

# FROM LIVESTOCK

# AUCTIONEERS LTD

*Auctioneers: Cooper & Tanner, Symonds & Sampson*

## WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

**BARREN COWS  
& BULLS (169)**

**SALE TIME:  
11.30AM**

**AUCTIONEER: MARK NORTHCOTT**

An exceptionally large entry equal to the same number of head sold this week last year! Trade was very bright from start to finish particularly for the plentiful poorer sorts which sold well for their type. The non-assured cows were however very heavily discounted and as such vendors are strongly encouraged to register with an approved body as soon as possible to maximise future returns. Overall today's huge entry averaged over 98p/kg which is pleasing considering the high percentage of small cross bred cows on offer.

### **BEEF COWS (40)**

**Max: 154.00p/kg & £1,111**

The quality beef cows met a flying trade with the very best today peaking at 154p/kg and £1042 from D Kendall. Other quality cows included fleshed Angus from BA Russell & Son to 142p/kg and £1111 with others to 139p/kg from FWE Burroughs & Son. Shapely Blondes closely followed at 133.5p/kg from M Wilkins with Blues to 132.50 from J Groves & Sons. Well presented Shorthorns to 135.5p/kg from Home Farm Hursley Partnership. Other good beef cows easily from 120p/kg with plenty from 110p/kg. More of all grades wanted weekly. Only the very small, plain or non-assured types traded under 100p/kg.

### **DAIRY COWS (126)**

**Max: 139.50p/kg & £982**

A very large run of dairy cows this week with the best Friesian meat cows easily over 120p/kg. Top price today went to a Swedish Red from P & J Dennison at 139.5p/kg whose large entry of 20 predominantly cross bred cows sold well for their type with their Jerseys peaking at 113.5p/kg. The best British Friesians topped at 129.5p/kg from Nunton Farms with others to 128.5p/kg from CW & JM Taylor, 127p/kg again from P & J Dennison and 123p/kg from WC & P Craig & Sons. Holsteins sold equally as well to 128.5p/kg from RJ Goss & Son, 127.5p/kg from BJ & EM Yandle and 127p/kg from RG Curtis. Norwegian Reds from WF Fisher & Son sold well to 125.5p/kg with plenty of other useful sorts from 110p/kg. The manufacturing types wanted from 90p/kg and generally dearer except for those from a non-assured holding which were heavily discounted.

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## BULLS (3)

**Max: 101.50p/kg & £1,219**

A small entry met a fair demand with Angus to 101.5p/kg and £1219 from WW Hannam & Sons.



### FARM ASSURANCE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT



A large number of abattoirs are now only accepting farm assured cattle and as such we strongly advise vendors to become registered with an approved body.

This will give your cattle the strongest chance of achieving the best possible price.

COWS	AV P/KG	MAX. P/KG & VENDOR	MAX £/HEAD & VENDOR
<b>Charolais</b>	154.00	<b>154.00</b> D Kendall Shaftesbury	<b>£1042</b> D Kendall Shaftesbury
<b>Angus</b>	131.00	<b>142.00</b> BA Russell & Son Horningsham	<b>£1111</b> BA Russell & Son Horningsham
		<b>139.00</b> FWE Burroughs & Son Corsley	<b>£1010</b> FWE Burroughs & Son Corsley
<b>Swedish Red</b>	81.06	<b>139.50</b> P & J Dennison Pulham	<b>£867</b> P & J Dennison Pulham
<b>Shorthorn</b>	123.00	<b>135.50</b> Home Farm Hursley Partnership	<b>£1059</b> Home Farm Hursley Partnership
<b>Blonde</b>	124.00	<b>133.50</b> M Wilkins Calne	<b>£1086</b> M Wilkins Calne
<b>British Blue</b>	118.25	<b>132.50</b> J Groves & Son Mangerton	<b>£1037</b> J Groves & Son Mangerton
		<b>125.50</b> J Groves & Son Mangerton	<b>£989</b> MD & NS Hibberd Wincanton
<b>British Friesian</b>	88.43	<b>129.50</b> Nunton Farm Salisbury	<b>£982</b> P & J Dennison Pulham
		<b>128.50</b> CW & JM Taylor Iron Acton	<b>£954</b> P & J Dennison Pulham
<b>Holstein Friesian</b>	94.94	<b>128.50</b> RJ Goss & Son Devizes	<b>£958</b> RG Curtis East Knoyle
		<b>127.50</b> BJ & EM Yandle Martock	<b>£942</b> Winfrith Field Farm Dorchester
<b>Hereford</b>	109.73	<b>127.50</b> AR Smith Swanage	<b>£938</b> AR Smith Swanage
		<b>117.00</b> D Harrison & Sons Combe Hay	<b>£914</b> D Harrison & Sons Combe Hay
<b>Norwegian R</b>	122.50	<b>125.50</b> WF Fisher & Son Newbury	<b>£881</b> WF Fisher & Son Newbury
<b>Simmental</b>	99.70	<b>117.50</b> M Webber Chilcompton	<b>£885</b> M Wilkins Calne
		<b>114.50</b> M Wilkins Calne	<b>£806</b> M Webber Chilcompton
<b>Jersey</b>	67.78	<b>113.50</b> P & J Dennison Pulham	<b>£787</b> P & J Dennison Pulham
<b>Devon</b>	104.67	<b>105.00</b> CF Buckler Penselwood	<b>£697</b> CF Buckler Penselwood

