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### SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

# **TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1917**



### **TRADE AT A GLANCE**

PRIME CATTLE PRIME HOGGS SPRING LAMBS DAIRY PIGS STORE STEERS TO 280P/KG & £1832 TO 451P/KG & £222 TO 460P/KG & £215 TO £1550 TO £270 TO £1780 
 CULL COWS
 TO 236P/KG & £1984

 STORE HOGGS
 TO £176

 CULL EWES/RAMS
 TO £179

 CALVES
 TO £400

 BREEDING BULLS
 TO £4000

 STORE HEIFERS
 TO £1525

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### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

A firm trade seen in all sections again this week. A good show of prime cattle and cull cows with prime sheep also in demand and a good number of pigs. Calves in demand with bull calves to £400 and heifers to £335. Some genuine breeding bulls sold to £4000. 67 head of Dairy cattle saw calved heifers to £2080 and cows to £1550.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1274

### PRIME CATTLE (51) to 280p/kg and £1832 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

An improved show of prime cattle this week selling to an excellent trade overall. 14 customers for prime cattle and cull cows today wanting cattle to kill and to feed. More finish on the cattle today meant that wholesale butcher buyers could give more per kilo with well finished butchers sorts selling to a premium.

TOP PRICE STEER	280p/kg for a Limousin from Church Farm Publow LLP						
TOP PRICE HEIFER	Publow I	266p/kg for a Hereford from Church Farm Publow LLP					
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG				
STEERS							
Light 100-500kg	1	241.00	241.00				
Medium 551-650kg	11	218.00	280.00				
Steer 651+	3	256.00	274.00				
Light 100-500kg	10	210.00	255.00				
Medium 501-590kg	21	200.00	265.00				
Heavy 590+	5	5 193.00 266.00					

### UTM STEERS (15) Max. 280p/kg & £1832

Limousin steers topped at 280p/kg from Church Farm Publow grossing £1738 and 274p/kg for Stabiliser x achieving £1832. Longhorn steers from the same home to 266p/kg grossing £1784 and 256p/kg grossing £1699. Steers from Groves Farming Partnership to 274p/kg grossing £1586 and 263p/kg grossing £1548. Limousin x from JA Ponzo to 268p/kg and Blues from LP Shackell & Son to 264p/kg. Steers averaged 254.86p/kg overall.

UTM STEERS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg) VENDOR		MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Limousin	280.00			Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford			
Stabiliser	274.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1832	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford			
Longhorn	266.00	Church Farm Publow		Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford			
Blue	264.00	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick	1612	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick			
Hereford	241.00	Church Farm Publow 1317 LLP, Pensford		Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford			
Angus	255.00	Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil	1582	Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil			
Friesian	222.00	Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil	1337	Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil			

### UTM HEIFERS (36) Max. 266p/kg & £1598

Heifers from Church Farm Publow to 266p/kg for Hereford x grossing £1598. A good run of Limousin x out of Friesian cows to £1533 and 265p/kg, 263p/kg and 261p/kg with others to 240p/kg+. Blue heifers from LP Shackell & Son to 261p/kg and £1536. Shapely Limousin x from JA Ponzo to 260p/kg and £1494. Angus heifers from Church Farm Publow to 253p/kg and 247p/kg from PW CC & JC Gould. R grade heifers with good cover from 250p/kg to 266p/kg with standard quality O grades from 228p/kg to 247p/kg. Heifers with good finish wanted for wholesale butchers.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)			VENDOR		
Hereford	266.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1598	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Limousin	265.00	Groves Farming Prtrs, <b>1533</b> Keevil		Groves Garming Prtrs, Keevil		
Blue	261.00	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick	1536	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick		
Angus	253.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1408	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton		
Stabiliser	234.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford 13		Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Longhorn	231.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1217	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Friesian	215.00	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	1398	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet		

### CULL COWS (52) Beef to 236p/kg Dairy to 199p/kg

Demand increases for cull cows with a decent show of cows selling to a fantastic trade overall. Cows averaging 171.77p/kg overall with a large percentage of Dairy cows straight from the parlour included in the average. Cows topped at 236p/kg and £1848 for a super Blue cow from Dickie Wright. Angus cows to 216p/kg and £1448 from RH & BD Stott & Son. Simmental x cows to 210p/kg and Blue x to 200p/kg. Best grade 1 Friesian cows to 199p/kg and £1599 with others to 198p/kg, 195p/kg, 188p/kg, 186p/kg and 185p/kg. Grade 2 cows 165p/kg to 182p/kg. Grade 3 cows with feeding potential to 200p/kg with others 175p/kg+. Grade 3 cows killing cows 145p/kg to 160p/kg and grade 4 cows 148p/kg, 130p/kg, very plain 115p/kg+.

