

MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Market Report The Following Trade:



THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025 435 ORANGE MARKET

361 Calves - Another great entry forward and trade much the same as previous sales. The edge just off the rearing demand but plenty of trade for everything else. Best calves at £400 plus topping at £585 for Blue and Charolais Bulls and £400 for Blue Heifers.

Bulls			Heifers		
	Top	Avg		Top	Avg
Friesian	£240	£131	British Blue	£400	£215
British Blue	£585	£267	Angus	£425	£127
Angus	£505	£198	Hereford	£300	£138
Longhorn	£195		Limousin	£375	£212
Hereford	£250	£120			
Charolais	£585	£572			
Limousin	£400				

22 Weanlings - A small show made up mainly of Friesian Bulls which topped at £520 and average £352. Some nice Blue Steers at 10 months sold at £770 and £735.

52 Stores - A nice little show to finish the year off with trade a little bit back on previous months which was to be expected. Saying that 25 out of 52 cattle over £2,000, topping at £2,300 for Limousin Steers. In general better cattle around 350p plus and everything else depending on size from 280-320ppkg,

Steers			Heifers		
Breed	Top	Kgs	Breed	Top	Kgs
Friesian	£1970	680kgs	British Blue	£1220	442kgs
British Blue	£2210	640kgs	Limousin	£2060	600kgs
Limousin	£2190	630kg	Limousin	£2000	590kgs
Limousin	£2120	620kgs			

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025 166 Dairy Cattle- WORMLEIGHTON GRANGE HERD DISPERSAL SALE

Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards (07768 020393), Jason Brown (07774 816384) & Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)

DANISH RED CROSS TOPS DAIRY SALE AT £3,100

Trade was very fast for the Autumn calved section of the commercial herd of mixed dairy breeds

sold on behalf of Angela and Douglas Rhodes of Southam, Warwickshire and held at Market Drayton Market, Shropshire.

A very well attended sale saw prices peak at £3,100 for a Danish Red second calver which had recorded 10,158kgs as a heifer and was purchased by a Mid Wales buyer.

A Montbeliarde cross second calver giving 49kgs daily sold for £3,050 to a West Wales buyer.

Holstein Friesians sold to £3,000 given by a Warwickshire buyer for a second calver by Rager Red which had given 10,914kgs with her first calf.

A Brown Swiss cross second calver sold for £2,800 and a Jersey cross second calver sold for £2,700.

Two volume buyers from Somerset and North Wales purchased 36 cattle each.

In all, 36 cattle sold for over £2,500 with all 166 milkers averaging £2,070.

Averages:

166 milking cows and heifers £2,070

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025 220 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market) Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Cracking number to conclude the 2025 trading season with good numbers, quality and finding a stronger trade throughout. There was certainly Christmas spirit ringside with some very competitive bidding throughout especially with two returning faces representing end users and further finishers. Fantastic array of buyers and thank you all for judging our Christmas OTM's as the prize winners were awarded on the highest pence per kilo realised on the night. Thank you for all your support during 2025 and looking forward to welcoming you back in 2026.

Huge vote of thanks to all our vendors both near and far for your support and great to see returning faces to the live ring. The addition of the feeders certainly helps to add value to younger leaner cows and its this dynamic contributed to a very competitive bidding system Like I always say competition is good but by trying a few through the ring especially where we can add value has to be a positive selling point and with 8 to 12 buyers that's true competition and as always happy to help with advice and organise haulage, please just give one of the team a ring. Thank you all for your support and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Back to the headline prices for our Christmas OTM Sale and thank you to all our sponsors for their generosity and support.

Highest price in the Overage Clean (Class 8) and taking Champion was a 31 month Limousin Heifer selling to 366p to return £2,064.24 from the Roberts Family.

Highest price Suckler (Class 6) was a pedigree Blue Cow selling to 340p or £2,767.60 from the Lewis Family.

Highest price Bull (Class 9) was a Limousin selling to 327p and generating £3,793.20 from Brian Taylor & Family.

Highest price Dairy (Class 7) was a Montbeliarde from the Martin Partners trading to 308p or £2,408.56.