**BEEF CATTLE (96)**

**SALE TIME:  
11.30AM**

**AUCTIONEER: MARK NORTHCOTT**

Another excellent entry of beef cattle today with all grades meeting an improved demand. The best fleshed cattle met a cracking trade and dearer on the week with plenty more wanted in the build up to Christmas. Farm assurance continues to influence demand with a premium paid for assured stock. Those lacking cover and flesh met a more variable trade.



### WEST COUNTRY PGI BEEF:

#### FARM ASSURED FINISHED BEEF FROM THE WEST COUNTRY



Finished Beef Cattle can be sold as 'PGI Eligible' if they are:

Born & reared in the West Country, Farm Assured, Fed a 70% Forage Diet & grazed for 6 months.

**SIMPLY SIGN OUR PGI DECLARATION FORM & ATTACH TO YOUR ENTRY FORM**

## 60 UTM FAT CATTLE

STEERS to 211.00p/kg & £1,435

HEIFERS to 204.00p/kg & £1,228

<b>TOP PRICE STEER:</b>	<b>211.00p/kg for a British Blue from Eastbury Livestock Blandford</b>			
<b>TOP PRICE HEIFER:</b>	<b>204.00p/kg for a Limousin from AW Tippetts &amp; Son Warminster</b>			
<b>UTM FAT TOTALS:</b>	<b>NO.</b>	<b>AV P/KG</b>	<b>MIN P/KG</b>	<b>MAX P/KG</b>
<b>STEERS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>186.89</b>		
Light 501-550kg	3	175.91	155.5	205.50
Medium 551-650kg	28	186.32	131.50	211.00
Heavy 650kg+	11	190.51	158.00	207.50
<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>185.95</b>		
Light 100-500kg	4	132.69	121.50	142.50
Medium 501-590kg	11	191.76	180.00	204.00
Heavy 590kg+	3	192.97	189.00	199.50

### UTM STEERS (42)

A cracking entry of steers this week met a flying trade with the best once again over the 200p/kg mark. Quality Continentals from Eastbury Livestock set the trade with their Blues topping at 211p/kg grossing over £1325 and their Simmentals to 206p/kg grossing a massive £1435. Other Continentals keenly contested with other Simmentals to 207.5p/kg from AW Tippetts & Son with Blondes to 203.5p/kg from AL Gwyther & Sons and Blues to £1403 from R & J Gregory. An excellent run of Angus from Bapton Manor Farm sold very well topping 200p/kg five times peaking at 207.5p/kg and £1341. Named sire Herefords wanted to 194.5p/kg and £1207 from IJ Masters. Useful Friesians grossed over £1082 from LM Maidment & Sons.

