



MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

Market Drayton Market Report

The Following Trade:



MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026

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

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Red certainly did not mean stop with one of the best entries forward we have seen on a red market for a while and the trade was extremely brisk considering the quality forward. Certainly not a vintage show with a large contingent of parlour and lean cows forward but all selling on a very buoyant trade. Big thank you to all vendors and buyers and its great to see new faces back either selling or buying! Do not forget a red market accommodates not only TB restricted cattle but also there is no "six-day" rule to contend with.

Top calls rang out to 340p or £2,113.56 for sucklers, 328p or £3,161.30 for bulls and 294p or £2,453.76 for clean. The overall market average returned at 244p or £1,569.43.

122 Dairies - Cracking number forward and not wanting to sound greedy many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. Young and meated cows certainly selling to a premium and these sold to 294p or £1,664.04 for a young black and white from Williamson Farming Ltd, Austerson. JR.&AMB. James, St Martins saw 290p (£1,885.00) for their Fleckvieh, Manor Farming Company, Lee Brockhurst 284p or £2,453.76 in the lump for their black and white, T.&R. Gleave & Sons, Frodsham to 280p (£1,797.60), Lees Dairy Farms, Adderley 275p (£2,024.00) for their Shorthorn, H.&J. Smith & Sons, Biddulph 271p (£1,588.06) and 268p (£1,827.76), Mr Steve Bailey & Family, Lightwood Green saw their Ayrshire to 270p (£1,522.80) and R.&L. Ward Farms, Madeley cow to 262p (£2,389.44) to mention a few. The section average returned at 230p or £1,484.22.

35 Sucklers - No export types forward with commercial cows. Natives sold to 340p or £2,053.60 for a Hereford from Jane Bailey & Family, Cherrington and further Herefords to 334p (£1,810.28), 326p (£2,001.64), 325p (£1,878.50), 322p (£2,015.72) etc. Young Angus to 335p (£1,909.50) from Tim Davies & Family, Rushton and 324p (£1,483.92). JS.&HM. Gleave, Heywood Lane Limousin to 329p (£1,941.10) and Simmental to 309p or £2,113.56 from The Goodwin Family, Abbotts Bromley. The section average returned at 283p (£1,610.12).

11 Bulls - Mixed entry with some younger restricted bulls and these sold to 328p twice (£1,908.96 or £2,066.40) for Hereford's from Jane Bailey & Family, Cherrington and 319p (£1,920.38), 315p (£2,305.80) etc. Stock bulls to 313p or £3,161.30 for Simmental from The Smith Family, Biddulph Moor. RJ.&DJ. Clement, Gorsey Bank Hereford to 305p (£2,659.60), Mr Charles Forrester, Northwood Hereford to 288p (£2,401.92) and Mr Wayne Clewes, Woore Shorthorn to 284p (£2,754.80). The section average returned at 303p (£2,344.36).

- RED MARKETS -

Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 9 March/13 April, 3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.

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WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026

178 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Numbers seem to becoming tighter which looks to be fuelling the trade at present. Certainly better fed and bred cattle all seeing a stronger trade throughout and very easy to place on the day and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. As always a big thank you to all our vendors both near and far for their support and to the strength and depth of our buyers also with their weekly attendance.

Leading lights shone brightly this week to 464p or £2,717.28 for heifers, 450p or £2,676.48 for steers and 446p or £4,400.76 for bulls. The overall market average returned at 365p or £2,220.19.

70 Bulls - Great to see more forward and a much better sample of meat and shape to grace the ring. Trade sharper again especially for well fleshed and best suckler types. Trade raced away to 446p or £4,272.68 for a Limousin from Mr Mick Gould & Family, Bomere Heath and further bulls to 443p (£3,012.40), 429p (£3,981.12) and 403p to generate £4,400.76, Mr Dafydd Morris & Family, Llanrhaeadr saw Bazadaise to 436p (£2,485.20), 423p (£2,275.74) and 392p (£2,320.64), Mr Richard Savage & Family, Hanwood Limousin to 406p (£2,639.00). Natives sold Angus to 371p (£2,411.50) from Mr Dave Benbow & Family, Hilderstone. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 358p (£2,377.12) from Mr Ralph Jones & Family, Preston Hill to mention a few. The section average returned at 358p or £2,253.46.

