Hereford	£1,890.00	560kg	H.A. Barber & Son
Hereford	£1,750.00	460kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Hereford	£1,570.00	460kg	Muir Farming Ltd
Hereford	£1,490.00	445kg	Muir Farming Ltd
Limousin	£2,340.00	554kg	Mr S. Simpkin
Limousin	£2,320.00	558kg	Mr S. Simpkin
Limousin	£1,800.00	480kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£1,700.00	416kg	Mr M.G. Butler

1,398 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Not an easy week in the sheep meat trade with problems with meat lorries being stopped in France, weather creating problems with dirty lambs and abattoirs requiring lambs to be belly chipped. However, those who did clip their lambs or took advantage of our clipping service were rewarded for their efforts and sold on a pleasing trade to return an overall average of 321p, which included a large proportion of small hill bred lambs.

Lights sold to 369p for 26.6kgs to gross £98.15 for Rawsthorne Farming, Derrington.

Standards hit 367p for 34.2kgs to generate £125.51 for Rawsthorne Farming, Derrington. Others as follows:- 33.6kgs (356p) £119.62 M.A. Jones & Partners, 34.8kgs (351p) £122.15 Matthew Groom, 36kgs (351p) £126.36 JC.&WA. Davies & Son, 33.3kgs (350p) £116.35 M.A. Jones & Partners and 34.8kgs (345p) £120.06 Mr J.C. Duddleston.

Mediums sold to 400p for 41.2kgs to gross £164.80 for RW.&JE.James & Son, Meaford. Other highlight prices were as follows:- 42.2kgs (391p) £165.00 Mr P.D. Crossmore, 43kgs (369p) £158.67 Mr O. Price, 41kgs (368p) £150.88 Rawsthorne Farming, 41kgs (369p) £151.29 Henry Timmis and 43.3kgs (350p) £151.55 Messrs H.F. James.

Heavies sold to 320p for 47.7kgs to generate £152.64 for D.&LM. Jones, Llansilin. Top price in the lump was £186.00 for 62 kilos from Messrs H.F. Jones, Nantmawr. The vast majority of heavies traded between 290p to 310p or £145 to £155. Please keep the numbers coming to satisfy demand.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	201	359p
Prime	1000	324p
Other	197	286p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 369p (£108.16) average 309p (£90.80). Standards 367p (£128.70) average 324p (£116.01). Mediums 400p (£165.00) average 320p (£134.61). Heavies 320p (£186.00) average 298p (£149.62).

248 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold on a flying trade with the best to £240 for Texel X ewes from DJ.&A. Morris, Rushton Spencer. Light ewes sold from £50 to £80, plain ewes £85 to £110, cutting ewes £115 to £135 and heavy ewes to £140 to £170. An overall average was returned at £131.26.

43 STORE LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Store lambs sold to £117 for Texel X lambs. An overall average was returned at £102.56.

673 REARING CALVES

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

What a fantastic entry and an electric trade for all grades of calves today! There is no let up in the demand or trade which is fantastic to see in December. Our Christmas sale dates are as follows :- We are open next Wednesday 17th as normal, then we are having an additional sale on Monday 29th at 10am (please inform Jonty of entries so we can let buyers know). Then we return to normal in the next year re-commencing on 7th January!

Friesian Bulls – Only 45 in this week and that led to a fast trade with an average of £163 per head. Top price was £270 from Hilltop Farming Company, Aston-by-Budworth. Best: £200-£300, Mediums: £125-£175, Smalls: £50-£100.

Native Bulls – Still a heck of a trade with Angus leading the way once again; 42 over £500! Top price: Angus at £570 from HK.&SB. Bennett, Woodseaves. Best: £475-£550. Mediums: £350-£450, Smalls: £200-£300.

Continental Bulls – The trade of the day! 182 forward and many more could have been sold, best types continue to lead the way but £500 is no barrier for good quality. Top price: £705 for a Blue bull from the J.M. Brindley & Partners, Nantwich. Best: £550-£650. Mediums: £400-£525, Smalls: £300-£375.

Native Heifers – Good numbers forward but lacking in best heifers today, but trade very strong throughout. Top price: Hereford at £450 from Ruth Millington, Middlewich. Best: £300-£400, Mediums: £200-£275, Smalls: £150-£180.

Continental Heifers – A great trade for all types, with most mediums £400+. Top price: Charolais at £610 from HK.&SB. Bennett, Woodseaves. Best: £500-£600, Mediums: £375-£450, Smalls: £220-£350.