<b>UTM STEERS</b>	<b>AV P/KG</b>	<b>MAX. P/KG &amp; VENDOR</b>	<b>MAX £/HEAD &amp; VENDOR</b>
<b>British Blue</b>	191.75	<b>211.00</b> Eastbury Livestock Blandford	<b>£1403</b> R & J Gregory Winchester
		<b>189.00</b> AR Smith Swanage	<b>£1325</b> Eastbury Livestock Blandford
<b>Angus</b>	198.25	<b>209.50</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton	<b>£1341</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton
		<b>205.50</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton	<b>£1323</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton
<b>Simmental</b>	199.00	<b>207.50</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster	<b>£1435</b> Eastbury Livestock Blandford
		<b>206.00</b> Eastbury Livestock Blandford	<b>£1371</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster
<b>Blonde</b>	203.50	<b>203.50</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol	<b>£1302</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol
<b>Hereford</b>	181.79	<b>194.50</b> IJ Masters Wareham	<b>£1207</b> IJ Masters Wareham
		<b>188.50</b> IJ Masters Wareham	<b>£1142</b> IJ Masters Wareham
<b>Shorthorn</b>	188.00	<b>190.50</b> AR Smith Swanage	<b>£1224</b> AR Smith Swanage
<b>Limousin</b>	189.50	<b>189.50</b> PM & SA Bishop Wick	<b>£1390</b> PM & SA Bishop Wick
<b>Friesian</b>	149.42	<b>169.50</b> LM Maidment & Sons Corsham	<b>£1082</b> LM Maidment & Sons Corsham

### UTM HEIFERS (18)

Overall an improved trade for the heifers today with some quality types selling to a very buoyant trade. Smart Limousins topped at 204p/kg and £1052 from AW Tippetts & Son with Blues from the same home to 194p/kg. Some more quality Angus from Bapton Manor Farm easily topped at 199.5p/kg and £1228 with six selling over 190p/kg. Simmentals and Blondes settled either side of the 190p/kg mark with more of these fleshed types wanted on a weekly basis.

UTM HEIFERS	AV P/KG	MAX. P/KG & VENDOR	MAX £/HEAD & VENDOR
<b>Limousin</b>	204.00	<b>204.00</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster	<b>£1052</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster
<b>Angus</b>	191.56	<b>199.50</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton	<b>£1228</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton
		<b>197.50</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton	<b>£1157</b> Bapton Manor Farm Bapton
<b>British Blue</b>	192.25	<b>194.00</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster	<b>£1221</b> JD & JS Padfield Radstock
		<b>190.50</b> JD & JS Padfield Radstock	<b>£1074</b> AW Tippetts & Son Warminster
<b>Blonde</b>	189.75	<b>190.50</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol	<b>£1031</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol
		<b>189.00</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol	<b>£1007</b> AL Gwyther & Sons Bristol
<b>Simmental</b>	189.00	<b>189.00</b> JD & JS Padfield Radstock	<b>£1162</b> JD & JS Padfield Radstock

### **36 OTM FAT CATTLE**

**STEERS (28) to 192.50p/kg & £1,328**

**HEIFERS (8) to 194.50p/kg & £1,425**

A larger entry compared to recent weeks generally met an improved trade with the stronger cattle commanding keen interest. Well presented Hereford steers from SG Flower topped at 192.5p/kg and £1288 with Angus steers from the same home to 187.5p/kg and £1113. Blue steers from AW Tippetts & Son wanted to 184.5p/kg and £1287. Simmental heifers sold very well to 194.5p/kg and a massive £1425 from LJ Curry. Longhorn steers from Longlands Farm topped at 149.5p/kg and £1009 with a run of Friesians from S & J Symes a good trade to 157.5p/kg and £1182. Those lacking flesh or over 36 months of age met a more variable demand and generally settled at premium cow prices.

**DAIRY (8)**

**SALE TIME:  
11.00AM**

**AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND**

### **CALVED HEIFERS TO £1,830**

Despite a limited entry this week trade was excellent. Wonderful to see regular vendor AF Leighton back after a short illness with plenty of men ringside for his quality cattle. His calved Holstein Friesian heifers sold over £1700 four times and three times over £1800. British Friesian in-calf heifers from BJ & EM Yandle wanted to £1060. More cattle wanted weekly to take advantage of this trade!

### **VENDORS PLEASE READ:**

To make sure your cattle are included in our weekly catalogue, please contact the market office by 1pm on the Monday prior to the Wednesday sale. Any additional information you can provide at this time (yields, cell counts, calving dates, sire details etc.) will help maximise your returns. Entries received after this time are welcome but will not be advertised.

