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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 3RD MAY 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1812



TRADE AT A GLANCE

TO 242P/KG & £1743 PRIME CATTLE TO 268P/KG & £1726 CULL COWS PRIME HOGGS TO 429P/KG & £218 STORE HOGGS TO £125 SPRING LAMBS TO 455P/KG & £211 CULL FWES/RAMS TO £180 PIGS TO £ TO £310 CALVES. TO £315 STORE STEERS TO £1580 STORE HEIFERS TO £1510

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Wednesday 8 th May	Wednesday 1st May					
Wednesday 22 nd May	Wednesday 15 th May					

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024

An excellent show of pigs this week selling to a firmer trade with plenty of demand. Prime cattle short but wanted and an increased entry of cows being brought out by the extremely dear trade for cull cows here in Frome. A decent show of calves selling to competition. New season Spring lambs very much wanted but in short supply and hoggets holding in value for this time of year.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1239

PRIME CATTLE (28) to 268p/kg and £1726 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

Prime cattle short this week however selling to a sharper trade on the week. A decent show of cattle overall with some nice suckler bred cattle as well as some well finished steers and heifers, ideal for wholesale butchers.

TOP PRICE STEER	268p/kg for an Angus from MF Green							
TOP PRICE HEIFER	265p/kg	265p/kg for a Limousin from DC Gibbs						
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	No MIN P/KG MAX P/KG						
STEERS	STEERS							
Medium 551-650kg	10	241.00	268.00					
Steer 651+	4	243.00	259.00					
Light 100-500kg	1	229.00	229.00					
Medium 501-590kg	10	231.00	255.00					

UTM STEERS (14) Max. 268p/kg & £1726

A good consignment of well bred Angus steers from MF Green topped at 268p/kg and £1693 with others to 259p/kg, 255p/kg and 254p/kg. Heavier Angus from BJ & EM Yandle to £1726 and £1667. Limousin steers from JA Ponzo reached 265p/kg twice grossing £1534 and £1494. Hereford steers with cover and finish from A Doman & Co to 255p/kg and £1542. Charolais from CR Hartley & Son to 243p/kg. Steers averaged 253p/kg overall.

UTM STEERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Angus	268.00	MF Green, Salisbury	1726	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		
Limousin	265.00	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	1534	JA Ponzo, Pewsey		
Charolais	255.00	CR Hartley & Son, Wooley	1578	CR Hartley & Son, Woolley		
Hereford	255.00	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton	1542	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton		

UTM HEIFERS (14) Max. 265p/kg & £1442

Limousin heifers to 265p/kg for handy-weight heifers grossing £1428 and £1423. OTM Charolais heifers to 259p/kg and £1442 from WLC Dunkerton & Sons. Angus heifers from BJ & EM Yandle to 255p/kg and £1577. Simmental heifers from N & MJ Ashwin to 251p/kg and Herefords to 240p/kg.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	265.00	DC Gibbs, Glastonbury	1428	DC Gibbs, Glastonbury		
Charolais	259.00	WLC Dunkerton & Sons, Glastonbury	1442	WLC Dunkerton & Sons, Glastonbury		
Angus	255.00	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock	1577	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		
Simmental	251.00	N & MJ Ashwin, Pilning	1340	N & MJ Ashwin, Pilning		
Hereford	240.00	N & MJ Ashwin, Pilning	1394	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton		



CULL COWS (68) Beef to 242p/kg Dairy to 200p/kg

Cull cows exceptionally dear with 68 head forward selling to an overall average of 180p/kg and £1116 to include a proportion of grade 3 and 4 cows. Grade 3 feeding cows topped at 242p/kg for a Blue x grossing £1207 and Angus to 217p/kg grossing £1551 for good meat grade 1 cows. Best grade 1 Holstein Friesian cows to 200p/kg grossing £1394 and heavier Friesians to £1743 at 193p/kg. Several good consignments of good Friesian cows to 198p/kg, 197p/kg, 196p/kg, 195p/kg, 193p/kg and £1713, £1604, £1551, £1447 and £1386.

Grade 1 cows 180p/kg to 216p/kg

Grade 2 cows 168p/kg to 195p/kg

Grade 3 cows 145p/kg to 165p/kg

Feeding sorts 170p/kg to 242p/kg.

Grade 4 cows 120p/kg to 147p/kg and very plain killing cows 110p/kg to 125p/kg. More cows wanted next week.

