



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



MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026

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

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

A very pleasing number forward selling on a buoyant trade throughout considering the reports of further deadweight centres dropping quotes due to poor beef demand and cheap imported beef. When will the government realise cheap beef imports are not the answer? Sustainable farming to high welfare standards, being self-sufficient with ethical labelling and support our own farmers who produce some of the best beef in the world!! Back to the trade which was considerably brisk especially for well fleshed cows and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage.

Highlights of the trade glowing to 365p or £2,287.44 for clean, 287p or £2,266.00 for sucklers, 274p or £3,490.76 for bulls and 271p or £2,121.60 for cows. The overall market average returned at 247p or £1,542.50.

85 Dairies - Trade remains remarkably strong considering clean beef prices with young black and white cows selling to 271p twice or £1,783.18 and £1,821.12 from distant traveller Mr Andy Morris, Beoley and 265p (£1,913.30) etc. AW.&B. Titterton & Sons, Milwich Heath had a good run of meated cows selling to 266p (£1,952.44), 260p (£2,121.60), 258p (£1,625.40) etc, R.D. Kite & Son, Milwich saw their Shorthorns sell to 260p (£1,768.00), ED.&J. Morris & Sons, Llangedwyn Montbeliarde to 259p (£1,471.72) and Mr Sam Taylor & Family, Rowton black and white to 259p (£1,844.08) to mention a few. The section average returned at 222p or £1,369.40.

30 Sucklers - Reasonable number forward for a red with the exclusion of export cows the entry was dominated with commercial types and these sold to 287p or £2,054.92 for a Limousin from Mr Bernie Parsons, Cheswardine and his Hereford to 259p (£2,211.86). Further natives saw Mr Mark Smith & Family, Breaden Heath selling Angus to 277p (£1,883.60) and 275p (£1,947.00). Distant supporter J.F. Robinson & Sons, Church Preen saw their Saler sell to 275p to realise £2,266.00 to mention a few. The section average returned at 269p or £1,677.13.

2 Bulls - A very humble show seeing Herefords to 274p or £3,490.76 from Mr Andy Morris, Beoley and Mr Graham Brassington & Family, Longton Shorthorn to 220p (£1,597.20).

24 Clean - A very pleasing trade considering where deadweight quotes are at present and some restricted clean selling on a par if not better than last Wednesday's trade. The Simcock Family, Felton run of clean saw their Blue Cross steers to 365p (£2,233.80), 357p (£2,263.38), 352p (£2,175.36), 351p (£2,162.16) etc and Hereford steer to 347p (£2,102.82) and their Bue cross heifers to 357p (£2,206.26), 355p (£2,115.80), 353p (£2,287.44), 352p (£2,217.60) etc. Thank you for your trust and support which is extended

to all our vendors and buyers. Thank you all for your support and please keep the numbers coming to meet increasing demand.

- RED MARKETS -

Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 11 May/8 June, 3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.

PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Monday 20 April at 11.30am

Entries to include:

- 10 to 15 Cull Sows
- 60 to 100 Fat Pigs
- 50 Store & Weaner Pigs

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

**Monday 20 April, 4 & 18 May 10.30am
Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs
All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.**

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026

168 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Reasonable entry forward and a big thank you to all our vendors both near and far for their continued support. The talk ring side was a little bit gloom and doom with deadweight prices dropping again, slow beef sales and cheap imports all contributing to the lack lustre beef trade. However, on the day a very pleasing trade resumed with sellers pleasantly surprised how their cattle sold and dare I say it more could have been sold to vendors advantage, so a big thank you also to our buyers and who knows where the trade will find its level however in contrast calves and stores looked extremely well sold and I struggle to see where the margin is coming with the only ray of hope being cheaper feed prices!!!!

Leading prices returned at 447p or £2,635.04 for heifers, steers to 428p or £2,658.80 and bulls to 407p or £3,402.52. The overall market average returned at 355p or £2,144.76.