46 Steers - Extremely mixed entry with nearly half the entry over thirty months but this certainly did not dampen the spirits and some very competitive bidding resulted!! Trade sharper for well fleshed types seeing sucklers racing away to 450p or £2,499.50 for Limousin from Robert Brothers, Aberystwyth and further Blue to 432p (£2,643.84). Closer to home saw Mr Pete Moseley & Family, Allostock selling Limousins to 420p (£2,419.20), 377p (£2,586.22) and 372p (£2,306.40). The Richardson Family, Plumley saw their Limousin sell to 408p and gross £2,676.48. Natives a real trade with White Park to 386p or £2,238.80 from W. Walker &

Sons, Rushton and 362p (£2,179.24). Angus to 385p (£2,379.30) from distant supports The Bromilow Family, Golborne and Herefords to 372p (£2,313.84) from Mr Charles Forrester, Northwood. The section average returned at 360p or £2,294.95.

62 Heifers - Only real grumble more needed to service growing demand. Cracking sample forward find a very brisk trade topping at 464p (£2,366.40) from Mr Emrys Roberts & Family, Llanfihangel and further cattle to 454p (£2,469.76), 450p (£2,304.00). Fellow Celt The Robert Bros had 450p (£2,650.50) and 430p (£2,420.90). Closer to home Mr Edward Evans, Lane Farm sold to 446p (£2,560.04), 438p (£2,461.56) and 428p (£2,653.60), LG Farms Ltd, Market Drayton Limousin to 444p and realised £2,717.28, DW.&LE. Morgan, Adafa Limousin to 442p (£2,616.64) and The Weaver Family, Stone Limousins to 432p (£2,540.16) and 430p (£2,562.80). Natives to 384p (£2,257.92) for Angus from The Francis Family, Newtown. The section average returned at 380p or £2,214.92.

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.

28 DAIRY CATTLE

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

TOP PRICE HEIFER £2,820

TOP PRICE COW £2,480

A smaller entry this week but again something for all tastes. A very good consistent trade on the best, but a much improved trade on second quality.

Top price of the day from Mr R.A. Bown, Hanley Castle sold to £2,820 this strong milking heifer from the Papoose Family sold giving 39kgs and their other heifer from the Fransci Family sold to £2,650 both heifers were backed up by unbroken pedigrees. Two super heifers from HS.&A. Callwood, Ollerton both sold at £2,620 again both backed up with unbroken pedigrees. Commercial heifers from RDI.&H. Roberts, Denbigh sold to £2,400 for a seven day calved heifer sold as fresh with others at £2,180 and £2,120.

Cows less forward but a very strong trade with all correct cows over the £2,000 barrier with a top of £2,480 from Messrs Skinner Bros, Melton Mowbray. Norwegian Reds dominated the sale today with cows to £2,120 from Messrs Skinner Bros, Melton Mowbray and heifers to £2,226 from Lea Farming, Lower Withington.

Averages:

Cows (including faults/breeds) £2,115

Heifers (including faults/breeds) £2,055

First Quality £2,675

Special Entry Wednesday 18 February
12 Fresh Calved Pedigree Heifers.

Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by
The Western Holstein Club
Wednesday 25 February 2026.

Next Monthly Youngstock Sales
Monday 2 March / 6 April 2026 at 10.45am
entries to Jason or Jonty.

197 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Numbers tight this week and the yarding cattle not as strong as last week. Nevertheless a top end trade with plenty of customers.

Ten feeding cows forward today attracting a lot of interest. Best at £1,200 to £1,300 topping at £1,375 and the section averaged £1,216 or 229p/kg. A nice entry of feeding bulls topped by a fantastic Hereford from Emma Timmis, Hilderstone at £2,260 who also had another at £2,000. Section averaged £1,466 or 308p/kg. A couple of lovely cows and calves forward selling at £2,800 and £2,780 for a Charolais and Limousin outfit from Mr David Mountfield, Little Budworth. Short entry of Friesian steers with only five forward topping at £1,600 and averaging £1,520.

Yarding cattle another super trade with £1,800 to £2,200 for top end and topped at £2,290 for a Charolais and Angus steers from Mr R.H. Turner, Bradley. Plenty of good cattle at £1,600 to £1,800 at 400kg to 440kg looking well sold. Best of the native heifers at £1,600 to £1,800 topping at £1,895 for Hereford from Mr Mark Gatehouse, Bitterley and averaging £1,400 to £1,450.