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Blue	236.00	RJ Wright, Somerton	1848	RJ Wright, Somerton		
Angus	216.00	RH & BD Stott, Wookey	1448	RH & BD Stott, Wookey		
Simmental	210.00	KN & KN Greenslade, Yeovil	1301	KW & KN Greenslade, Yeovil		
Friesian	199.00	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse	1599	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse		
Hereford	181.00	IW & JM Appleyard, Timsbury	1382	IW & JM Appleyard, Timsbury		
Blonde	156.00	TL Attwell, Somerton	1041	TL Attwell, Somerton		

### BREEDING BULLS AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 BREEDING BULLS TO £4000

A good entry of genuine breeding bulls consigned met with competitive bidding for all breeds and ages. Pedigree Charolais from Fox Mill Farm saw bidding to £4000 for a super young bull at 25mo and others from the same home at £2650. Pedigree Herefords from MD & LM Keen were knocked down at £3000 for 25mo. A cracking consignment of Pedigree Angus from Jamie's Farm saw 19mo bulls to £2480 and 12mo to £1900. Older stock bulls a good trade with Beef Shorthorns to £2480 for 48mo from Whitehall Farms LLP and £1960 for 45mo from SJ Stevens & Sons. Blue x bulls to £1850 from Stonemark Industrial. Well grown Angus bulls from MJ & Z Bartlett to £1880. Young Limousin bulls from Roche Court to £1850 and £1800 and smart young Hereford bulls from JW Emmerson & Sons to £1700 for 18mo.



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### SHEEP (916) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737 PRIME HOGGETS (486) Max 451p/kg £222

A larger entry of hoggs which consisted of a mixed entry. Plenty of lean types forward which sold to a harder trade, but meated types looked a serious trade. Some absolute corkers from J Hallet of Dorchester rocked to £196 – 457p/kg for 44kg hoggs; superb hoggs! Light weights to 373p/kg and £138 for easy care hoggs from J & K Walther of Stonylands. Handy weights to 451p/kg and £196 (twice) from J Hallet of Dorchester. Heavies to 433p/kg from J Hallet and £216 from AE Gibbs & Son. Over 52kg to 404p/kg and £222 from Tom & Charlotte Wheeler. All hoggs averaging 396p/kg and £185.77. More needed each week.

PRIME HOGGETS					
KG	£	Vendor			
55.00	222.00	T & C Wheeler, Rode			
60.50	220.00	T & C Wheeler, Rode			
50.00	216.00	AE Gibbs & Son, Westerleigh			
49.00	212.00	JR Hallett, Dorchester			
46.00	194.00	Swerves Farm Partnership, Calne			
45.50	183.00	AL Higgens, Blandford			
43.50	170.00	Swerves Farm Partnership, Calne			
41.00	158.00	J & K Walther, Petersfield			

### PRIME LAMBS (98) Max 460p/kg £215

A larger show of prime lambs which mainly consisted of Poll Dorset types. Plenty of lambs would be on the lean side and would sell better if had more covering. Best flying to 460p/kg from J Smith of Bath and £215 from MTB Davey. Heavies to 411p/kg and £193 from DWG Smith Ltd. Handy weights to £200 and 460p/kg from J Smith. More lambs needed each week to keep the buyers coming.

### STORE HOGGS (105) Max £176

A mixed entry of store hoggs which sold to an absolute flyer. Best hoggs soaring to £176 from Swerves Farm Partnership. Other quality types over £150. Overall average soaring to £114.73.

### **CULL EWES (161) Max £179**

A larger entry of ewes which sold to a flying trade. Best ewes soaring to £179 from J Hall of Dorchester. Plenty of ewes £140 - £160. Swaledale ewes flying to £118 from Keevil Farm Partners. Beulah ewes to £103 from Mike Knowles & Sally Withers. Best rams flying to £140 from J Hall of Dorchester. More ewes needed each week.