49 Bulls - Humble number forward and more urgently required to meet increasing buyer demand especially for better suckler types and heavier bulls. Real lack of sucklers and these sold to 407p or £3,402.52 for Limousin from Julian Corfield of Corfield & Aston with further bulls to 391p (£3,221.84), 310p (£2,901.60) and 351p (£2,723.76) for an overage bull. The Day Family, Outwoods saw their Simmental to 395p (£2,496.40). Natives sold to 351p twice for Angus

returning £1,923.48 and £1,811.16 from Mr Samuel Mayer & Family, Eaves Lane. Drayton specials trading to 388p or £1,924.48 for black and white from Mr David Mounfield, Little Budworth. The section average returned at 350p or £2,170.73.

44 Steers - A little bit like the bulls just lacking those superstars with the majority of the entry boasting commercial types. Trade did surpass the 400p mark reaching 428p or £2,619.36 for a Limousin from P. & C. Swinnerton, Doley Manor. Regular Cheshire vendor close behind at 398p twice to return £2,515.36 and £2,244.72. Mr Jonny Warner & Family, Stoke Heath Blue Cross to 388p (£2,040.88) and Mr Derek Lloyd & Family, Hampton Bank Blue Cross to 378p (£2,199.96). In the lump Mr Rob Holdcroft & Family, Audley Blue returned £2,658.80. Natives raced away to 370p (£2,353.20) for Angus from The Francis Family, Newtown to mention a few. The section average returned at 354p or £2,344.35.

75 Heifers - Again super star quality few and far between but this said a more consistent entry of commercial types. Top of the shop this week sold to 447p (£2,485.32) for Limousin from Mr Edwards Evans & Family Lane Farm and further heifers to 414p (£2,608.20) and 410p (£2,509.20), The Holdcroft Family, Sandbach saw their Continental heifers to 405p (£2,365.20) and 400p (£2,296.00) and top heifer grossing £2,635.04. Natives a flyer selling to 385p (£2,186.80) for Angus from The Morris Family, Llangedwyn. The section average returned at 358p or £2,120.63. Please keep the numbers coming to meet demand. Thank you.

51 DAIRY CATTLE

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

TOP PRICE HEIFER £3,320

TOP PRICE COW £3,000

An improved show in the dairy lines today and an improving trade once again on the best quality.

Top price today was £3,320 from D. & E. Monk, Ormskirk for Lot 25A Bannistree Glory Daisymaid 358 sold fresh giving 37kgs daily. At £3,050 Mr Mark Partington, Warrington sold a super blended Red & White Ayrshire. Messrs LF. Horton & Sons, Northwich £2,980 for a Bannistree bred heifer. N.&B. Livestock, Myddle £2,920 for a Brown Swiss Cross, S.V. Taylor Ltd, Rowton £2,850 and Mr Mark Whitehurst, Market Drayton £2,800.

Cows lacked the power of recent weeks, but a super blended Red & White Ayrshire from A.R. Hough & Partners, Warrington sold at £3,000. Mr Mark Whitehurst, Market Drayton sold two good young cows at £2,780 and £2,760 both backed by multiple generations VG/EX.

Cross bred yearlings to £650. Calves to £450 from Four Quarters Farming, Harthill.

Averages:

Cows (all breeds and faults)	£2,285
First Quality	£2,846
Heifers (all breeds and faults)	£2,505
First Quality	£2,857

**Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by
The Western Holstein Club Wednesday 29 April.**

336 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Another fantastic entry and unbelievable trade up another gear!! An army of buyers ringside fighting hard to secure your cattle especially those outlying cattle.

Just a couple of cows and calves forward topping at £3,000 for a Shorthorn cow and Simmental calf. A fantastic run of incalf cows and heifers forward today trading from £1,500 to £1,600 for the cows and a lovely run of Shorthorn heifers incalf to Limousin at £2,000 to £2,200 topping at £2,280. Only a handful of bulls forward topping at £1,720 and averaging £1,178.

A great run of yarding cattle today with plenty trading at £1,800 to £2,200 topping at £2,500 for Angus steers from PC.&SG. Thelwell, Broomhall. Trade generally at 380p to 400p/kg for those better end with some nice suckler bred types up to 420p/kg. Top end native heifers at £1,800 to £2,000 topping at £2,100 for Angus from BP.&LS. Hopley, Tattenhall trading at 370p to 380p/kg for best.

Those hard cattle or big grazing sorts a superb trade at £1,600 to £1,700 for larger sorts. Some eye watering pence per kilo prices for outlying cattle 440p to 480p/kg topping at over 500p/kg for Blues from Lees Dairy Farm, Adderley.