Steers Averaged £1,730 or 363p

Heifers Averaged £1,474 or 337p

200 plus stores needed every week please - all store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,600.00	506kg	DM.&PJ. Kinsey
Friesian	£1,500.00	479kg	CE&GS. Witter&Sons
Blonde	£1,910.00	482kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
Blonde	£1,750.00	428kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
Blonde	£1,260.00	310kg	Mr M.D. Berrisford
British Blue	£1,905.00	505kg	Sandyford Fm Ptns
British Blue	£1,900.00	496kg	Mr R.J. Brown
British Blue	£1,600.00	434kg	RW&JE. James&Son
British Blue	£1,200.00	342kg	Mr M.D. Berrisford
Shorthorn	£1,825.00	449kg	Brindley Farms Ltd
Angus	£2,290.00	614kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Angus	£2,000.00	529kg	MH.&SE. Weaver
Angus	£1,900.00	532kg	GE.&PG. Wright
Angus	£1,540.00	434kg	DM.&PJ. Kinsey
Angus	£1,490.00	441kg	Bank's Livestock
Longhorn	£1,510.00	426kg	Mrs H.M. Timmis
Hereford	£1,920.00	554kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Hereford	£1,920.00	528kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Hereford	£1,730.00	460kg	Mr M.D. Berrisford
Hereford	£1,700.00	458kg	GA&FA. Brassington
Charolais	£2,290.00	614kg	Mr R.H. Turner
Simmental	£2,140.00	560kg	Mr A.J. Palmer
Simmental	£1,940.00	533kg	D.&M. Leech&Sons
Simmental	£1,935.00	514kg	MH.&SE. Weaver
Simmental	£1,430.00	386kg	Mr Richard Timmis
Limousin	£2,190.00	580kg	Mr A.J. Palmer
Limousin	£2,140.00	457kg	Mr S. Simpkin
Limousin	£1,790.00	442kg	Mr M.D. Berrisford

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,780.00	462kg	JE.&JM. Salmon
British Blue	£1,900.00	506kg	Sandyford Fm Ptns
British Blue	£1,800.00	482kg	Mr R.J. Brown
British Blue	£1,515.00	429kg	F.H. Davies & Son
British Blue	£1,480.00	417kg	F.H. Davies & Son
Angus	£1,885.00	514kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Angus	£1,320.00	412kg	Bank's Livestock
Saler	£1,900.00	542kg	D.&M. Leech&Sons
Hereford	£1,895.00	501kg	J.Gatehouse&Son

Hereford	£1,760.00	554kg	H.A. Barber & Son
Charolais	£2,145.00	558kg	CR&G.Shepherd&Son
Simmental	£1,400.00	370kg	Mr Richard Timmis
Limousin	£1,885.00	514kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Limousin	£1,500.00	363kg	JC&WA.Davies&Son
Limousin	£1,390.00	332kg	K.R. Britton&Son

2,146 PRIME HOGGETS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

A big entry forward selling to a very pleasing trade to return an overall market average of 351p.

Lights sold to 373p for 30.7kgs to gross £114.51 for Mr MHV. Jones, Battlefield.

Standards peaked at 388p for 38.7kgs to realise £150.16 for S.&SM. Moss, Warmingham. Other highlight prices as follows:- 38.3kgs (383p) £146.69 Mr K. Edwards, 38.6kgs (371p) £143.21 Mr G.H. Stevenson, 38.9kgs (365p) £141.99 Mr Mathew Groom, 38.3kgs (370p) £141.71 S.&SM. Moss and 38kgs (370p) £140.60 Mr T.J. Nicholls,

Mediums raced away to 450p for 42.3kgs to accumulate £190.35 for Mr P.D. Crossmore, Nantwich. Top price in the lump was £193.58 for 44.5kgs from B. Lawton & Son, Weston Jones. Other notable prices as follows:- 43.2kgs (430p) £185.76 Mr Ashley Williams, 43kgs (425p) £182.75 Messrs H.F. Jones, 45.1kgs (412p) £185.81 Mr Ashley Williams, 40.3kgs (410p) £165.23 Mr M. Manning, 40.6kgs (410p) £166.46 Mr Ashley Williams, 43.5kgs (407p) £177.05 B. Lawton & Son and 43.3kgs (397p) £171.90 S.&SM. Moss.

Heavies topped at 440p for 46 kilos to accumulate £202.40 in the lump for Messrs H.F. Jones, Nantmawr. Top headage was £208.96 for 47.6kgs from Mr P.D. Crossmore, Nantwich. The vast majority of heavies sold between 310p to 330p or £155 to £170. More required next week please.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	389	389p
Prime	1,501	346p
Other	256	308p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 373p (£114.51) average 323p (£94.55). Standards 388p (£150.16) average 345p (£123.64). Mediums 450p (£193.58) average 355p (£150.67). Heavies 440p (£208.96) average 340p (£165.25).