127 Dairies - A show of cattle offering more strength and depth and finding a much more brisk trade throughout, especially for younger types and heavier cows. The Martin Family dominated the podium with Montbeliardes to 308p (£2,408.56), 280p (£1,909.60), Danish Red to 290p (£1,612.40) and a Swedish Reds to 261p (£1,607.76), 258p (£1,666.68) and also had top grossing cow at £2,508.80 for a Fleckvieh etc. The Hollinshead Family saw their Montbeliarde to 262p (£1,131.84) etc. Distance supporters the Archer Family saw their Black and White to 260p (£1,424.80) and 259p (£1,346.80) to mention a few. Section average returned at 215p or £1,307.08.

73 Sucklers - The Lewis Family took pole position with a cracking Blue selling to 340p or £2,767.60. Regular Cheshire vendor sold Limousin to 320p (£2,310.40). Paul & Christine Tippetts continentals to 320p twice (£2,675.20 and £2,105.60), 309p (£2,255.70) and 303p (£2,375.52). Steve Simpkin Limousin to 299p (£2,242.50) and 283p (£2,020.62). Natives saw Shorthorns selling to 276p (£1,948.56) from Ian Mainwaring and Family to mention a few. Section average returned at 264p or £1,666.43.

7 Bulls - Fantastic trade for the strong continental export bulls and trading to 327p or £3,793.20 for Limousin Bull from Brian Taylor and Family. Close behind distance supporter the Evans Family Limousin to 325p (£2,795.00), the Edwards Family Limousin 323p (£2,777.80). Close to home saw Antony Whitfield and Family Hereford to 298p (£1,805.88). The Thorncroft Family Shorthorn to 286p (£2,865.72) and the Blakeman Family Black and White to 200p (£1,160.00) and Simmental 200p (£1,072.00). Section average returned at 290p or £2,324.23.

13 Clean - A 31 month Limousin Heifer took the top spot selling to 366p or £2,064.24 from the Roberts Family. Angus Heifer to 330p (£1,894.20) from the Evans Family and Welsh Black to 303p (£1,556.48) from the Jones Family. Steers sold to 286p or £2,533.96 for Blue from Phil Tushingham and Angus to 276p or £2,953.20 to mention a few.

- 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.

146 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Today was Market Drayton Market's Christmas Pig Show and Sale which we thank Robert Bowring for giving up his time to expertly judge the pigs and awarding the following :

Class 1 - Best Gilts

- 1st - Matt Groom
- 2nd - Coleg Llandrillo

Class 2 - Best Boars

- 1st - Matt Groom
- 2nd - Nigel Turner

Class 3 - Best Cull Sow

- 1st - Coleg Llandrillo
- 2nd - Harper Adams

Class 4 - Best Pen of Weaners

- 1st - A Worth
- 2nd - A Worth

Champion - Matt Groom (Pair of Gilts)

Reserve Champion - Coleg Llandrillo (2nd Pair of Gilts)

Winner of the new "Jub Wickstead" Plate for the best pen of Weaners (Kindly donated by Chris Gittus) went to Alan Worth.

Champion pair of Gilts after spirited bidding made 500pkg to regular supporter Geoff & Gary Mycock for their Shop in Buxton.

Away from the show better pigs traded at 250-350ppkg hitting 400ppkg from Nigel Turner with plenty of Christmas demand. No pig under 115p today and some very healthy averages achieved..

	Av.	Top	Top
60-79kgs	145p	190	£148.20
80-100kgs	263p	500p	£430.00
101kgs	228p	310p	£317.25
Sows	30p	50p	£121.00

A small show of weaners today saw a large crowd gather to top at £60 for the 1st place weaners from A Worth. Section averaged £48.

Wishing all clients of the pig sections a Merry Christmas and a Hapy New Year.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 5 & 19 January/2 & 16 February, 10.30am

Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs

All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.

171 WEANLINGS

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

What a way to finish the year! A small show of weanlings for the last sale of 2025 and there just wasn't enough to go around! A packed ringside and dozens of quality cattle has led to a fantastic trade! Those vendors who came today have been duly rewarded. Our next sale is Monday 5th January; if you have some cattle to sell we advise getting them tested and booked in with Ben or Jonty.

