MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026
135 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS, & OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market)

Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

Good number forward but what a difference a week makes to the trade and its certainly taken a turn for the worst!! The reason being the talk of export clients ringside and huge amounts of cheap exports coming in!!! I cannot believe in a world where people are starving and even in the UK increasing reliance on food banks our cattle trade is more focused on spec not how its been farmed!!! Our Government really needs to look at how they value UK food production and how they value farmers. It's a joke – foreign cows or very lean cows or cows from Isle of Man are struggling to sell but been farmed in the UK to such high standard yet there is such limited resources to sell to!! Please let common sense prevail and stop cheap imports and allow our stock to be imported or used in the UK but on the same level plain field. Its frustrating for farmers, abattoirs, exporters and meat traders our legislation out weighs anything coming in. Lets wake up and smell the coffee before its too late!! Sorry rant over, just frustrated about the circumstances we find ourselves in!!

The trade on the night returned at 270p or £2,019.60 for overage clean, 264p or £2,037.00 for bulls, 241p or £2,301.20 for sucklers and 233p or £1,821.60 for dairy. The overall market average returned at 180p or £1,173.64.

89 Dairies – Much reduced trade on the week and very much a two tier trade. In spec and meated cows finding some competitive bidding but very light lean cows, foreign tags and especially from the Isle of Man very hard to place. Top call rang out to 233p or £1,747.50 for young black and whites from The Titterton Family, Milwich Heath and 213p (£1,593.24) etc and further black and white to 222p (£1,380.84) from A. & C. Drinkall, Wettenhall, The Martin Partners, Longford Danish Red to 220p to realise £1,821.60 and 211p (£1,595.16) etc to mention a few. At the bottom end several runs of cows sub 100p and very hard to place. The section average returned at 170p or £1,004.55.

36 Sucklers – Trade peaked at 241p or £1,735.20 for a Saler from R.W. Richards & Son, Llanrhaeadr who also saw 239p (£1,524.82), 238p (£1,413.72) etc. In the lump The Mould Family, Levedale saw their Charolais gross £2,301.20. The section average returned at 214p or £1,494.85.

4 Bulls – Young Angus bulls to 264p (£1,937.76) from Beech Cliffe Farm Partners, Beech. Mrs Jane Bailey Banks, Cherrington Hereford to 260p (£1,430.00). Stabiliser to 210p (£2,037.00) from The Roberts Family, Pen-Y-Cae. The section average returned at 223p or £1,806.59.

6 Clean – Overage Blue steers sold to 270p or £2,019.60 from Mr Eric Callwood, Audlem and Blue heifer to 250p or £1,565.00.

RED MARKETS

Red Market Is The Second Monday of Every Month at 3.30pm
Monday 14 December / 11 January 2027
For all cattle including TB Restricted Holdings with a Movement Licence from Animal Health.

133 PIGS

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

27 Cull Cows - Another bumper entry of sows again selling very well with increased demand. Best at 90p to 110p topping at 120p/kg. Feeding sows selling very well at 70p to 90p today with only three sows under 50p.

40 Fat - Very short entry and double if not treble could have been sold – two buyers empty handed and all the others short of requirements. Best at 230p to 280p/kg topping at 300p from Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury Mortimer. Plenty of good pigs at 140p to 170p/kg.

	Av.	Top	Top
60kgs to 79kgs	120p	120p	£74.40
80kgs to 100kgs	194p	300p	£286.00
101kgs plus	131p	150p	£163.20
Sows	88p	120p	£224.20

CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

Class One	Best Pair of Gilts	1st £30	2nd £20
Class Two	Best Pair of Boars	1st £30	2nd £20
Class Three	Best Cull Sow	1st £30	2nd £20
Class Four	Best Pen of Store Pigs	1st £30	2nd £20
Class Five	Best Pen of Weaners	1st £30	2nd £20

Special Award Champion Pigs
From Classes One and Two

66 Store & Weaners - A sow with nine made £150 today while weaners were a little harder to place at mainly £25 to £30 topping at £34 to average £29. A mixed show of stores topped at £70 to average £48.