**PIGS (186)**

**SALE TIME:  
11.00AM**

**AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS**

A very large entry of pigs sold to an improved trade with prices stronger than reported nationally. With Christmas on the horizon let's hope pork sales are on the rise!

### **FAT PIGS (92) Max. £130.00**

Plenty of fat pigs forward today comprising a large percentage of heavier sorts. The very best heavier weight pigs topped at £130 and £118 from WE Singer & Son. Another useful run from Mr White sold to £115 twice and £114 four times. Other heavies also to £114 from Down Partners. A cracking line of lighter weights from Paul & Tracey Reakes peaked at £109, £96 and £91. Others to £78 from Alan Griggs and £62 from Steve Horn.

### **STORE PIGS (83) Max. £37.00**

Few white stores on offer today with a variety of coloured types penned for sale. The best 12-14 week old stores topped at £37 twice from PA Scott. Others also to £37 from GS Walker and £28 from J Phillips. Younger coloured types to £12 from PG Snell.

**CULLS SOWS & BOARS (11) Max. £124.00**

The best strong sows topped at £124 from Paul & Tracey Reakes. Others to £108 and £100 from the same home. Overall average: £96.88!

**NEXT PIG WEEK: WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW DAY**

**Show Pig Entries invited ASAP**

**Commercial Pig Entries welcome**

**PLEASE NOT ALL PIG ENTRIES (INC. COMMERCIAL) MUST BE PRE-BOOKED**

*Please contact the market office or Auctioneer with your entries / for further information*

**SHEEP (862)**

**SALE TIME:  
10.00AM**

**AUCTIONEER: ANDREW DOBLE**

**PRIME LAMBS (640)**

**SQQ 165.43p/kg**

**Max. 185.00p/kg & £87.00**

A much larger entry than anticipated sold to a firm trade for all grades but at slightly lower levels compared to last week. The best handy weight shapely Continentals were keenly contested to 185p/kg from Mrs L Doble with others to 176p/kg from MJ Knowles. Plenty of heavy and over weight lambs met a buoyant demand to 175p/kg from Tom Wheeler, £87 from MJ Knowles (51.5kgs) and £85 from Pat Apsey. Please keep the lambs coming!

**LAMBS TOP PRICE REPORT**

NO.	WEIGHT (KG)	AV P/KG	MAX. P/KG VENDOR	MAX £/HEAD & VENDOR
136	<b>32.1-39</b>	159.31	<b>172.00</b> J & K Walther Petersfield	<b>64.80</b> J & K Walther Petersfield
216	<b>39.1-45.5</b>	168.82	<b>185.00</b> L Doble Stoke Sub Hamdon	<b>80.00</b> MJ Knowles Claverham
238	<b>45.6-52</b>	164.73	<b>175.00</b> T Wheeler Rode	<b>87.00</b> MJ Knowles Claverham
50	<b>52+</b>	151.59	<b>160.00</b> T Wheeler Rode	<b>85.00</b> PG Apsey Wincanton

**STORE SHEEP (43)**

**Av. £50.85 Max. £51.50**

A good quality entry met plenty of interest with nice medium types selling to £51.50 from PT & GK Robinson, £50 from Rainbow Wood Farm Partners and £49.50 from A Gibbs.

**CULL EWES & RAMS (179)**

**Av. £53.45 Max. £86.00**

A large entry sold to a similar trade to recent weeks with the few strong fleshed Suffolk ewes wanted to £86 from MJ Knowles. Others keenly sought to £85 from AI & ME Macdonald Watson and £79.50 from Whitbourne Farms. Plenty of medium framed ewes forward this week sold well from £50 to £65. The very plain ewes with grazing potential met a brisk demand but others generally more difficult to place.

**SHEEP TAGGING REQUIREMENTS**

Whilst fat lambs fit for slaughter under 12 months of age do not require double EID tags, we strongly recommend ALL sheep are double EID tagged. This will enable the widest range of potential purchasers to bid for your stock and help achieve the best possible price for you.





**CALVES (184)  
NON EXPORT**

**SALE TIME:  
10.00AM**

**AUCTIONEER: TIM HECTOR**

Numbers back on the week with mainly plainer and medium calves on offer. Plenty of buyers ringside but demand was variable with prices settling in accordance to quality.

**CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £401**

A good number on offer but very few first quality types to satisfy demand. The best Limousins easily sold to £401 from RTJ Voizey & Partners with Simmentals closely following at £398 from AL & DM Sage & Son. Blues peaked at £389 for a well presented run from J Sprake & Partners. Other good medium calves settled around the £300 mark with the smaller calves generally around the £200 mark.

**CONTINENTAL HEIFERS TO £300**

Mainly Blues on offer today with the better shaped types wanted to £300 from J Sprake & Partners. Other good Blues sold well to £282 from BJ Stainer & Sons, £270 from RC Garraway and £250 from James & James. Limousins with potential peaked at £240 from Hoskins Partners. Most medium to smaller calves settled around the £200 mark.

<b>TOP £/HEAD REPORT</b>					
<b>CONTINENTAL BULLS</b>			<b>CONTINENTAL HEIFERS</b>		
<b>BREED</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>BREED</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>
<b>Brit Blue</b> <b>Av £254.71</b>	<b>389</b>	J Sprake & Partners Sherborne	<b>Brit Blue</b> <b>Av £210.00</b>	<b>300</b>	J Sprake & Partners Sherborne
	<b>365</b>	J Sprake & Partners Sherborne		<b>282</b>	BJ Stainer & Sons Melksham
	<b>350</b>	J Sprake & Partners Sherborne		<b>270</b>	RC Garraway Chippenham
<b>Limousin</b> <b>Av £248.33</b>	<b>401</b>	RTJ Voizey & Partners Hardington	<b>Limousin</b> <b>Av £188.00</b>	<b>240</b>	Hoskins Partners Kington Magna
	<b>300</b>	Hoskins Partners Kington Magna		<b>202</b>	Hoskins Partners Kington Magna
	<b>267</b>	MTF Ogborne Ubley		<b>170</b>	G Patch Chilcompton
<b>Charolais</b>	<b>268</b>	KJ Osborne & Partners Radstock			
<b>Simmental</b>	<b>398</b>	AL & DM Sage & Son Claverton			

**BRITISH (62)**

**BULLS TO £355    HEIFERS TO £325**

A good sized entry but no top quality types forward to satisfy demand. Good medium calves sparked interest with a well presented run of Hereford bulls from Thornhill Farm Dorset Ltd topping at £355. Heifers from the same home equally sought to £325. Angus bulls topped at £258 from KJ Osborne & Partners with heifers to £235 from RL & CJ Curtis. The plainer very small calves were more difficult to place.

<b>TOP £/HEAD REPORT</b>					
<b>BRITISH BULLS</b>			<b>BRITISH HEIFERS</b>		
<b>BREED</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>BREED</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>
<b>Hereford</b> <b>Av. £223.56</b>	<b>355</b>	Thornhill Farm Ltd Stalbridge	<b>Hereford</b> <b>Av. £166.30</b>	<b>325</b>	Thornhill Farm Ltd Stalbridge
	<b>355</b>	Thornhill Farm Ltd Stalbridge		<b>325</b>	Thornhill Farm Ltd Stalbridge
	<b>255</b>	CJ Stokes & Sons Coate		<b>325</b>	Thornhill Farm Ltd Stalbridge
<b>Angus</b> <b>Av. £189.33</b>	<b>258</b>	KJ Osborne & Partners Radstock	<b>Angus</b> <b>Av. £139.69</b>	<b>235</b>	RL & CJ Curtis Sturminster Newton
	<b>252</b>	CV Salmon Pilton		<b>190</b>	Puxey Farm Ltd Sturminster Newton
	<b>225</b>	Knapp Farm Ltd West Pennard		<b>185</b>	Ashton & High Lea Farms Wimborne

## DAIRY (55)

**FLECKVEIHS TO £400**

**FRIESIANS TO £150**

A good demand from start to finish for the Friesian calves today with trade very much settling in accordance with the quality on offer. Holstein Friesians peaked at £150 from Ashton & High Lea Farms with British types to £148 and £130 from CG Moores. Plenty sold from £80 with very few under £30. Fleckveih's peaked at £400 from RTJ Voizey & Partners.