### COUPLES Max £330

A small entry of ewes and lambs selling to a flying trade. Best couples to £330 from Richard Lewis. Other quality types to £194, (£97 per life) from Charles Buckler.

### **BREEDING EWES Max £160**

A nice entry of breeding ewes from Steven White enjoyed a solid trade for 2T & 4T North Country mules selling at £160.

### **ORPHAN LAMBS Max £51**

Quite possibly the dearest trade ever seen for orphan lambs at Frome! All young types which flew to £51 and averaged £41.64!

### PIGS (309) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A larger mixed entry in terms of quality forward this week with trade for fat harder work and good demand for stores.

### **FAT PIGS (155)**

Another good run from PB Weeks with lighter sorts forward this week. Best medium weights to £188, £182, £176 and £174. Others to £180 from FE White & Son. Lighter sorts forward to £165 from J Sprake & Sons and £152 from M Knowles & Sally Withers. Porkers to £152 from S Waite.

### **STORE PIGS (54)**

A better entry in terms of quality to a stronger trade for the best quality. 14 w/o White stores selling well to £90 from D Rangecroft. Younger White stores to £51 from Simon Bridger. Saddleback stores to £50 from R Shylan. Sow & litter selling to plenty of interest for a Saddleback Sow & 12 young to £500 from R Lewis.

### CULL SOWS & BOARS (100)

Best cull sows to £270 and cull boars to £260 from FE White. Another good entry from C Down to £260. Overall average of £166.81.

#### DAIRY Start 11am AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 Calved Heifers to £2080, £2060

The sunshine really brining this section alive this week! A super entry of 11 fresh milk heifers & cows produced a strong trade throughout. Top spot went to Pennard Farms for their homebred calved Friesian Holstein heifers being twice over £2000 topping at £2080. More top 'Ritsey Red' sired calved heifers from the Goss family twice to £1980.  $2^{nd}$  lactation Swedish Red cows to £1550 with Jersey cows to a strong £1040. This sale saw good 15mo well-bred bullers to £770 with Organic types to £750. Over 30 younger heifers forward and demand was lively. A grand entry of Shorthorn & Shorthorn x 7-8mo heifers from Milton Westcombe Farms Ltd created keen interest. Their Red & White heifers sold exceptionally well with bunches at £515 and £500 and Black & Whites to £485. Hard, smaller types 8-12mo all sold to a very firm trade.

### ANNUAL STIRK FAIR WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL <u>11.30AM</u>

Entries are building fast so please ring in with your bookings. We are aiming to start selling at 11.30am prompt. We can lairage your stock from Tuesday at no charge, otherwise please arrive early to allow time to book in your cattle. Gates open at 5.30am. Please state clearly if your cattle are bulls steers.

Over 500 already booked 600-700 expected Entries to date comprising of: 200 British Blue x Steers & Heifers 5-8mo 50 Hereford x Steers & Heifers 5-8mo 200 Angus x Steers & Heifers 5-8mo 50 Continental x Steers & Heifers 4-6mo 50 Holstein Friesian Steers 5-7mo Mainly Homebred. Quality, well reared cattle. Sponsored by Howard & Sons & Kiwikit Roxan For further details please contact Auctioneers Tom Rogers 07384 462 288



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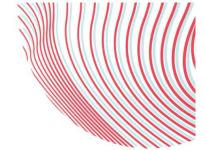


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### CALVES (163) Starts 9.30am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Another firm trade on the week with more calves required to satisfy demand.

### **CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £382/ HEIFERS TO £335**

Good to see Jo Sprake & Partners back in town with Blue bulls to £382, £350, £340 and Blue heifers to £335, £322, £290 and £260. Smart young Blue from Wardour to £330. Another tidy run from Diana Webb saw Blues bulls to £275 and heifers to £232. Smart Blue heifers from AK & AD Parker and also Clare Baber to £265 and £245 from RJ Jackson & Sons.