CULL COWS					
BREED MAX (p/kg) VENDOR MAX (£)				VENDOR	
Blue	242.00	The Covey, Somerton	1331	DC Gibbs, Glastonbury	
Angus	216.00	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	1551	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	
Friesian	200.00	KJ & CP Dunn, Dinder	1743	WJ Masters & Sons Ltd, Frome	
Hereford	198.00	WLC Dunkerton & Sons, Glastonbury	1383	JT Farming, Potterne	
Norwegian Red	195.00	GV Sparkes & Sons, West Harptree	1137	GV Sparkes & Sons, West Harptree	
Galloway	195.00	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury	1096	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury	
Swedish Red	187.00	GV Sparkes & Sons, West Harptree	1115	GV Sparkes & Sons, West Harptree	



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SHEEP (677) Start 10.30am

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737

PRIME HOGGETS (230) Max 429p/kg £218

A smaller entry of hoggs which consisted of better types, more life in the job today with fierce competition! Hoggs still flying at £218 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke. Overall average to 349p/kg and £184.55.

Very few handy weights forward but topped to 358p/kg and £161 from Phil Hill. Heavies rocking at 429p/kg and £210 from Jim Hallet. Over 52kgs to 374p/kg from J G Bartlett & son and £218 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke. More sheep needed each week.

	PRIME HOGGETS				
KG	£	Vendor			
62.50	218.00	RJ Mitchell & LA Voke, Chew Stoke			
57.00	208.50	Keevil Farm Prtrs, Frome			
55.00	205.00	JJ Matthews, Westbury			
53.50	200.00	JG Bartlett & Son, Somerton			
49.00	210.00	JR Hallett, Dorchester			
50.00	188.00	JR Hallet, Dorchester			
46.00	184.00	JR Hallet, Dorchester			
45.00	161.00	P Hill, Shaftesbury			
42.00	141.00	SR Horn, Bruton			
40.00	130.00	KA Raymond, Salisbury			

PRIME LAMBS (35) Max 455p/kg £211

A neat entry with best to 455p/kg from J Smith and £211 from KL Gooding. Other quality types to £208 from Martin Webber of Chilcompton.

STORE HOGGS (79) Max £125

Getting to see the tail enders now but still topping at £125 from T Newth t/a The Prestleigh Flock and averaging £96.35.

CULL EWES (92) Max £180

A cracking entry of cull ewes which enjoyed a solid trade. Best ewes flying to £180 from J P Raven. Other quality goods topping at £170 from S Rosling and Sue Bishop. Strong Charolais ewes to £159 from Stuart Coombes of Bridgwater.

COUPLES Max £282

Cracking entry of over 100 outfits which sold to a flying trade. Best outfits to £110 per life & £220 for singles from Henry Whitcombe. Other quality types to £105 per life & £210 for singles from David Butler. Other strong singles to £205 & £102.50 from Kate Isgar. A cracking run of 10 ewes & 18 lambs from David Butler enjoyed a flying trade making £265 and £94.64 a life. Best twins to £282 & £94 per life from Tom Newth of Shepton Mallet.

Dairy Sale Wednesday 8th May

15 Friesian Heifers youngstock

4-8mo Homebred

Changing farming policy

More entries anticipated



PIGS (281) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A good entry in terms of numbers and buyers this week with some encouragement all round with Spring here at last!

FAT PIGS (161)

One of the largest entries of fat pigs seen at Frome and any other market in the country! Trade stronger throughout. A nice run of 80 heavies from PB Weeks to £222, £216 and £214 with an overall average of £207.36. Lighter sorts from Steve Horn to £194. A cracking run of porkers from N Legge of Herefordshire to £182 and £162. Some cracking lighter weight Saddlebacks from Fulmer Place Farm of Berkshire selling well to £188, £160 twice and £155.

STORE PIGS (40)

Numbers of stores still short nationally. Younger 10w/o White stores to £46 from N Coutts. Stronger stores selling very well to £150 and £110 from Jamie's Farm.

CULL SOWS & BOARS (62)

Trade still strong with a good entry again. Best sows to £280 x 8, £250 x 9 and £225 from Mr C Down. Cull boars to £186 from S & S Gould, overall average of £208.28.

BREEDING PIGS

Young White sow & 7 selling to £310 from M Webber. An entry of In pig sows from E Godwin to £210 and Mangalitza sow & 6 to £260. More sows & litters already entered for the next pig sale – Wednesday 15th May.