Steers averaged £1,729 or 377p

Heifers averaged £1,673 or 376p

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

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,860.00	564kg	J. & S. Farming
Friesian	£1,780.00	477kg	NS&BAI.Bonell&Son
Friesian	£1,410.00	415kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Blonde	£1,950.00	490kg	Mr D.G. Witter
British Blue	£2,280.00	586kg	PC.&SG. Thelwell
British Blue	£2,200.00	602kg	Mr R.J. Brown
British Blue	£2,060.00	566kg	G.&P. Britland
British Blue	£1,980.00	527kg	G.&P. Britland
British Blue	£1,900.00	477kg	Mr A.D. Bennion
British Blue	£1,730.00	330kg	Lees Dairy Farms
Shorthorn	£1,530.00	410kg	Mr J.B. Beech
Angus	£2,500.00	792kg	PC.&SG. Thelwell
Angus	£2,380.00	680kg	Mark Brassington
Angus	£1,920.00	512kg	C. & B. Slater
Angus	£1,900.00	559kg	E. Turnock Ltd
Angus	£1,860.00	468kg	Mr T.W. Goldstraw
Hereford	£1,785.00	460kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
Hereford	£1,770.00	422kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Hereford	£1,655.00	402kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Hereford	£1,600.00	480kg	J. Gatehouse&Son
Charolais	£1,500.00	380kg	B.&B. Farming
Simmental	£2,300.00	616kg	R.J. Litchfield&Son
Simmental	£2,220.00	553kg	R.J. Litchfield&Son
Limousin	£1,750.00	398kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
Limousin	£1,450.00	342kg	Mr Mark Lokier

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,950.00	456kg	Mr D.G. Witter
British Blue	£2,410.00	644kg	PC.&SG. Thelwell
British Blue	£2,270.00	488kg	OM&JR.Whittingham
British Blue	£2,000.00	540kg	G.&P. Britland
British Blue	£1,960.00	504kg	Mr R.J. Brown
Angus	£2,100.00	592kg	BP.&LS. Hopley
Angus	£1,890.00	514kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Angus	£1,740.00	415kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Angus	£1,730.00	473kg	Mr D.P. Bourne
Hereford	£2,080.00	588kg	S. & G. Mellor
Hereford	£1,845.00	510kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Hereford	£1,790.00	474kg	IG.&TM. Beckett
Hereford	£1,655.00	426kg	DL.EF.&S. Small
Montbeliarde	£1,460.00	376kg	R.J. Smith & Son
Charolais	£1,985.00	538kg	Mrs V.E. Lloyd

Charolais	£1,740.00	352kg	Lees Dairy Farms
Simmental	£1,870.00	502kg	Mr R.J. Brown
Limousin	£1,985.00	538kg	Mrs V.E. Lloyd
Limousin	£1,850.00	480kg	Mr Eric Derry
Limousin	£1,810.00	464kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Limousin	£1,800.00	474kg	J.Gatehouse&Son
Limousin	£1,670.00	444kg	Mr Eric Derry

(£177.57). Heavies 440p (£304.56) average 376p (£189.91).

318 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold on a flying trade with the best to £300 for Texel ewes from Mr K.N. House, Summerford. Rams topped at £261 for Texel tups from A.&L. Witter, Weston. Light ewes sold from £70 to £100, plain ewes £110 to £130, cutting ewes £140 to £170 and heavy ewes £180 plus. An overall average was returned at £162.11.

999 REARING CALVES

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

The numbers just keep on coming with another massive show! Once again they've been off the clock with a virtually identical trade to last week, with spurts in the trade throughout the sale with some huge fire power out which included two buyers purchasing over 90 calves each. Today's average has been an extremely impressive £434 per head with 248 calves making over £600 each.

Friesian Bulls – Good numbers and buyers galore leading to a sensational average of £171! Top price £400 from GB Cope Ltd, Market Drayton. Best: £225-£350. Mediums: £150-£200, Smalls: £50-£125.

Native Bulls – Wow what a trade, sky high demand throughout with 51 over £550! Top price: £715 for an Angus from Brookside Farm Ltd, Warrington. Best: £550-£650, Mediums: £425-£525, Smalls: £275-£400.