- NEXT PIG MARKETS -

Monday 7 December Christmas Show & Sale
(No Sale Monday 21 December)
Monday 4 & 18 January/1 & 15 February
Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs
All Enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

249 WEANLINGS

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

A good number of weanlings forward with lots of power in the ranks as we had a really good show of quality. A packed out ringside saw an increase in trade which wasn't anticipated with trade in other beef sections easing off. We were incredibly short of 3-5 month old

cattle with many buyers going home disappointed. The sale contained predominantly 8-12 month old cattle with a real mix of suckler bred and dairy bred.

Today's overall average was a super £962 per head. A smaller show of 36 bulls, which would be a decent trade but less money in line with the finished bull trade. Top spot was £1030 for 7 month Blues from TC Farms Ltd, Bae Colwyn; 10 month Angus at £950 from MD Clewlow, Shrewsbury; 7 month Angus at £940 from Mr D.T. Donlan, Stoke-on-Trent; 5 month Blues at £860 from Mr C, Sherwin, Sproston; 7 month Friesians at £840 from Mr M.P. Mason, Wolverhampton and 7 month Dairy Shorthorns at £820 from P.E. Bailey & Sons, Llanrhaeadr. All bulls averaged £848 per head.

The steer trade was on fire, with all ages and breeding in high demand!! Top price going to 9 month Limousin at an astonishing £2,025 from Mr N.G. Simpkin, Stone! Next up 9 month Blues at £1,540 from OM.&JR. Whittingham, Mucklestone; 11 month Blues at £1,510 from Mr G.J. Underwood, Oulton who also sold 11 month Simmentals for £1,500. 10 month Blues from J.W. Cotton & Son, Gratwich at £1,380; 7 month Simmentals from Mr T.W. Goldstraw, Audlem at £1,340; 5 month Charolais at £1,030 from Mr D.J. Webb, Melton Mowbray and 7 month Angus at £970 from W&P. Benbow & Sons, Fauls. All 90 steers averaged £1089 per head.

Heifers would be the trade of the day with all breeds on fire! Top spot was £1,440 for 8 month Blues from OM.&JR. Whittingham who sold others at £1,400 & £1,330. Next was 11 month Blues at £1,280 from Mr G.J. Underwood, Oulton; 8 month Charolais at £1,260 from Mr John Evans, Gnosall; 8 month Limousins at £1,200 from Mr P.T. Hillard, Northwich. Younger sorts saw 5 month Blues at £1,150 from Mr T.W. Goldstraw, Audlem and 5 month Blues at £950 from Mr J.R. Drinkall, Tarporley. All 123 heifers averaged £893 per head. ***The next sale is on Monday 7 December 2026, please book entries early with Ben or Jonty.***

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WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026
230 FAT CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS
Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)

More forward and easily absorbed on a reasonable trade considering all the "gloom and doom" related to the red market industry at present!! Yes its not the dizzy heights of the Summer trade but considering the dramatic drop over the last month on deadweight prices, I think the trade has certainly been more than competitive and in parts buoyant. Best handy weight suckler types and well fed dairy crosses with a loin very easy to sell. It's the very heavy very plain or funny bred cattle which look less sold, however these do benefit a green market and AFU buyers looking to add value. I just wish the government would stop the cheap imports or at least make it a level playing field for our abattoirs and farming sector. With all the uncertainly in the world surely we need to be looking after our farmers and value the high quality beef they produce and become more self-sufficient!!

Top of the shop this week returned at 440p or £2,652.00 for heifers, 435p or £2,798.88 for steers and 412p or £3,172.00 for bulls. The overall market average returned at 344p or £2,068.05.

68 Bulls – Again not a disaster in the current climate, yes they are not racing off the shelves like Christmas selection boxes, but the right animals slightly easier placed being sucklers and bulls with loin and also more value in the plainer and black and white bulls. Best sucklers breached the 400p mark topping at 412p or £2,266.00 for a corking Limousin from The Pennie Family, Llandyssil and further bulls to 400p (£2,480.00), 391p (£2,541.50) and 382p (£2,467.72), Mr Edward Evans & Family, Lane Farm Limousins to 382p (£2,483.00), 381p twice (£2,514.60 and £2,499.36) and Mr Brian Taylor, Scholar Green Limousins to 366p (£2,379.00) and 362p (£2,237.16). In the lump Mr D.E. Evans, Mold Limousin realised £3,172.00. Natives sold to 362p (£2,005.48) for Angus from NG.&P. Sidebottom, Marple Bridge. Drayton specials saw black and whites to 337p (£2,042.22) from W.D. Bennett & Sons, Somersal. The section average returned at 330p or £2,088.00.