MARKET DRAYTON
EASTER SHOW AND SALE
LAMBS AND CALVES
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026
KINDLY SPONSORED BY
Mart's in the Heart
LLM FarmVets

472 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold to yet another flying trade with the best to £290 for Texel ewes from WL.&JA. Forrester, Colehurst. Rams to £220 for a Texel tup from AI.&GS. Hollinshead, Goostrey. Light ewes sold from £70 to £90, plain ewes

£100 to £130, cutting ewes £140 to £160 and heavy ewes to £170 plus. An overall average was returned at £141.47.

606 REARING CALVES

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

The trade just keeps on giving! Just when you think you've seen the best of it, it finds another gear. The demand has been relentless from start to finish, with an outstanding 186 calves selling in excess of £550. More numbers came forward this week, including the first 100 or so calves from the spring-calving herds. Expect entries to rise week on week from here. Vendors are strongly encouraged to present calves to the very best of their ability to take full advantage of this exceptional trade — because somewhere along the line, something has got to give!

Friesian Bulls – As expected a lot more in with 72 forward and next week I'd expect over 100! They've been a fantastic trade. Top price was £450 from AW&B. Titterton & Sons, Milwich. Best: £200-£300, Mediums: £125-£175, Smalls: £50-£100.

Native Bulls – Just phenomenal, with 85 over £500! But we NEED more quality, it's hard to believe that the bulls at £500-£550 are only mediums! There are a lot of dairy farmers with some fantastic Angus bulls only receiving £450 on supply chain contracts! Food for thought! Top price: £670 for an Angus from Mr E. Fair, Peatswood and a Hereford at the same price from W. Hodgson & Sons, Tarporley. Best: £530-£625, Mediums: £450-£525, Smalls: £250-£400.

Continental Bulls – They are dearer again!! Off the clock for all grades with a record section average of £564 per head!! Top price: £850 for a Charolais bull from Mr G.B. Warner, Shrewsbury. Best: £625-£725, Mediums: £500-£600, Smalls: £300-£450.

Native Heifers – A good mix of sorts today and another strong trade, possibly the edge just off from last week. More best quality needed to take advantage. Top price: Angus at £505 from TS.&AE. Hartley, Mere. Best: £400-£475, Mediums: £275-£375, Smalls: £150-£250.

Continental Heifers – A phenomenal trade for all types with a section average of £485! All grades in sky high demand. Top price: £690 for a Charolais from S.&M..Huxley & Son, Talke. Best: £550-£625, Mediums: £425-£525, Smalls: £300-£400.

A good number of weanlings included a 3 month Charolais bull at £900 from S.&M. Huxley & Son; 3 month Angus bulls at £720 from Mr B.E. Worth, Whatcroft and 4 month Blue heifers at £690 from Joe Platt, Shrewsbury.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN (2 - AV.£159.74)	BRITISH BLUE (96 - AV.£547.68)
£450 AW&B.Titterton&Sons	£770 JA.&MH. Wright
£370 W. Hodgson & Sons	£760 Mr G.B. Warner
SHORTHORN (2 - AV.£460.00)	ABERDEEN ANGUS (93 - AV.£421.48)
£500 GA.&FA.Brasington	£670 Mr Ed Fair
£420 GA.&FA.Brasington	£630 JM&JK.Cliffe&Son
LONGHORN (2 - AV.£347.50)	MONTBELIARDE (8 - AV.£468.70)
£465 S. & S. Yarwood	£550 D.&J. Moseley Ltd
£230 S. & S. Yarwood	£510 Mr D.P. Mottershead
CHAROLAIS (13 - AV.£626.15)	SIMMENTAL (22 - AV.£608.15)
£850 Mr G.B. Warner	£700 KP&M.Massey&Son
£800 S. & M. Huxley&Son	£700 L.E. Weston&Sons

LIMOUSIN
(5 - AV.£537.00)
£610 Mr S.R. Nash
£540 Mr S.R. Nash

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE
(99 - AV.£474.74)
£625 JA.&HM. Wright
£620 GA.Hargreaves&Sons

HEREFORD
(23 - AV.£366.30)
£495 Mr R.N. Thompson
£485 Mr Ed Fair

SIMMENTAL
(19 - AV.£509.40)
£600 S. & M. Huxley & Son
£590 E.W. Moss & Son

BLONDE D'AQUITAINE x 1
£445 Mr S.R. Nash

WELSH BLACK x 1
£430 The Bradley
Partnership

ABERDEEN ANGUS
(67 - AV.£301.80)
£505 TS.&AE. Hartley
£485 CFE Agri Ltd

CHAROLAIS
(24 - AV.£504.13)
£690 S.&M. Huxley&Son
£680 S.&M. Huxley&Son

LIMOUSIN
(15 - AV.£507.63)
£665 E.J. Nash & Sons x 2
£590 Mr S.R. Nash

WELSH x 1
£540GA.Hargreaves&Sons

WEANLING SALE!
300-4000 Head Expected.
Monday 16 February 2026 – 11:30am
Early Entries Include :-