Not enough bulls on offer which led to a fast trade. Top spot went to a 6mo Simmental at £970 from SJ Palmer, Sutton Maddock; 7mo Blues at £900 from J Price, Stafford; 3mo Charolais at £880 from V McNaugher, Audlem. All 19 bulls averaged £701.76. The steers have been on fire with the smaller they were the dearer they were! Top call going to 9mo Simmentals from KA & SA Littler, Duddon at £1350. Next up were 10mo Blues at £1320 from Ian Cook, Biddulph; and 10mo Blues at £1190 from JS Madders & Sons, Tixall. Natives saw 10mo Herefords at £950 from JW Cotton & Son, Gratwich. The younger types saw 5mo Herefords to £850 for M Latham, Derby who sold 5mo Blues for the same price. Youngest of the lot were 3-4mo Blues from Matt Groom, Croxton at £800. All 56 steers averaged £913.21. Plenty of quality heifers on offer and a strong trade throughout. Top spot went to 10mo Blues from I Cook, Biddulph at £1280; followed by 11mo Angus from Cherry Orchard Farms, Longdon at £1190; 8mo Simmentals at £1070 from KA&AS Littler. Topping the younger end were 4mo Charolais at £1000 from R Pedley, Congleton followed by 5mo Fleckvieh at £960 from SJ Plamer, Sutton Maddock and 5mo Blues at £850 from M Latham, Derby. from Rooms Farm Ltd, Adderley and 4mo Limousins at £515 for R&K Jones, Chirbury. All 96 heifers averaged £822.84. Thank you to all buyers and sellers for their support of the weanling section in 2025.

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025

209 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Very pleasing sale to conclude a tremendous 2025 at Market Drayton Market and huge vote of thanks to all

our vendors, buyers and local supporters wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A seasonal entry forward selling on a very brisk trade which would be oozing 'Christmas Spirit' with demand totally outstripping supply! Credit where credit is due a much more level bunch of cattle forward this week with an abundance of loin, shape and weight which tickled the seasonal demand.

Leading the sparkle in the fair lights this week saw steers to 452p or £3,092.28, heifers to 449p or £2,685.02 and bulls to 439p or £3,232.50. Overall market average returned at 362p or £2,161.02.

38 Bulls - Humble number to conclude the year with sucklers racing away to 439p or £3,081.78 for Limousin from Paul & Christine Tippetts and further Limousin to 431p or £3,232.50. The Edwards Family saw their Limousin to 419p (£2,262.60) and 382p (£2,368.40). Glyn Vaughan and Family saw their Limousins to 414p (£2,318.40), 412p (£2,010.56) etc. Natives sold to 378p (£2,336.04) for a Hereford from Jonathan Wheawall and Family. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 352p (£1,851.52) from the Evans Family to mention a few. Section average returned at 358p or £2,046.11.

41 Steers - A good sample of well finished cattle forward which peaked at 452p or £2,558.32 for Limousin from Emyr Roberts & Family and a further Limousin to 428p (£2,627.92). The Weaver Family saw their Limousin gross £3,092.28 or 438ppkg. Distance supporter Simon Beamond Limousin to 426p (£2,513.40), 376p (£2,203.36) etc. Peter Moseley and Family saw their trio of Charolais to 400p (£2,864.00), 389p (£2,816.36) and 385p (£2,864.40) to mention a few. Simon Beamond also sold the highest price native with a Shorthorn to 364p (£2,431.52). Section average returned at 364p or £2,393.74.

Heifers - Very similar scenario to the steers with super star quality selling to 449p or £2,685.02 for Limousin from Emyr Roberts and Family. The Weaver Family saw their Limousin to 420p (£2,452.80). Paul and Christine Tippetts Limousin to 419p (£2,212.32) and Jonny Warner and Family trio of Continentals all at 411p (£2,318.04, £2,252.28 and £2,120.76). Natives saw distance supporters the Simcock Family sold Angus to 355p (£2,108.70) to mention a few. Section average returned at 363p or £2,104.22.

Once again Thank you for all your support and business during 2025 and looking forward to welcoming you all back in 2026. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!

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)

£3,200 TOP – 7 COWS OVER £3,000

There was a very high standard of cows forward for the Western Holstein Club supported December Show & Sale which was judged by Charles Forrester and sponsored by Rumen Supplies Ltd.

Cows sold to £3,200 for the second calver WHITGREAVE RUBELS SUSAN 2 RED from Stubbs Partners, Whitgreave.

Two second calvers made £3,100 - LACHSTONE CABO I PENNY from Lachstone Farms, Northwich and LEIGHGRANGE DYNAMITE ALICIA 2 from Mrs JE Milner, Stoke on Trent.

Lachstone Farms twice sold other second calvers at £3,000 and Mrs JE Milner also sold a fourth calver for £3,000.

Hilltop Farming, Aston by Budworth sold their second calver for £3,000.

Calved heifers sold to £2,920 from Lachstone Farms.