### NATIVE BULLS TO £400 / HEIFERS TO £150

A tidy South Devon bull again from Diana Webb to £275. Young smart Angus heifer from NF Clothier to £150 and his Angus bulls to £170 twice over. Other Angus bulls from J Hill to £165, Radstock co-op to £165, Gerring Partners to £160 and Church Farm Partnership to £155. Hereford bulls from Paul Jackson to £155, C Milton to £150. Hereford heifers from Radstock Co-op to £125 and Daniel & Hole to £125. Stronger reared Angus bull to £400 from the Chandler family.

### DAIRY TO £40 FLECKVIEH TO £140

ARLA Black & White bulls a difficult trade but finding homes at  $\pounds 9 - \pounds 10$ ; Fleckvieh bulls from JAW Bendall to  $\pounds 140$ . Very few Holstein Friesians about but small crossbred types finding home at  $\pounds 25 - \pounds 40$ . Next week we have our Spring Stirk Fair Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April therefore we will start calves at 9.30am, we would appreciate your co-operation in getting calves here early please.

Please pre book calves with Tom Rogers M:07384 462288, the Market office T: 01373 830033 or email entries to info@fromelivestock.com.

Please state clearly on your entry form if your male cattle are **STEERS** or **BULLS**; please don't just enter as male on entry form.

Don't forget our Annual Stirk Fair on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 450 already booked.

### NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 STORE CATTLE

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 643

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS: TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS

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### STEERS TO £1780 HEIFERS TO £1525

Nice to see some sunshine appearing through the clouds. This has made the younger farming cattle dearer again as expected as farmers look for cattle ready to turn out. Medium and stronger feeding cattle a similar trade on the week achieving very strong returns. More cattle needed for next week.

### **COWS & CALVES**

A good number of cows and calves forward and like all cattle interest and demand was excellent. Blue cows and Limousin 1mo calf to £1650 from BM Taylor. A small herd reduction from J Angell & Son , Calne were well sold seeing Angus cows and 1mo calves at £1760 and £1690. Angus stock sire 34mo to £1650. In calf Charolais & Simmental to £1210.

### ORGANIC

An additional Organic sale today and what a trade! An excellent entry of 40 12mo single suckled, hard outwintered Charolais, Angus and Aubrac steers and heifers from Gore Farm Partners, Shaftesbury created furious bidding. Demand for these marvellous summering cattle was outstanding. Charolais steers to £1130, £1070 and heifers to £960. Angus steers from the same good home to £995. Their Aubrac cattle continually building interest with steers at £930 and also heifers to £930 and £888 as these high conformation types are wanted. More forward Herefords from Pipplepen Farms Ltd (24mo) produced a storming trade with steers to £1500, £1460 and heifers to £1315.

### **YOUNG CONTINENTAL**

Not quite the number of younger Continentals on offer in the commercials but prices and trade continuing to be off the clock! Quality 10mo Parthenaise heifers with good conformation from Phil Snook at £895 and steers to £975. Neil& Sharon Glover continuing to produce quality Charolais and 9mo topped at £940 with heifers to £775. Blue steers 12mo to £875. Top Simmental suckled 11mo steers from J & C Rawlings at £1285 while heifers at £1010. Closely followed by Reg & Richard Hares at £1070 and £815. Superb Dairy x Blue steers 13mo and heifers from PE King (Bristol) Ltd saw marvellous bidding at £1245 and £1080 respectively. Overall, a tremendous day in this ring.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD AGE		VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1300	17mo	S Allen, Warminster	Angus	1380	17mo	J Hollister, Yate
Blue	1245	14mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton	Blue	1190	16mo	Hollands Farms Blandford Ltd
Limousin	1210	17mo	RH & AE Mayo, Weymouth	Limousin	1090	15mo	M Hayward, Corsham
Hereford	1115	12mo	Marshfield Traditional Farm, Chippenham	Simmental	1010	13mo	J & CW Rawlings, Babcary
Simmental	1105	17mo	M & A Billing, Somerton	Continental	895	10mo	PJ Snook, Frome
Charolais	1018	16mo	KJ Osborne & Prtrs, Ston Easton	Charolais	835	16mo	KJ Osborne & Prtrs, Ston Easton