9 x Friesian & Aberdeen Angus (4-6 months)
13 x Aberdeen Angus (7 months) Suckler Bred
12 x Charolais (6-7 months) Suckler Bred
38 x British Blue & Charolais (8 months)
15 x British Blue & Limousin (4-5 months)
6 x Limousin (10 months)
10 x Herefords & Aberdeen Angus (6-8 months)
19 x British Blues (9-10 months)
20 x British Blues (5-6 months)
15 x British Blues (4-5 months)
8 x Speckled Parks (8-10months)

FOR SALE/LET

Round Bale Hay (Derby Area)
Contact 07968 105470.

140 Bales of Silage
Situated Wigan, contact 07801 257400.

Hereford Pedigree Bull
(30 months) Ready To Work/Proven
Whitchurch Area, Contact 07590 290975.

 

ORANGE MARKET
THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026
TB Restricted Orange Sale
Calves 1pm, Weanlings, Store Cattle
& Feeding Cows at 3pm
Please notify the office of entries for cataloguing purposes.

BRIDGE FARM MACHINERY SALE

On Behalf of R Cooper & Son Ltd

Friday 6th March 2026

10:30am

Sale at Bridge Farm, Church Lawton,
Stoke-On-Trent ST7 3DE

AUCTION OF TRACTORS, FARM MACHINERY,
DAIRY FARM EQUIPMENT AND SUNDRIES

Live Bidding On



MARKET DRAYTON MARKET

YOUNG STOCKPERSONS COMPETITION 2026

Returning after a successful first year! Buy and rear a beef animal purchased from Market Drayton Market and re-sell at the Christmas Fat Stock Show 2026 as well as taking part in the Young Stock Persons Competition.

The competition will be judged on a points scoring basis. The top 5 handlers in each of the four classes will score between 1-5 points with the five highest scoring competitors going into the class of Overall Champion.

Classes will include
Class 1 - Best Handler
Class 2 - Weight Gain
Class 3 - Best Presentation of Animal

Terms of Competition

- Open to Young people between 12-26 years
- Purchase price up to a MAXIMUM of £2,000 covered by the market which is recouped when sold.
- Limited to the first 25 success applicants.
- All animals must be purchased by the end of April 2026.
- To participate, the stockperson's family must be an existing market customer.
- Full T&Cs on reverse of entry form.

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Farmers Breakfast

9th March 10am to 12pm

Grazers Café,
Market Drayton
Livestock

Kindly sponsored by
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Farm Planning Winners 2026 Stretton YFC



Dan and Jonty had a fantastic evening as part of the judging panel at the Cheshire YFC Farm Planning Competition last week, alongside Keith from KMT Farming and Consultancy LTD.



A huge congratulations to everyone involved. It was great to see such strong commercial awareness, innovation and passion for the future of farming on display. We are proud to support the next generation.



Park Farm

📍 **Crowley, Cheshire**

VERSATILE RURAL SMALLHOLDING IN A PEACEFUL, RURAL LOCATION

68.20 Acres (27.60 Ha) in all

3-bed barn conversion (subject to an Agricultural Occupancy Condition)

traditional brick barn with Class Q approval | substantial range of modern farm buildings

further conversion potential | workshop | ideal for horses and livestock

scope for business use | suited to multi-generational living

O.I.E.O £1,700,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANNABEL OR STEPH FROM OUR PROPERTY SALES TEAM



WELLBEING DROP-IN

FULL AND MINI HEALTH CHECKS ARE BACK!

2026 DATES:



MINI HEALTH CHECK:

- BODY MASS INDEX (HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AND WAIST MEASUREMENTS)
- BLOOD PRESSURE/PULSE
- ALCOHOL AUDIT
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT
- Q RISK/HEART AGE
- SIGNPOST/REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE LIFESTYLE SUPPORT

MARKET DRAYTON LIVESTOCK MARKET:

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH: 10AM - 2PM

7 TH JAN	8 TH JUL
4 TH FEB	5 TH AUG
4 TH MAR	2 ND SEPT
8 TH APR	7 TH OCT
6 TH MAY	4 TH NOV
3 RD JUN	2 ND DEC

FULL HEALTH CHECK:

- CHOLESTEROL CHECK
- DIABETES CHECK
- BODY MASS INDEX (HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AND WAIST MEASUREMENTS)
- BLOOD PRESSURE/PULSE
- ALCOHOL AUDIT
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT
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