Continental Bulls – Brilliant quality on offer and demand to match, leading to an incredibly fast trade throughout with an extraordinary average of £567 per head. Top price: £885 for a Simmental from A.&I. Crowther, Shrewsbury. Best: £650-£800, Mediums: £500-£600, Smalls: £350-£450.

Native Heifers – A cracking trade, the best back up a gear with the mediums and smalls just a shade dearer than last week. Top price: Angus at £570 from W. Hodgson & Sons, Tarporley. Best: £425-£525, Mediums: £300-£400, Smalls: £175-£275.

Continental Heifers – Unbelievable!! The best up there with as dear as ever with 49 over £600! Mediums didn't drop below £400 all day. Top price: £720 for a Blue from AJ&ME Minshall Ltd, Tean. Best: £575-£675, Mediums: £400-£550, Smalls: £300-£375.

A small show of weanlings included 3 month Angus heifers to £600 from J.W. Gibson & Son, Market Drayton.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN

(135 - AV.£170.70)
£400 G.B. Cope Ltd
£395 Mr P.D.T. Lokier

BRITISH BLUE

(191 - AV.£562.13)
£795 Fitton Farms Ltd
£785 C. Whitticase & Son

SHORTHORN

(5 - AV.£558.00)
£650 Walker & Hargreaves
£640 Walker & Hargreaves

ABERDEEN ANGUS

(97 - AV.£479.99)
£715 Brookside Farm Ltd
£690 J.W. Gibson & Son

HEREFORD

(115 - AV.£421.20)
£625 JF.&BM. Gray
£625 D. & E. Monk

MONTBELIARDE

(4 - AV.£421.20)
£480 Mr D.P. Mottershead
£420 Mr D.P. Mottershead

CHAROALIS

(14 - AV.£648.20)
£820 S.& M. Huxley & Son
£820 E.W. Moss & Son

SIMMENTAL

(23 - AV.£593.43)
£885 A.&I. Crowther
£850 RD.&A.Roe & Son

SPECIAL ENTRY FOR WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

Shraden 1 Alice UK304633 300863 with her calf at foot

Harvest 1 Alice 4th UK308351 600096

PD'd back in calf to Midford 1 Bravado due around August 2026.

Hi health accredited with SRUC. BVD & IBR vaccinated . Tested for Johnes.



107 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Lambs sold to 554p for 40.3kgs to return £223.26 for Mr Richard Ward, Spoonley who also had a further pen of 36.5kgs selling to 532p to gross £194.18. Coming a close second behind them was R.&EL. Blockley & Sons, Winsford with their 41.1kgs selling to 524p to accumulate £215.36. An overall average was returned at 475p.

2,703 PRIME HOGGETS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Another big entry forward selling to a better trade than anticipated to return an overall market average of 409p.

Lights sold to 391p for 31.7kgs to gross £123.95 for MP.&MR. Jones & Son, Bishops Castle.

Standards peaked at 420p for 38 kilos to gross £159.60 for Mr T.J. Nicholls, Dayhills.

Mediums raced away to 526p for 43.5kgs to realise £228.81 for R. Swift & Sons, Church Eaton who also had a further run as follows:- 42.8kgs (526p) £225.13, 43.5kgs (508p) £220.98, 44.7kgs (490p) £219.03, 43.1kgs (508p) £218.95, 42.6kgs (508p) £216.41 and 44.5kgs (484p) £215.38.

Heavies sold to 440p for 45.6kgs to return £200.64 for Mr A. Jackson, Gawsworth. Top price in the lump was £304.56 for 81kgs Beltex hogs from Lipley Beltex. The vast majority of heavies traded between 360p to 380p or £170 to £190. More required next week please.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	236	456p
Prime	2,166	407p
Other	301	362p

Lambs Graded:- Lights 391p (£123.95) average 370p (£110.27). Standards 429p (£159.60) average 393p (£142.32). Mediums 526p (£228.81) average 415p

LIMOUSIN
 (14 - AV.£415.00)
 £750 E.W. Moss & Son
 £600 Mr G.J. Underwood

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE
 (175 - AV.£491.70)
 £720 AJ.&ME.Minshall Ltd
 greaves
 £710 GA.Hargreaves&Sons
 greaves

SHORTHORN
 (2 - AV.£582.50)
 £605 Walker & Har-
 greaves
 £560 Walker & Har-
 greaves