### **FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH**

An excellent show met a faster trade with Fleckvieh steers selling to a massive £1460 (23mo) from Fred Butcher & family of Devizes and their British Friesians to £1280 (24mo). Other well presented British Friesians another highlight selling to £1088 from L & R Wyatt of Englishcombe and £900 from RF Stratton & Co of Kingston Deverill. Holstein Friesians met fierce bidding from £1015 to £1195 (17-19mo) all from Nigel Doman & family of Ston Easton and £1010 (21mo) from JC Gay & Son of West Harptree. Younger Holstein Friesians also wanted and sold well to £980 from Robert & Jane Mayo of Weymouth, £890 (14mo) from PE King (Bristol) Ltd of Iron Acton and £835 (12mo) from Martin Gregory & family of Sherborne. Larger entry of Friesian heifers also met a fast trade with framed Holsteins selling from £1045 to £1100 (18mo) all from A & G Hardwick Ltd of Stanton Prior and British Friesian heifers keenly bid from £890 to £900 (19-20mo) all from RF Stratton & Co. Please keep them comimng as demand strengthens.

### ANGUS

Another tremendous entry with several quality consignments selling to advantage. Younger, fleshed steers are wanted and premium prices achieved with 20mo steers selling to a massive £1580 from K & R Hickery of Bishopsworth, closely followed at £1570 from Fred Butcher & family of Devizes and £1540 from Robert Snook of Castle Cary. Turn out steers also met strong bidding to £1310 (only 19mo) from Martin Gregory & family of Sherborne, £1300 (only 17mo) from both S Allen of Warminster and J Hollister of Bristol, £1260 from J Smith of Devizes and £1255 from RD Fidler of Surrey. Forward yearling steers met another highlight selling from £1130 to £1235 (all 14mo) from The Covey of East Lydford, £1202 (17mo) from RH & AE Mayo of Weymouth and £1200 from Hollands Farms (Blandford) Ltd. Other yearlings keenly sought to £1125 (13mo) from PE King (Bristol) Ltd, £1075 from Robert Snook and £1050 (12mo) from AWM & MJ Clacee of Shepton Mallet.

Heifers sold to an outstanding trade with fleshed heifers from £1380 (17mo) to £1455 (25mo) all from J Hollister. Framed bulling heifers another highlight of the day selling to £1295 (20mo) from K & R Hivckery, £1290 (24mo) from Delcombe Downs of Milton Abbas, £1260 (20mo) from W Green & Sons of Horningsham and £1230 (23mo) from Brian Trott & family of Castle Cary. Bulling potential heifers equally sought to £1160 from Gary Hemmens of Heywood, £1150 from Hollands Farm (Blandford) Ltd, £1140 from L & R Wyatt of Englishcombe, £1120 from J Hollister of Yate, £1112 from Robert & Jane Mayo of Weymouth and £1105 from N Webb of Purton. Younger heifers also sold well to £1080 (16mo) from S Allen of Warminster and £900 (13mo) from PJ & SJ Angier of Shaftesbury.

### **HEREFORD**

A quality entry of mainly younger types on offer met a ferocious trade with well presented steers selling from £1435 to £1460 (only 22-23mo) from Marshfield Traditional Farm of Chippenham. Framed steers also a highlight selling to £1360 from The Covey, East Lydford, £1350 (22mo) from Brian Trott, Castle Cary, £1335 (19mo) from M & T Gregory, Sherborne, £1320 (20mo) from RJ Sparshott, Woolland; yearling steers also an outstanding trade to £1115 (12mo) from Marshfield Traditional Farm, £1080 (12mo) from AWM & MJ Clacee. Heifers in shorter supply with quality bullers selling to £1150 (22mo) from JC Gay & Son, £1030 21mo from J Hollister, 1025 (25mo) from Gary Hemmens, £965 (19mo) from JC Gay & Son and £940 from PJ JM & A Evans. Younger heifers also wanted to £780 (17mo) from AJ Foot of Dorchester and yearling heifers to £770 (12mo) from Marshfield Traditional Farms and £765 (12mo) from JC Gay & Son.

### FORWARD CONTINENTAL

Another massive day with smashing trade. All grades wanted and sold beyond expectations again! Tremendous bidding from the large company of buyers ringside forced the trade to an outstanding £1780 for quality reared 25mo Simmental steers from Fred Butcher & family of Devizes. Their younger Simmental steers equally well presented and sold from £1600 to £1680 (23mo) and their Blue steers sold to £1580 (24mo). What a trade! Good feeding Limousin steers also met keen interest to £1300 from regular vendor PW CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris. Younger steers to £1280 (22mo) from J Hollister of Bristol. Good turn out steers wanted with younger Blue steers to £1290 (18mo) from Martin Gregory & family of Sherborne.

