



MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Market Report The Following Trade:

MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2026

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

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Firstly Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2026 to all out MDM supporters and what a start to 2026!! The elements tried to derail the day but the "Old Dunkirk Spirit" came to the fore and resulted in a cracking number to start the year and I would like to think all our vendors were well rewarded with a real flying trade on the day!!! Certainly no deadweight gloom and doom ring side with ten buyers representing end users, wholesalers, exporters and further finishers. The cows were a joy to sell and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage.

Thank you to all our buyers, sellers and staff making the journey to MDM on such an inclement day!! Lets hope 2026 New Years resolution is to support the markets which try to add value and to act as a rural hub to the local agricultural community.

Leading lights shone brightly to 341p or £2,591.60 for sucklers, 339p or £3,463.20 for bulls, 320p or £2,402.86 for clean and 300p or £2,793.00 for dairy and with sixteen cattle over 300p returning overall market average of 244p or £1,572.73.

119 Dairies - Demand totally outstripping supply resulting in a very buoyant trade topping at 300p twice for young black and white cows with JS.&HJ. Gleave, Audlem cow returning £2,064.00 and Billington Farming Ltd, Siddington to £1,848.00. Richard Vernon & Partners, Hatherton saw their Ayrshires to 292p (£1,524.24) and 290p (£1,490.60), A.&WA. Sadler & Sons, Gt Wyrley black and white to 287p (£2,009.00) etc, Williamson Farming Ltd, Austerson Montbeliardes to 285p to return a staggering £2,793.00 and 282p (£2,295.48) etc, JM.&SE. Jackson, Longpools cow to 277p (£1,972.24) etc and The Holdcroft Family, Sandbach Montbeliardes to 269p (£2,361.82) and 240p (£2,116.80) to mention a few. The section average returned at 229p or £1,457.89.

32 Sucklers - Export cows in strong demand and these sold to 341p or £2,591.60 for a Limousin from Edwards Evans & Family, Halfway House with further cows to 335p (£2,485.70) and 315p (£2,494.80). Distant travellers The Jones Family, Maerdy saw their Limousin to 319p (£1,690.70) and Angus to 289p (£1,693.54). Paul & Christine Tippetts, Lodge Hill Limousin to 315p (£2,280.60) and Charolais to 311p (£2,313.84) to mention a few. Natives saw Shorthorns to 294p (£2,163.84) from distant supporters The Evans Family, Llanfyllin and their Hereford to 283p (£2,105.52). The section average returned at 284p or £1,853.83.

5 Bulls - Best shaped export bulls raced away to 339p or £3,125.58 for Limousin from distant supporters Neuadd Goch Ltd, Newtown. In the lump PA.JE.&J. Vaughan, Alveston saw their Hereford sell to £3,463.20 or 296p to mention a few. The section



average returned at 288p or £2,214.48.

9 Clean - A trio of overage Angus heifers sold to 320p (£2,118.40, £2,105.60 and £2,080.60) from distant supporters Mr N.D. Janes, Hewish who also topped the steers at 320p (£2,124.80) again for Angus. Paul & Christine Tippetts, Lodge Hill saw their Saler heifers to 317p (£2,402.86) and 297p (£2,037.42).

- 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.

170 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

20 Cull Sows - A very mixed entry and a mixed trade. Good cutting sows ok to sell at 50p to 55p topping at 60p. But other sows and boars very hard to sell and trading from 10p to 20p with some less.

63 Fat Pigs - A short entry with only the best in real demand with others finding homes but at less money. Best pigs 170p to 200p topping at 235p from Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury Mortimer. Plain or heavy pigs at 80p to 100p with some less than that.