A handful of weanlings included 3 month Blue bulls from AD.&PJ. Moseley, Leek at £705. For all calf enquiries, please contact Ben or Jonty.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN	BLONDE D'AQUITAINE
(45 - AV.£163.82)	(2 - AV.£542.50)
£270 Hilltop Farming Co.	£590 J.&AJ.Weatherby
£270 PB.&D. Hockenhull	£495 J.&AJ.Weatherby

BRITISH BLUE
(143 - AV.£453.88)
£705 JM.Brindley & Partners
£705 AD.&PJ. Moseley

HEREFORD
(39 - AV.£353.85)
£525 Oulton House Farms Ltd
£515 Oulton House Farms Ltd

SIMMENTAL
(14 - AV.£500.00)
£700 KP&M. Massey & Son
£660 KP&M. Massey & Son

INRA95 x 1
£340 F. & R. Brassington

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE
(139 - AV.£385.47)
£610 HK.&SB. Bennett
£565 Moreton Wood Farm Ltd

HEREFORD
(37 - AV.£291.08)
£450 Ruth Millington x 2
£430 Laura Morgan

LIMOUSIN
(10 - AV.£309.50)
£470 Mr S.R. Nash
£400 P. & F. Jenkinson

ABERDEEN ANGUS
(88 - AV.£399.60)
£570 HK.&SB.Bennett x 2
£555 TS.&AE. Hartley

CHAROLAIS
(12 - AV.£525.83)
£690D&HE.Colclough&Son
£620 G. Green & Son

LIMOUSIN
(12 - AV.£416.67)
£535 P.&F. Jenkinson
£515 CE.&H. Hanselman

ABERDEEN ANGUS
(86 - AV.£269.30)
£485 HK.&SB.Bennett x 5
£435 Ruth Millington

SIMMENTAL
(14 - AV.£400.36)
£525 KP&M.Massey&Son
£510 D. & R. Howell
CHAROLAI S
(15 - AV.£459.33)
£590 Richard Vernon&Ptns
£575 A. & I. Crowther

WEANLING SALE

Monday 15 December at 11.30am
Anticipated Entry of 100 to 150!
Enquiries and Entries to Ben or Jonty



FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026
10:30am
MARKET DRAYTON MARKET
BI-MONTHLY
MACHINERY SALE
Vehicles, Trailers, Grassland & Cultivation Equipment plus Sundry Items.



Market Drayton Dairy Sales

SHOW AND SALE

WEDNESDAY
28 JANUARY 2026
Show at 9am
Sale at 10:15am

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



Dairy SALE



MARKET DRAYTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

GREEN MARKET – EVERY WEDNESDAY FAT STOCK, STORE STOCK, DAIRIES & CALVES

500 to 850 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
180 to 300 Bulls & Clean Cattle 10.45am - Auctioneer Bernie Hutchinson
180 to 300 Store Cattle at 12.30pm - Auctioneer Ben Baggott.

DEDICATED BARREN COW & OTM SALES

Every Monday Afternoon Sale at 3.30pm

Monday 5, 19 & 26 January
2, 16, 23 February GREEN Market
Monday 12 January / 9 February / 9 March
RED Market

Red Market On The Second Monday of The Month
10 to 15 Buyers In Attendance
All Grades, Weights & Nationality of Cattle Required
Young Feeding Cows Required on Green Markets.

ORANGE MARKETS

Thursday 22 January / 19 February / 19 March
Calves 1pm, Weanlings & Stores
at approximately 3pm
at Market Drayton Market.

DAIRY SALES

Every Wednesday at 10.30am
Monthly Show & Sale
Supported by the Western Holstein Club
Wednesday 28 January / 25 February
at Market Drayton Market.

DAIRY YOUNGSTOCK SALES

2 February / 2 March at 10.45am
at Market Drayton Market.

PIG & WEANLING SALES

Fortnightly Sale **5 & 19 January /**
2 & 16 February / 2 & 16 March
Pigs at 10.30am / Weanlings 11.30am.

STORE CATTLE SALES

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm
Weekly Seasonal Entries 180 to 300 Per Week.

BI-MONTHLY MACHINERY SALE

Friday 16 January / 13 March at 10.30am
Collective sale of Tractors, Machinery, Equipment and Sundries
At Market Drayton Market.

'SELL LIVE & THRIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON MARKET'

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM

5:30PM ON TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

& WILL RE-OPEN ON FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

WHILST OUR TEAM ARE ENJOYING A WELL DESERVED BREAK THE PHONE LINES WILL STILL BE MONITORED



PLANNING APPROVAL ACHIEVED



Congratulations to Hats, who has gained planning permission for an agricultural workshop and hay store on a rural holding in Malpas. This new building will provide much-needed storage and workspace to support the farm's ongoing operations.

Are you exploring planning opportunities for agricultural buildings or rural development?

**Contact Dan or Harriet on
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