53 Steers – Certainly a vast array of varying ages, breeds and weights forward to test my croaky throat but all changing hands on a firm trade. High light of the day a Blue Cross from The Wright Family returning from Hereford and selling to 435p or £2,536.05 and also a Limousin to 428p (£2,568.00). Closer to home Mr Darren Young, Balterley Limousin to 408p to gross £2,798.88, Mr Jonny Warner & Family, Stoke Heath Charolais to 400p (£2,336.00) and Mr Emyr Roberts & Family, Llanhfihangel Limousin to 370p (£2,597.50) and Mr Rob Holdcroft & Family, Audley Blonde also to 370p (£2,257.00). Natives saw South Devon to 362p (£2,425.40) from Mr Mark Eden & Family, Leigh. The section average returned at 340p or £2,159.25.

109 Heifers – More demand ringside for better bred and fed heifers and these raced away to 440p or £2,323.20 for Limousin from a regular Cheshire vendor. The Williams Family continentals to 436p (£2,110.24), 428p (£2,080.08) etc, Mr David Jones & Family, Kerry saw 434p (£2,395.68) for their Limousin and 418p (£2,516.36), The Wright Family, Hereford Limousins to 430p (£2,433.80) and 419p (£2,518.19). Mr Edward Evans & Family, Halfway House run of Limousins to 429p (£2,205.06), 420p twice (£2,494.80 and £2,427.60) and 400p (£2,296.00). Mr Darren Young, Balterley Limousin to 424p (£2,425.28) and Emyr Roberts & Family, Llanhfihangel Limousin to 422p (£2,202.84). In the lump The Evans Family overage Charolais generated £2,652.00 to mention a few. Natives sold to 364p (£1,921.92) for Longhorn from The Lewis Family, Eyton. Credit where its due some corking heifers to average 350p or £2,060.39.

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

TOP PRICE COW £4,350
TOP PRICE HEIFER £3,680

This months Show & Sale was supported by The Western Holstein Club and sponsored by Grow-Agri. Our judge Mr Charles Forrester placed Jumar Hamps Ann as his champion and she made £3,680 she was sold by Messrs TM. & JM. Bowes, Wettenhall and their other cow Jumar Canonb Daisy sold for £3,150.

Cows from Clayden Holsteins, Haslington to £3,600 and £3,180. Mr J.R. Bell, Toft £3,500 and £3,420. J. Lomax & Son, Baldwins Gate £3,350. W.&J. Nadin & Co, Earl Sterndale £3,320.

Heifers were a very fast trade with the top price for Kingarth Babs 52 this first prized pedigree heifer from Kingarth, Burton Overy sold for £4,350 also over £4,000 was Peak FDL Rhapsody from W.&J. Nadin, Earl Sterndale selling for £4,050.

RW.&EE.Edwards, Hamer sold commercial heifers to £3,700 and £3,420, LF.Horton & Sons, Northwich Pedigree heifers to £3,600.

Hereford bulls to £3,100 from Mrs R. Williamson, Wardle.

Averages:

Cows	£3,156
Heifers	£3,125

212 STORE CATTLE

Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)

Still well over the two hundred mark again this week which is fantastic for end of November. Trade not just as sharp as previous weeks but very much a tail end entry, overage, no farm assured etc, etc.

Still finding a few breeding stock with cows and calves topping at £2,250 for Angus outfit with incalf Limousin cows selling at £1,740. A massive entry of bulls forward this week with trade just a little sticky in places. Best bulls at £1,200 to £1,400 topping at £1,500 and £1,490 from AD.&J. Potts, Newbold. A run of lovely bulls from RC.&AL. Adams, Great Gate traded at mainly £1,000 to £1,200.

A bumper entry of Friesian steers today with top end at £1,500 plus topping at £1,800 to average £1,292 or 300p. Worthy of a mention for a group of twelve at £1,340 from J.&S. Farming, Sawley.

A slightly reduced yard in terms of quality today in the yarding cattle department. Best still £1,800 to £2,000 topping at £2,130 for Beef Shorthorn steers from Craig Pugh, Garthmyl. More cattle in the £1,700 to £1,900 bracket with better native heifers at £1,600 to £1,700 topping at £2,060 to average either side of £1,500. A real shortage of suckler bred cattle today with only a handful on offer. In general better cattle at 360p to 380p with others at 330p to 350p/kg. The native heifers at 340p plus to average around 325p/kg.