	Av.	Top	Top
60-79kgs	99p	175p	£138.45
80-100kgs	156p	235p	£225.60
101kgs	108p	185p	£231.25
Sows	38p	60p	£166.46

87 Weaners - A large entry and demand very selective. Best weaners £25 to £35 topping at £44 and averaging £28

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

**Monday 19 January/2 & 16 February, 10.30am
Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs
All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.**

129 Weanlings

Auctioneer : Jonty Cliffe 07595 453306

A fantastic trade to start the year. The snow impacted the number on offer, with around 100 cattle unable to attend, and several buyers also unable to make the journey. We would like to thank both vendors and purchasers who were able to attend for their commitment despite the conditions. Turning to the trade itself, it was an excellent way to begin 2026. The majority of the entry was seven months old or younger, and the overall quality on offer was outstanding.

Confidence and demand remained strong throughout the sale, even with reduced buyer numbers in attendance. With this level of demand evident, we would encourage vendors to get weanlings tested and bring them to our next sale on Monday 19 January.

Only 13 bulls and top spot went to a 10 month Blue at £1,100 from Mr S.J. Palmer, Shifnal who also

sold 10 month Angus at £990. 6 month Limousin at £860 from Mr P.L. Wood, Nantwich and 4 month Longhorns from Mr K. Wood, Rugeley at £690. All bulls averaged £716.66.

The steers have been on fire with predominately groups of Blues on offer! Top call going to 5 month Blues at £820 from Mr P.L. Wood, Nantwich followed by 4 month Blues at £815 from Mr M.D. Berrisford, Betley and 4 month Blues at £790 from Mr M.A. Nicholls, Uttoxeter. A 6 month Limousin sold for £710 from S.&A. Shaw, Runcorn.

All 41 steers averaged £778.65. Plenty of quality heifers on offer and a strong trade throughout. Top spot went to 10 month Blues at £1,040 from Mr S.J. Palmer, Shifnal; followed by a 5 month suckled bred Limousin at £860 from Mr M.D. Berrisford, Betley. Nice packets of 5 month Blues at £825 and £810 from Mr P.L. Wood, Nantwich. 5 month Angus from J.&G. Fryer, Horton at £730. All 75 heifers averaged £719.80. Please don't forget to book your entries in early for the next sale - Monday 19 January at 11.30am.

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WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2026

213 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Well what a start to the year with a cracking number forward selling on a very brisk trade especially considering all the talk at the end of the year being deadweight centres dropping the prices!! Just to quantify the level of trade on the year, January 2025 prices as an average hovering around 318p this market overall average returned at 365p. Lets hope this level of trade is maintained through 2026 and may I take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2026!!!

Top of the shop this week returned at 468p or £2,713.60 for heifers, 440p or £3,135.00 for steers and 435p or £3,671.40 for bulls. The overall market average of 365p or £2,231.02 and please remember the vast majority of our entry are dairy cross bred continentals and natives.

55 Bulls - The only disappointment would have been the numbers forward with demand outstripping supply. Suckler bulls raced away to 435p twice for Limousins returning £3,671.40 and £3,253.80 from Edward Evans & Family, Halfway House. Paul & Christine Tippetts, Lodge Hill saw their trio of bulls to 429p x 3 (£3,629.34, £3,277.56 and £2,882.88), Mr Ben Starkey & Family, Whitegate saw their Charolais to 390p (£2,441.40). Natives sold to 388p (£2,459.92) for Angus from Mr Martin Lancaster, Congleton. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 340p twice to gross £1,944.80 and £1,883.60 from Mr Mark Gardiner & Family, Draycott-In-The-Clay. The section average returned at 365p or £2,243.96.

65 Steers - Certainly something for everyone and everyone for something and finding a very competitive trade throughout. One of our distant supporters took pole position with a Limousin to 440p or £2,930.40 from The Brown Family, Nuneaton and further Blue to 421p (£2,622.836). Closer to home saw a regular Cheshire vendor selling Limousins to 426p (£2,964.96), 422p (£2,599.52), 392p (£3,120.32). Another regular Cheshire

vendor saw their Limousin to 420p (£2,503.20) and Mr Darren Young, Balterley Limousin to 410p (£2,673.20). In the lump Mr Liam Swinnerton, Lipley Villa Limousin grossed £3,135.00 to mention a few. Natives saw Angus to 368p (£2,362.56) from Mr R.H. Turner, Bradley. The section average returned at 362p or £2,388.00.