Heifers wanted and equally sold to advantage. Fred Butcher & family took top honours again with their Simmental heifers which sold from £1500 to £1525 (all 24mo). Other good Simmental bullers sold well to £1220 from Gary Hemmens of Heywood. Well-presented Blue heifers met keen interest to £1260 (only 19mo) from Nigel Doman & family and younger Blue heifers sold to £1190 (16mo) from Hollands Farms (Blandford) Ltd. Limousin bullers also keenly sought to £1165 (20mo) from W Green & Sons of Horningsham and £1090 (15mo) from Marcus Hayward. Similar heifers sold well to £1110 from PW CC & JC Gould.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Simmental	1780	25mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	Simmental	1525	24mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes
Blue	1580	24mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	Angus	1500	24mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes
Angus	1580	24mo	K & R Hickery, Bishopsworth	Blue	1260	19mo	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton
Hereford	1460	23mo	Marshfield Traditional Farm, Chippenham	Limousin	1165	20mo	W Green & Sons, Horningsham
Fleckvieh	1460	23mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	Hereford	1150	22mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree
Limousin	1300	28mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris	Charolais	1110	28mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris
Friesian	1280	24mo	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	Friesian	1100	18mo	A & G Hardwick, Stanton Prior
Blonde	1250	24mo	GR Hemmens, Heywood	Blonde	890	23mo	GR Hemmens, Heywood

### FARM ASSURANCE

CAN WE PLEASE ASK ALL FARM ASSURED VENDORS THAT THE ASSURANCE STICKER ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY FORM IS UP TO DATE IF YOU ARE NOT FARM ASSURED PLEASE CONTACT YOUR VETS TO REGISTER FOR YOUR VET ATTESTATION CERTIFICATE TO SELL YOUR LIVESTOCK TO BUYERS WHO MAY EXPORT.

### Chaplain's Prayer

A reading heard in many churches around this time of year comes from John 20: v19-31 ...'Peace be with you' Jesus (after his resurrection) meets the frightened and confused disciples three times with these same words!? These can be wonderful words for us too, struggling with the extreme weather conditions on our farms...and all the other business



and relationship problems we face from day to day!? The news reels brings to the forefront all the doom and gloom, but forgets the wonderful stories of success in this challenging environment in which we live 🙂

This beautiful Prayer of Celtic origin was written around 1000 AD remind us that the ever present God is on our side as much now as ever was You are the Peace of all things calm...You are the place to hide from harm...You are the light that shines in dark...You are the hearts eternal Spark...You are the door that's open wide...You are the guest that's open wide...You are the guest that waits inside...You are the stranger at the door...You are the calling of the Poor...You are my Lord **and With Me Still...** You are my love, keep me from ill...You are the Light, the truth, the way...You are my saviour this very day!

As I am writing (14 April) The weather has picked up considerably from the wet time we've had? We **Must** take encouragement from this!? If you need someone to talk to about your farming or relationship problems...these following organisations are here to help!?

Farming community network.. FCN:03000 111 999; <u>help@fcn.org.uk</u> RABI 0800 188 4444, Open Mental Health (support 24h/day) 01823 276892 ....The Samaritans: 116 123, jo@samaritans.org

I'm away 16-26 April...but will have my phone if you need to chat at all?(07880770887)

Take care, Blessings to you all 🎔 🙏 Neville (Chaplain)







### REGULAR WEDNESDAY CLINICS

FREE NHS Health Checks every 2nd and 4th Wednesday FREE Podiatry services

every 1st and 3rd Wednesday

The Health Hub is available to all farming or agricultural workers and their families, no matter where you live.

#### Come and see us for:

- Health and wellbeing checks
- Advice on lifestyle and concerns affecting your emotional wellbeing
- Guidance towards any support you may require in the future

No appointments necessary, just call in and speak to one of our volunteers.











HEALTH HUB 9am – 1pm **Drop In** No appointment needed

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

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