Still finding some suckler calve sand still attracting plenty of interest at £1,000 to £1,400 for eight to ten month old sorts.

Steers Averaged £1,537 or 334p
Heifers Averaged £1,528 or 335p
All store enquires to Ben on 077791 791356.

Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,800.00	524kg	AD.&J. Potts
Friesian	£1,340.00	423kg	J.&S. Farming
Friesian	£1,200.00	424kg	Mr Dylan Jones
Blonde	£1,900.00	526kg	Mr G.E. Whitfield
Blonde	£1,750.00	494kg	SA.& EA. Ackerley
British Blue	£1,890.00	520kg	Lees Dairy Farms
British Blue	£1,880.00	516kg	Mr R.J. Brown
British Blue	£980.00	266kg	Mr William Bramley
Shorthorn	£2,130.00	648kg	Mr Craig Pugh
A.Angus	£1,850.00	522kg	Mr James Boulton
A.Angus	£1,750.00	519kg	Winnington Dairy Fm
A.Angus	£1,620.00	462kg	James Boulton Serv.
Hereford	£1,880.00	558kg	AD.&J. Potts
Hereford	£1,780.00	500kg	D.&MJ. Worthington
Hereford	£1,720.00	517kg	SA.&EA. Ackerley
Charolais	£2,095.00	502kg	F. Foxley & Sons
Charolais	£2,000.00	524kg	Lees Dairy Farms
Charolais	£1,840.00	506kg	C. & B. Slater
Limousin	£1,890.00	510kg	D. &MJ. Worthington
Limousin	£1,640.00	474kg	SA.&EA. Ackerley
Limousin	£1,520.00	430kg	J.D. Pickford & Sons
Limousin	£1,405.00	320kg	MG.&VE.Hudson
Limousin	£1,300.00	386kg	J.D. Pickford & Sons

Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
British Blue	£1,845.00	546kg	RC.&AL. Adams Ltd
British Blue	£1,810.00	514kg	Mr R.J. Brown
British Blue	£1,680.00	456kg	C.&B. Slater
Shorthorn	£1,800.00	596kg	Mr Craig Pugh
A.Angus	£2,060.00	640kg	H.A.Barber & Son
A.Angus	£1,880.00	532kg	Mr Martin Millington
A.Angus	£1,435.00	428kg	RW&JE. James&Son
Hereford	£1,700.00	596kg	Mr Robert Bennion
Hereford	£1,555.00	462kg	CR.&DM.Evans
Hereford	£1,500.00	437kg	Mr I. Jones
Charolais	£1,600.00	472kg	RE&LL.E. Roberts&Son
Simmental	£1,545.00	431kg	Mr G.E. Whitfield
Simmental	£1,370.00	374kg	RW&JE. James&Son
Limousin	£1,890.00	584kg	J. Morris & Sons
Limousin	£1,880.00	560kg	J. Morris & Sons
Limousin	£1,700.00	467kg	C. & B. Slater
Limousin	£1,680.00	470kg	RE&LL.E. Roberts&Son

1,203 PRIME LAMBS

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Lambs sold to a reasonable trade with heavier lambs a touch harder work. A total clearance was reported and an overall market average was returned at 338p.

Lights sold to 330p for 31.8kgs to gross £104.94 for Mr D. Jones, Llansilin.

Standards hit 400p twice for 38kgs to generate £152.00 for Mr P.D. Crossmore, Nantwich, and Mr T.J. Nicholls, Dayhills.

Mediums raced away to 400p for 40kgs to realise £160.00 for Mr T.J. Nicholls, Dayhills. Other highlight prices as follows:- £163.83 (43kgs) Mr P.D.Crossmore, £160.71 (43.2kgs) Mr S. Bolton, £160.20 (45kgs) Mr S. Bolton, £159.53 (43kgs) G. Heath Farms and £154.70 (44.2kgs) RW.&JE. James & Son.