93 Heifers - Quantity and quality to the fore with super stars racing away to a staggering 468p or £2,480.40 from distant supporters The Jones Family. Neuadd Goch Ltd, Newtown for a Limousin and further cattle to 444p (£2,655.12), 432p (£2,453.76) and 424p (£2,713.60), Mr Jonny Warner, Stoke Heath Blonde to 432p (£2,548.80), The Brown Family, Nuneaton 430p (£2,584.30) and 419p (£2,610.37) and closer to home Mr Darren Young, Balterley Limousin to 420p (£2,570.40). Mr Rob Nicholls & Family, Dayhills Blues to 419p (£2,346.40) and 417p (£2,383.44) to mention a few. Natives sold to 370p (£1,953.60) for a Hereford from The Wilson Family, Hollington. The section average returned at 367p or £2,163.45.

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.

52 DAIRY CATTLE

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

TOP PRICE HEIFER £2,750

TOP PRICE COW £2,420

A good entry forward for the first sale of the New Year. Trade was remarkably good and very consistent. The expectation of the vendors was obviously lower than pre-Christmas, but really there was no need to worry as buyers were present for everything.

Top price of the day was £2,750 from R. Brown & Partners, Twemlows for lot 32 Bidlea Prime Meg off a GP84 mothers backed by 8 Generations VG/EX. Others from the same home to £2,600, £2,520, £2,450.

Hankins Heys Farms, Burton showed five super heifers these peaked at £2,550 and others at £2,460, £2,450 and £2,420. Mr K.J. Morris, Beoley £2,540, T.G. Phillips & Co, Llanymynech £2,440 of the 35 heifers forward 32 were sold as correct and only two made less than £1,900.

Cows with milk and strength sort after as usual. Top price was £2,420 from A.R. Hough & Partners, Warrington for lot six ARH Linky Red a third calved cow giving 41kgs. Freeford Farms, Litchfield £2,100, D.I. Ball & Son, Sandbach £1,920. Fifth calvers from Mr Rob Taylor, Somerset to £1,700.

A run of six incalf heifers from Mr R. Davies, Sandhurst due in three to four months time sold well to £1,520.

Averages:

Fresh Heifers (all faults/breeds) £2,179

Fresh Cows (all faults/breeds) £1,706

Served Heifers £1,337

Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by

The Western Holstein Club

Wednesday 28 January 2026.

Next Monthly Youngstock Sales

Monday 2 February / 2 March 2026 at 10.45am

entries to Jason or Jonty.

147 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

A warm welcome back to everyone and a modest entry finding a ring of keen buyers. Trade very similar to how we left it and all looks good.

Better Friesian steers selling at £1,600 to £1,700 topping at £1,790 from MJ.&MR. Poynton, Haughton. With farming types around £1,200. The section averaged £1,547 or 324p/kg.

A small show of yarding cattle forward attracting brisk bidding but a lack of power meant we did not see too many highlights. Best at £1,800 to £2,100 topping at £2,310 for Blues from The Clemson Family, Wellington. Best of the native heifers at £1,750 to £1,850 topping at £2,230 for a Angus heifer from IG.&TM. Beckett, Willington and both breeds averaging around £1,600 to £1,650 or 330p/kg. Better breeds stores at 370p to 380p/kg with only a very small handful at 400p plus. Most sections averaging around that 320p to 340p/kg.