ABERDEEN ANGUS
 (79 - AV.£366.90)
 £570 W.Hodgson&Sons
 £560 JS.& SM. Beck

HEREFORD
 (89 - AV.£346.00)
 £510 Gerrard Farming
 £500 Jason R. Atkin

CHAROLAIS
 (11 - AV.£523.60)
 £690 S. & M. Huxley & Son
 £640 Mr W.J. Holdcroft

SIMMENTAL
 (20 - AV.£467.50)
 £665 RD.&A. Roe & Son
 £650 RD.&A. Roe & Son

LIMOUSIN
 (8 - AV.£403.13)
 £635 Mr S.R. Nash
 £480 Manor Farming Company

WEANLING SALE ON MONDAY!

**- 350 to 450 Expected -
 Monday 20 April 2026 – 11:30am
 Early entries include :-**

- 6 x Friesian Steers (6 months)**
 - 12 x Hereford & Angus (13 months)**
 - 22 x Angus and Hereford (6-8 months)**
 - 10 x Angus Heifers (7 months)**
 - 6 x Herefords (6-10 months)**
 - 22 x British Blues (5-7 months)**
 - 5 x Aberdeen Angus (8-10 months)**
 - 30 British Blues & Herefords (5-6 months)**
 - 7 x Simmental / Herefords (12 months)**
 - 12 Aberdeen Angus Steers (5 months)**
 - 6 x British Blues & Aberdeen Angus (5 months)**
- Entries and Enquiries to Ben or Jonty**

FARM HELP WANTED URGENTLY
 Contact Jason Brown 07774 816384 (Redditch Area)

Telehandler Driver Wanted
 Whitchurch/Prees Area Contact 07803 286797.

General Farm Work Wanted
 Contact 07772 487716.

Fencing Contractor Needs Enthusiastic Person to
 Join Their Team / Contact Nick 07974 364532.

TB16E Licence Required

ORANGE MARKET

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026

TB Restricted Orange Sale

Calves 1pm, Weanlings, Store Cattle
 & Feeding Cows at 3pm

Please notify the office of entries for cataloguing purposes.

MARKET DRAYTON MARKET DRAWING COMPETITION

Winners

3-5 Age Group
 Rosie Bray
 Age 5

6-8 Age Group
 Matilda Ward
 Age 7

9-12 Age Group
 George Harris
 Age 10

PLUM TREE FARM DISPERSAL SALE

On Behalf of Kennerley Farming
 Friday 24th April 2026
 10:30am

Sale at Plum Tree Farm, Somerford Booths,
 Congleton, Cheshire CW12 2QS

AUCTION OF LOADALL, TRACTORS,
 FARM MACHINERY, FARM EQUIPMENT & SUNDRIES

Live Bidding On
 MartEye

Market Drayton Dairy Sales

SHOW AND SALE

WEDNESDAY
29 APRIL 2026
 Show at 9am
 Sale at 10:15am

DAIRY SALE

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

Market Drayton Market logo, Gwilym Richards logo, MartEye logo.

barbersRURAL
rural surveyors & property agents

PLANNING SUCCESS

We are delighted to share another great result for our client in Market Drayton!

Harriet secured approval for a new straw shed under permitted development rights, with a decision issued ahead of the 28-day determination period.

A smooth, efficient process and a fantastic outcome for the project. Always great to see things moving quickly and positively for our clients!

Considering agricultural development or want to explore your permitted development rights?

Contact the team on 01630 692500



Harriet Jones
Partner

FOR SALE

Long Lane, Nr Telford | 5.64 Acres in all (2.28 Ha)



BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED COUNTRY FARMHOUSE ENJOYING FAR-REACHING VIEWS

4 bedrooms | stunning country kitchen | 3 reception rooms: snug, sitting & dining room
pretty gardens | equestrian facilities: 4 stables, tack room, hay store & manege | EPC E

GUIDE PRICE £650,000

  @barbersrural 01630 692500 sales@barbers-rural.co.uk



WELLBEING DROP-IN

FULL AND MINI HEALTH CHECKS ARE BACK!

2026 DATES:

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



- 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

- FULL HEALTH CHECK:**
- CHOLESTEROL CHECK
 - DIABETES 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