The champion commercial heifer from LF Horton & Son, Northwich sold for £2,850. Ray Brown & Partners, Twemlows sold their second prize pedigree Lineback heifer for £2,850.

Trade was very consistent with 21 cattle selling from £2,500 to £2,800.

In-calf heifers sold to £1,820, yearlings to £1,070 and calves to £240.

Averages:

25 Fresh Cows £2,364.

36 Fresh Heifers £2,190.

The Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by the Western Holstein Club

will be on Wednesday 28th January 2026

PLEASE RING WITH YOUR ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT DAIRY SALE

Gwilym Richards 07768 020393, Jason Brown 07774 816384, Jonty Cliffe 07595 453306

Market Office 01630 652926 or email: dairy@barbers-auctions.co.uk

124 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Just a nice number forward to finish the year and thanks to all our loyal vendors, buyers and staff for another great year. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New.

Trade very sharp indeed with plenty of men ring side all eager for cattle. Good number of bulls on offer attracting brisk bidding to a top of £800 with majority being 4-8 month old dairy bred to £600-£750.

No Friesian Steers forward!! We need more! Yarding cattle continue to ring the bell at £1,800-£2,200 for the best topping at £2,300 for Limousin steer from Antony Whitfield. Plenty of trade for cattle at 360-380ppkg with the better end at 400p plus. To a top of 430ppkg. Best of the Farming cattle at around that £1,250-£1,450 mark and still plenty of demand.

Back to normal business on Wednesday the 7th January 2026. All store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,790.00	430kg	W.G Latham
British Blue	£1,615.00	430kg	W.G Latham
British Blue	£1,500.00	396kg	Baddiley Hulse Ltd
Angus	£2,150.00	610kg	W.G Latham
Angus	£2,040.00	578kg	D&M Leech & Sons
Angus	£1,970.00	540kg	DP & JM Mounfield
Angus	£1,800.00	520kg	Newbold Partners
Baz	£1,820.00	506kg	Newbold Partners
Hereford	£1,880.00	578kg	Mrs Pam McPhillips
Hereford	£1,815.00	488kg	Shelley & Son
Hereford	£1,420.00	410kg	Shelley & Son
Charolais	£1,890.00	490kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Charolais	£1,780.00	544kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£2,300.00	634kg	Antony Whitfield
Limousin	£1,800.00	474kg	Antony Whitfield
Limousin	£1,630.00	384kg	F Vaughan

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,680.00	454kg	Baddiley Hulse Ltd
British Blue	£780.00	246kg	W.G Latham
Angus	£1,680.00	516kg	Newbold Partners
Angus	£1,440.00	442kg	L.J Beech
Angus	£925.00	288kg	Backhouse Partners Ltd
Hereford	£1,800.00	542kg	H.A. Barber & Son
Hereford	£1,725.00	480kg	Shelley & Son
Hereford	£1,700.00	460kg	Antony Whitfield
Charolais	£1,650.00	430kg	JE & A Mitchell
Charolais	£1,010.00	260kg	Alun Jones
Simmental	£1,900.00	588kg	D & M Leech & Sons
Simmental	£1,725.00	546kg	D & M Leech & Sons
Simmental	£1,700.00	416kg	David W Benbow
Limousin	£2,070.00	558kg	R Mounfield
Limousin	£1,970.00	519kg	Shelley & Son
Limousin	£1,700.00	432kg	Antony Whitfield
Limousin	£1,620.00	402kg	Antony Whitfield

1,598 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

More lambs forward selling to a much improved trade for all weights and grades. A total clearance was reported and on overall market average was returned at 347p.

Lights sold to 354p for 30.2kgs to gross £106.91 for R L Roberts.

Standards peaked at 398p for 38.5kgs to generate £153.23 for R.T Williams. Others sample prices as follows : £144.30 (37kgs) T.H Allsopp, £143.26 (38.1kgs) C.E Bingham, £137.74 (38.8kgs) .C Cliffe and £132.11 (36.8kgs) EO & VJ Roberts.

Mediums topped at 453p for 41.3kgs to gross £187.09 for Madders & Johnson. Other highlight prices were as follows:- £191.25 (45kgs) J & JA Venables & Son, £187.20 (£45kgs) J & JA Venables & Son, £185.06 (44.7kgs) H.F Jones, £187.27 (44.7kgs) J & JA Venables & Son, £176.88 (44kgs) S Hamplett and £171.79 (41kgs) A.S Hamplett.