More stores needed very week please - all store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,790.00	506kg	MJ.&MR. Poynton
Friesian	£1,540.00	450kg	MJ.&MR. Poynton
British Blue	£2,310.00	680kg	RD.&EV.Clemson
British Blue	£1,800.00	474kg	DW.&G.Pugh & Sons
British Blue	£1,480.00	408kg	J.A. Evans & Son
British Blue	£1,400.00	427kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
British Blue	£1,380.00	374kg	Mr M. Millington
Angus	£2,000.00	580kg	MH.&SE. Weaver
Angus	£1,800.00	476kg	DW.&G.Pugh&Sons
Angus	£1,760.00	502kg	JE.& A. Mitchell
Angus	£1,485.00	430kg	DBR Farming Serv.
Hereford	£1,750.00	502kg	DW.&G.Pugh&Sons
Simmental	£2,185.00	612kg	Mr R. Mounfield
Simmental	£1,985.00	532kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£1,920.00	510kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Limousin	£1,540.00	426kg	DL.EF.&S. Small

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,790.00	484kg	H.A. Bunning & Son
Blonde	£1,540.00	433kg	A. & K. Thompson
Shorthorn	£1,680.00	452kg	DW.&G.Pugh&Sons
Shorthorn	£1,650.00	524kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
Angus	£2,230.00	642kg	IG.&TM. Beckett
Angus	£1,850.00	574kg	H.A. Barber & Son
Angus	£1,810.00	522kg	JE.& A. Mitchell
Hereford	£1,890.00	588kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Hereford	£1,685.00	474kg	DW.& G. Pugh&Sons
Hereford	£1,670.00	471kg	M.&SG. Howells
Charolais	£1,900.00	552kg	Beaman Saddlery
Charolais	£1,300.00	396kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
Simmental	£1,900.00	534kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield
Simmental	£1,840.00	530kg	Beaman Saddlery
Simmental	£1,800.00	496kg	Mr Simon Baskerville
Simmental	£1,290.00	392kg	Mr Simon Baskerville
Limousin	£1,840.00	524kg	Beaman Saddlery
Limousin	£1,790.00	454kg	DP.&JM. Mounfield

1,200 PRIME HOGGETS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

A reasonable show forward despite the weather resulted in a very fast trade throughout to return an overall market average of 346p.

Lights sold to 402p for 31.6kgs to return £127.03 for Mr O. Lloyd-Jones, Mynydd Mechell.

Standards raced away to 430p for 33kgs to gross

£141.90 for Mr O. Lloyd-Jones, Mynydd Mechell the same man achieved top price in the lump of £160.13 for 37.5kgs.

Mediums sold to 419p twice for two pens of 44.6kgs to return £186.87 for B. Lawton & Son, Weston Jones and J.A. Venables & Son, Lower Withington. Other prices as follows:- £180.40 (45.1kgs) J.&JA. Venables & Son, £176.44 (44kgs) W. Shelley & Sons Ltd, £174.72 (42kgs) Mr O. Lloyd-Jones, £166.42 (45.1kgs) A. Mitchell & Son and £165.84 (43.3kgs) WL. & JA. Forrester.

Heavies topped at 407p for 48.1kgs to return £195.77 for J. & JA. Venables & Son, Lower Withington. Top price in the lump was £202.40 for 55kgs from B. Lawton & Son, Weston Jones. The vast majority of heavies traded between 315p to 340p or £155 to £165. Please keep the numbers coming to satisfy demand.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	199	369p
Prime	858	344p
Other	143	308p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 402p (£127.03) average 337p (£104.54). Standards 430p (£160.13) average 351p (£124.08). Mediums 419p (£186.87) average 346p (£147.57). Heavies 407p (£202.40) average 336p (£160.83).

402 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold on a very fast trade with the best to £261 for Texel X ewes from WL. & JA. Forrester, Colehurst and rams to £200 for Texels from Mr P. Thomas, Newport. 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 £158.00.

690 REARING CALVES

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

A fantastic start to the year with an electric trade in the calf ring. A larger proportion of older, stronger calves forward than usual was expected following the Christmas break, and those vendors were well rewarded, with premium prices achieved. A similar show is expected next week, with some vendors having delayed entries due to passports. Buyer interest was strong throughout the day, creating plenty of positivity to kick off the year.

Friesian Bulls – A few more forward this week and a fantastic trade with an average of £162 per head. Top price was £275 from PDT Lokier, Lyneal. Best: £200-£250, Mediums: £125-£175, Small: £50-£100.