Heavies peaked at 360p for 48kgs to return £172.80 for Jeanette Fox, Mill Lane. Top price in the lump was £212.94 for 63kgs. The vast majority of heavies traded between 310p and 320p or £155 to £170. More required next week please.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	189	361p
Prime	913	3337p
Other	101	309p

Lambs Graded :- Lights to 330p (£104.94) average 327p (£99.32). Standards to 400p (£152.00) average 336p (£126.18). Mediums to 400p (£163.83) average 339p (£146.46). Heavies to 360p (£212.94) average 324p (£162.13).

341 BUTCHERS EWES

Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)

Ewes sold to £247 for Texel ewes from Mr J.L. Donlan, Hatherton.

Light ewes sold from £70 to £90, plain ewes £100 to £130, cutting ewes £140 to £160 and heavy ewes from £170 to £200. An overall average was returned at £136.33.

623 REARING CALVES

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

Wow, what a trade!! The calf prices just keep going from strength to strength! Whilst other beef sections have seen prices ease, we've seen yet another lift in the calf trade. More buyers ringside this week and a better show of calves for them to get stuck into too! Continentals averaged a superb £560 and Natives £414, both well up on the week. A massive 22 different buyers purchased over 20 calves each, showing just how much demand there is! If you're after a batch, we've certainly got plenty to choose from!

Friesian Bulls – A good entry of bulls, but my oh my, another crazy trade!! A record section average of £311, with the top price of £395 going to JW Wright, Mere. Best: £300–£375 | Mediums: £225–£275 | Smalls: £100–£200.

Native Bulls – A very fast trade from start to finish! 39 over £575, but the mediums and smalls looked the dearest of the lot! The section averaged a fantastic £451 per head, topping at £700 for a Hereford from RJ&DJ Clement, Gorsey Bank. Best: £575–£650 | Mediums: £450–£550 | Smalls: £250–£425.

Continental Bulls – A fantastic trade, up a gear or two for all grades, with more quality on offer for buyers to get stuck into! A superb section average of £588 per head! Top price was £875 for a Charolais from EW Moss & Son, Endon. Best: £700–£850 | Mediums: £575–£675 | Smalls: £300–£550.

Native Heifers – What a trade!! Huge demand for all grades, leading to a tremendous section average of £377, a big jump on the week! Top spot went to a Hereford at £600 from Brooklyn Farming Ltd, Leek. Best: £425–£475 | Mediums: £325–£400 | Smalls: £125–£300.

Continental Heifers – Great to sell, with the mediums and smalls absolutely off the clock! Demand right through the section, leading to a fantastic average of £528 per head! Top price of £710 went to a Charolais from EW Moss & Son, Leek. Best: £575–£675 | Mediums: £475–£550 | Smalls: £350–£450. A handful of weanlings saw 4mo Friesian bulls to £665 for J&L Macpherson, Newchurch and 4mo Angus heifers to £800 from R Cope, Adderley.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN	BRITISH BLUE
(38 - £331.90)	(111 - £580.00)
£395 Mr J.W. Wright	£800 JA.&MH. Wright
£375 Mr J.W. Wright	£760D&HEColclough&Son
ABERDEEN ANGUS	HEREFORD
(90 - £462.80)	(54 - £443.50)
£665 Moreton Wood Fm Ltd	£700 RJ.&DJ. Clement
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MONTBELIARDE	CHAROALIS
(3 - £383.30)	(15 - £631.00)
£495 PJ.&FP. Bridge	£875 E.W. Moss & Son
£375 PJ.&FP. Bridge	£860 E.W. Moss & So
SIMMENTAL	LIMOUSIN
(17 - £654.70)	(9 - £523.33)
£815 KP.&M. Massey & Son	£690 Mr Mark Loker
£790 KP.&M. Massey & Son	£670 Mr S.R. Nash

HEIFER CALVES

BRITISH BLUE	ABERDEEN ANGUS
(116 - £524.75)	(88 - £382.90)
£710 S.V. Taylor Ltd	£565 F. & R. Brassington
£690 Mr E.T. Johnson	£550 R. Cope (Adderley)
HEREFORD	CHAROLAIS
(50 - £369.69)	(9 - £578.81)
£600 Brooklyn Farming Ltd	£680 E.W. Moss & Son
£580 AW&B.Titterton&Sons	£620 G.M. Patten & Sons
SIMMENTAL	LIMOUSIN
(6 – £564.10)	(5 - £509.00)
£655 KP.&M.Massey&Son	£580 Mr Mark Lokier
£650 KP.&M.Massey&Son	£545 Mr Stanley Harding













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