Heavies sold to 430p for 46.5kgs to generate £199.95 for J & JA Venables & Son. Top in the lump was £200.88 for 64.8kgs from J.T Richardson. The vast majority of heavies traded between 315p-330p or £155-£165.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	258	391p
Prime	1142	344p
Other	198	316p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 354p (£110.40) average 323p (£98.73). Standards 398p (£153.23) average 343p (£122.68). Mediums 453p (£191.25) average 349p (£149.18). Heavies 430p (£200.88) average 335p (£163.43).

504 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold on a flying trade with the best to £273 for Texel X ewes from WL & JA Forrester. Light ewes sold from £50 to £75, plain ewes £80 to £115, cutting ewes £120 to £150 and heavy ewes to £160 plus. An overall average was returned at £121.80 which includes a large proportion of small Welsh ewes.

Next Sale Monday 29th December at 8am

840 REARING CALVES

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

A superb entry of calves at the 'pre-Christmas sale', with more numbers and a higher proportion of younger calves forward than usual. Trade was good throughout the day and, while marginally easier than recent weeks, the overall result was very satisfactory given the

increased entry and time of year. The next sale is Monday 29th December at 10.00am. There will be NO sale on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Please advise Jonty of entries in advance to help notify buyers. Thank you to all vendors and purchasers for your continued support of MDM calf sales in 2025; lets hope it continues in 2026.

Friesian Bulls – A few more forward this week and a decent trade for close to Christmas with an average of £120 per head. Top price was £280 from RJ&DJ Clement, Gorsey Bank. Best: £200-£300, Mediums: £125-£175, Smalls: £50-£100.

Native Bulls – A strong trade with a lot of younger bulls forward. Best Angus more in line with 42 over £450! Top price: Angus at £500 from both Johnson Bros, Tarporley and Messrs Vaughan, Alvaston. Best: £425-£500, Mediums: £300-£400, Smalls: £150-£275.

Continental Bulls – A really pleasing trade with demand still through the roof for all grades. Top price: £860 for a Charolais bull from the J&AJ Weatherby, Betchton. Best: £550-£650, Mediums: £400-£525, Smalls: £300-£375.

Native Heifers – Similar to the bulls with a lot of youngsters on offer but a real nice little trade. Top price: Hereford at £480 from RJ&DJ Clement, Gorsey Bank. Best: £280-£350, Mediums: £180-£250, Smalls: £150-£150.

Continental Heifers – A great trade for all types, best still demanding a larger premium. Top price: Charolais at £760 from both AW&B Titterton & Sons, Milwich and EW Moss & Son, Endon. Best: £475-£600, Mediums: £300-£450, Smalls: £200-£275. A good number of young weanlings included 3mo Blue bulls from JW Gibson & Son at £740; 3mo Herefords to £500 from V McNaughton and 3mo Simmentals at £680 from GP Acreman, Stafford.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN

(65 - AV.£163.82)
£280 RJ&DJ Clement
£245 A Sutton

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(117 - AV.£347.90)
£500 Johnson Brothers
£500 PA, JE& J Vaughan

CHAROLAIS

(21 - AV.£525.24)
£860 J&AJ Weatherby
£800 J&AJ Weatherby

LIMOUSIN

(9 - AV.£425.00)
£510 E.J Nash & Sons
£500 E.J Nash & Sons

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE

(181 - AV.£369.39)
£590 JM Bridley & Partners
£580 GA Hargreaves & Sons

HEREFORD

(37 - AV.£286.47)
£480 RJ&DJ Clement
£470 Oulton Lowe Farms Ltd

LIMOUSIN

(9 - AV.£399.44)
£470 Mr E.J Nash X2
£465 Mr E.J Nash

BRITISH BLUE

(159 - AV.£424.30)
£710 Luke Mellor & Son
£700 Moreton Wood FarmLtd

HEREFORD

(39 - AV.£353.00)
£475 Oulton Lowe Farms Ltd
£455 Oulton Lowe Farms Ltd

SIMMENTAL

(25 - AV.£494.20)
£660 DW&M Bailey
£654 DW&M Bailey

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(120 - AV.£271.40)
£400 A.A Winstanley
£400 Luke Mellor & Son

SIMMENTAL

(25 - AV.£413.20)
£700 Gareth P Acreman
£530 KP&M Massey & Son

CHAROLAI S

(21 - AV.£464.29)
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