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CALVES (185) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A strong trade throughout with small & medium calves looking a very good trade.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £315/ HEIFERS TO £278

Smart young Blue Bulls from Wardour sailing to £315 with others from AJ Scott to £282 and £280 from NF Clothier. Tidy Charolais Bulls from WJ Doggerell to £265 and £250. Pretty Charolais heifers to £278 from A Bullus. A good show of Blue heifers saw best types to £230 from JT Jackson others to £215 from Gary Sparkes & £178 from Church farm Partnership. Saler heifers from P&D Trowbridge to £154 and Limousin heifers to £278 from R & A Holder.

NATIVE BULLS TO £285 / HEIFERS TO £230

Stronger Hereford bull from Radstock Co-op to £285. Good Angus heifers from Gerring Partners to £230, £195 & £188 from NF Clothier. Angus bulls from JT Jackson to £248 & £228 from A Bullus and £175 for Prospect farming . Nice to see Hemsworth farm here again with Stabiliser bulls to £195. Hereford bulls from D & H Dairying to £228 and from Prospect farming to £220.

DAIRY

Very few here today again however a Fleckvieh heifer from JAW Bendall looking well sold at £185. A handful of Ayrshire bulls trading at £30-£40.

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.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY
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For more information, visit https://ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future .

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024 STORE CATTLE

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS:

TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS 07968 480 401 07496 263 916

07778 646 031

STEERS TO £1580 HEIFERS TO £1510

AN AMAZING TRADE AT FROME WITH 1339 CATTLE SOLD THIS WEEK!

COWS & CALVES & FEEDING BULLS

In-calf Angus heifers and cows from Rex and Jean Horler commanded top prices of £1480 & £1280. A super run of smaller Blue x heifers with 1 month heifer calves from Wrackleford Farms had a wonderful trade regularly £1300 - £1400 a set and were ideal summering types.

Angus bred Bulls established a lively trade with a super "Grandon echo" sired 24-month Bull from Keith & Vanessa Parkinson of Sherborne at £1820.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

Another strong day in this section with a number of excellent younger cattle forward. A grand consignment from James Foot of Weymouth with his usual outstanding Simmental steers and heifers (11-12 mo) topping at £1170 for the best pen of steers and £995 for heifers. Most single suckled young continentals £850-£1000; a grand run of young Dairy bred 7mo Simmentals from KJ Withers topped at £780! Quality Limousin x Shorthorn steers from Stowford manor (12mo) peaked at £890 with heifers £700. Wolfridge Farm Partners Simmental steer (11mo) at £840. Wonderful Blue dairy bred steers & heifers from regular vendor PE King (Bristol) Ltd created ferocious bidding with steers at £1105 and heifers £1212. A further outstanding entry of Dairy x Blues from RE Kingman & Son saw furious bidding with bunches £1380, £1182 & £1100. Overall a strong well supported section and buyers all wanting good grazing types.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 573

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Devon	1465	17mo	G Patch, Chilcompton	Angus	1280	15mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Blue	1380	14mo	RE Kingman & Son Ltd, Sherborne	Blue	1212	17mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Hereford	1370	13mo	RE Kingman & Son Ltd, Sherborne	Simmental	995	13mo	P & S Foot, Portesham
Simmental	1170	12mo	P & S Foot, Portesham	Hereford	818	15mo	RH & CM Johnston, Mappowder
Angus	1170	16mo	J Visser & D Behennah, Heathfield	Limousin	780	9mo	K Paton, Egford
Charolais	1130	11mo	M Paton, Frome	3			, -9.5.5

FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH

A massive thank you to all vendors today for presenting such quality entries of Holstein Friesians with top honours going to Charlotte and Kenton Bennett T/A Perry Farm Ltd of Sturminster Newton with over 50 selling from £1180 - £1250 (all 19mo). Fleshed Fleckvieh steers also sold well to £1150 (20mo) from J Visser & D Behennah of Heathfield and proper British Friesians from £1140 - £1145 (20-25mo) all from L & R Wyatt & Sons of Englishcombe. Other quality Holsteins also keenly sought after from £905 - £1000 (18mo) from Ken Godwin & family of Chippenham. Yearling steers also a highlight selling to £850 (13mo) from Cross Key Farms Ltd of Frome. Today also received a good selection of meat heifers selling to £1265 (27mo) from Roy & James Kingman, £1150 (19mo) from Perry Farm Ltd and 15mo to £800 from Ken Godwin & family. Overall a very well supported section.