Native Bulls – Off the clock!! 42 best types over £500 which were nearly all Angus. Several buyers went home disappointed too. Top price: Angus at £685 from GE Brookes & Partners, Loxley. Best: £500-£600, Mediums: £400-£475, Small: £200-£350.

Continental Bulls – A really pleasing trade with demand through the roof for all grades. Top price: £780 for a Blue bull from GA Hargreaves & Sons, Cresswell. Best: £550-£700, Mediums: £400-£525, Small: £300-£375.

Native Heifers – Huge demand from a number of buyers led to a fast trade, with 45 best heifers over £400. Small just as dear in comparison. Top price: Hereford at £490 from JR Ward & Sons, Darnhall. Best: £375-£425, Mediums: £250-£325, Small: £150-£200.

Continental Heifers – A great trade for all types, best still demanding a larger premium but all medium £400+. Top price: Two Blues at £590 from GA Hargreaves & Sons and DA&EM Drinkall & Son. Best: £500-£600. Mediums: £375-£475, Small: £250-£350. Only a handful of

weanlings included 3mo Blue bulls from AD&PJ Moseley, Cheddleton at £780. For all calf enquiries, please contact Ben or Jonty.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN
(52 - AV.£162.30)
£275 Mr P.D.T. Lokier
£235 Allen Family Fm Ltd

SHORTHORN
(4 - AV.£398.70)
£455 Mr P.D.T. Lokier
£400 Mr P.D.T. Lokier

HEREFORD
(31 - AV.£384.68)
£530 J.M. Brindley & Ptns
£500 DN.&JG. Price

SIMMENTAL
(17 - AV.£499.10)
£615 KP&M. Massey & Son
£610 DV&DA.Cliffe&Sons

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE
(139 - AV.£394.14)
£590 GA.Hargreaves&Sons
£590 DA&EM.Drinkall&Son

HEREFORD
(22 - AV.£367.00)
£490 J.R. Ward & Sons
£470 Mr E.J. Studley

SIMMENTAL
(28 - AV.£424.29)
£510 DV&DA.Cliffe&Sons
£500 DA.&EM.Drinkall & Son

WELSH x 1
£405 G.A. Hargreaves & Sons

BRITISH BLUE
(147 - AV.£471.20)
£780GA.Hargreaves&Sons
£720 Walker & Hargreaves

ABERDEEN ANGUS
(76 - AV.£447.33)
£685 G.E. Brookes&Ptns
£620 RD.&A.Roe & Son

CHAROLAIS
(19 - AV.£586.33)
£760 D.&E. Monk
£740 D.&E. Monk

LIMOUSIN
(20 - AV.£537.70)
£790 Mr G.B. Warner
£765 Mr G.B. Warner

ABERDEEN ANGUS
(65 - AV.£314.00)
£470 Luke Mellor & Son
£455 RD.&A. Roe & Son

CHAROLAIS
(21 - AV.£428.10)
£515 D&HE.Coldclough
£510 DG.&JA. Ball

LIMOUSIN
(18 - AV.£384.44)
£515 J.H. Morris & Sons
£510 Mr G.B. Warner



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 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 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.

EASTER SHOW & SALE

Wednesday 25 March

(Judging 8.30am/Sale 9am)

Class One – Best Single Lamb

Class Two – Best Pair of Lambs.

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KEY LAND MARKET INSIGHTS:

- Demand remains strong, though buyers are increasingly selective
- Premium prices continue for well-located, high-quality land
- Increased supply has led to steadier, more measured competition

FACTORS SHAPING THE MARKET:

- Correct presentation and pricing are crucial for sellers
- Wet weather earlier in 2025 slowed buyer decision-making
- Input costs, interest rates and policy uncertainty continue to influence confidence

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSITION TRENDS:

- Growing interest in land suited to BNG and carbon off-setting
- Flexibility and realism remain key, particularly for secondary land

OUTLOOK FOR 2026, CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC:

- Strong fundamentals, including food production and long-term land value continue to underpin the market

To speak to our team about how these trends could impact your land in 2026 please call 01630 692500



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