**SUCKLER  
DISPERSAL (88)**

**SALE TIME:  
12 NOON**

**AUCTIONEER: TREVOR  
ROWLAND & BRADLEY TOWELL**

**COWS WITH CALVES TO £1,290**

A cracking consignment of Pedigree Simmentals outfits from LE Poulter, Isle of Wight, were a highlight today with her best Pedigree Cow with pure bred steer calf at foot to £1290 with the remaining all grossing over £1200. Pedigree bulling heifers from the same home wanted to £820. Today's sale included the genuine herd dispersal of Hereford and Friesian x cows with young Hereford calves at foot from Kathleen Watts. Her good farming cattle regularly traded from £700 to £950. Another genuine consignment on offer from Arthur Eastment met plenty of interest with his Charolais cows and Angus steer calves achieving £1060. A good run of Continental and Native bred cows with named sire Angus calves at foot from Annie Cooper topped at £870.

## CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

DECEMBER 2017	
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> – TUESDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup>	OFFICE OPEN 9.00AM – 5.00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – FULL MARKET ALL SECTIONS</b>	To Include: <b>Calves &amp; Sheep @ 10.00am</b> <b>Dairy Cattle @ 11.00am</b> <b>Barren Cows &amp; Fat Cattle @ 11.30am</b> <b>Store Cattle ~ to follow Dairy</b> <i>Please contact the office with your entries</i>
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	OFFICE OPEN 9.00AM – 5.00PM
FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	OFFICE OPEN 9.00AM – 1.00PM
MONDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED NO MARKETS</b>
JANUARY 2018	
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	OFFICE OPEN 9.00AM – 5.00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>NORMAL MARKET</b>
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	OFFICE OPEN 9.00AM – 5.00PM
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>NORMAL MARKET</b>

<b>Mark Northcott</b>	<b>07798 645 274</b>	Fat Cattle & Barren Cows Auctioneer	<b>Trevor Rowland</b>	<b>07968 480 401</b>	Dairy & Store Cattle Auctioneer
<b>Greg Ridout</b>	<b>07817 517 467</b>	Fat Cattle & Barren Cows Auctioneer	<b>Lester Williams</b>	<b>07778 646 031</b>	Store Cattle Auctioneer
<b>Andrew Doble</b>	<b>07825 812 982</b>	Sheep Auctioneer	<b>Bradley Towell</b>	<b>07765 703 301</b>	Store Cattle Auctioneer
<b>Mark Ferrett</b>	<b>07702 264 502</b>	Fieldsman	<b>Tim Hector</b>	<b>07818 056 049</b>	Calf Auctioneer

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VENDORS**

## **FARM ASSURANCE**

We strongly advise that all vendors are registered with an approved farm assurance body (SAI Global, NSF-CMi, SFQC or Acoura) to take advantage of the premium achieved for farm assured cattle at point of sale.

Please be aware of the following:

- To sell an animal as farm assured they must have been on a farm assured holding for a minimum of 90 days prior to the date of sale.
- Farm assurance certification is linked to all the holdings that an animal has been on in the last 90 days. If any holding in the last 90 days is not farm assured, the animal is classified as non assured.
- All holding numbers that your stock will use must either be linked to your farm assurance number or have a farm assurance number in their own right.

*A list of all farm assured holding numbers are available on the Red Tractor Assurance website under 'Checkers & Services' ([assurance.redtractor.org.uk](http://assurance.redtractor.org.uk)).*

At point of sale please make sure you affix a valid farm assurance sticker on each entry form that accompanies your stock.

### **NO STICKER = SOLD AS NON ASSURED**

Please contact the market office for further clarification or information regarding farm assurance requirements.

## **BEEF SCHEMES – NAMED SIRES**

Named sire cattle particularly Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn and Devon breeds are of particular importance when selling stock at market.

Stringent measures are now in force, specifically **DNA testing**, when animals enter rearing units and/or at the point of slaughter to check that they are by the registered sire provided.

If you run a number of registered bulls of the same breed, please make sure you either specify which bull sired which animal or provide all possibilities on your entry form at point of sale. If you run a number of bulls of different breeds, we advise either keeping the bulls separate or DNA testing the calves to make sure the correct breed and sire is selected at time of registration.

**If at point of sale you are not 100% sure,  
please DO NOT sell your animal(s) with a registered sire.**

The financial implications of providing an incorrect sire at point of sale will be considerable. An online database to check whether your sire is registered as pedigree is available on most cattle society websites. Please contact the market office for further clarification or information.