ANGUS

An amazing day at Frome again with top honours of the day going to R Bowring of Lymington with their steers selling from £1460 to a massive £1580 (only 21-24mo). Other quality consignments sold well from £1485 - £1495 (19-20mo) from K & R Hickery of Bristol, £1400 from Perry Farm Ltd of Sturminster Newton, £1360 (26mo) from P & R Kimber of Wincanton, £1335 (20mo) from Puckshipton Farms Ltd of Devizes and £1295 (23mo) from Jeff Coles of Bath. Overage steers also sold well to £1450 (30mo) from G Patch of Bath. Younger steers keenly bid to £1170 (16mo) from both J Visser & D Behennah and Allen James of Shaftesbury with RDR Stevens & Sons of Stanton Drew at £1080. Yearling steers met an exceptional trade selling to £1035 (11mo) from Richard Hopkins

of Chippenham, £1000 (14mo) from RH & IR Cradock of Trowbridge and £965 (11mo) for Wolfridge Farm Partners of Shaftesbury.

Heifers sold to a massive trade with fleshed heifers selling to an amazing £1510 (15mo) from DL Clark Partnership of Chippenham. Other fleshed heifers sold well to £1390 (24mo) from R Bowring, £1335 (19mo) from Perry Farm Ltd. Good bullers to £1280 (15mo) from PE King Ltd, £1190 from Jeff Coles, £1030 from Nick Hutton & family and £1005 from L & R Wyatt & Sons. 14mo heifers to £995 from DL Clark Partnership and yearling heifers to £890 (12mo) from DB & BJ Hill & Sons, £830 (12mo) from RJ Hopkins and £822 from Wolfridge Farm Partners.

HEREFORD

Herefords had one of the liveliest trades of the year. Some super feeding and grazing Herefords were present and all saw an improved trade throughout. Deep bodied, well fleshed steers commanded premium prices which saw RE & D Woodward's best at £1465! Plenty of other top types over £1300 which included 13mo steers from the Kingman family at £1370! More good, well grown steers £1200 - £1300 from Jeff Coles and Perry Farm Ltd. Younger sorts 12-15mo always over £800 and plenty £900-£1100. The lowest number of Hereford heifers coming forward in recent sales with 12-14mo to £818 from RH & CM Johnston of Mappowder.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

An excellent show of quality cattle sold to another strong trade with tremendous bidding holding prices firmer than recent finished levels. Blondes topped the trade from John & Sue Loder of Sherborne with their steers selling to £1540 (only 20mo) and their heifers to £1495 (24mo). What a trade!!

Overage Charolais steers also keenly sought after to £1400 (33mo) from R Bowring of Lymington. Best younger fleshed, large framed Blues also a highlight to £1380 (only 14mo) from Roy & James Kingman of Sherborne. Other Blue consignments also sold well to £1360 (22mo) from Paul Hughes of Chippenham, £1240 (19mo) from Tom Lawrence & Family of Timsbury, £1180 (17mo) from Sam James of Shaftesbury and £1158 from The Covey of Somerton.

Blue heifers equally wanted and met fast bidding from £1260 to £1295 (24-25mo) all from Jeff Coles & family of Bath, £1275 (24mo) from Paul Hughes £1217 (17mo) PE King Ltd of Bristol. Quality bullers also keenly sought to £1130 (19mo) from Tom Lawrence, £1125 (20mo) from The Covey and £1125 (18mo) from Kenton & Charlotte Bennett T/A Perry Farm Ltd of Sturminster Newton. Framed Limousin heifers also wanted to £1070 from Jeff Coles.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED £/ AGE			VENDOR
Angus	1580	24mo	R Bowring, Lymington	Blonde	1495	24mo	LHE Loder & Son, Sherborne
Blonde	1540	20mo	LHE Loder & Son, Sherborne	Angus	1390	24mo	R Bowring, Lymington
Hereford	1470	24mo	RE & D Woodward, Norton Ferris	Friesian	1265	27mo	RE Kingman & Son Ltd, Sherborne
Devon	1425	24mo	G Patch, Chilcompton	Blue	1125	20mo	The Covey, Somerton
Charolais	1400	33mo	R Bowring, Lymington	Limousin	1070	24mo	JH Coles, White Ox Mead
Friesian	1250	19mo	Perry Farm Ltd, Bagber	Beef Shorthorn	1042	25mo	J Wake, Yeovil
Fleckvieh	1150	20mo	J Visser & D Behennah, Heathfield				

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Chaplain's Prayer

Psalm 16:1'Keep me safe My God, for in You I take refuge!'

28 April was chosen by United Nations as the Annual World Day for Safety and Health at work. This week we remember all whose work brings potential dangers, and all responsible for communicating those dangers to others. We pray especially for those within our farming community whose safety maybe at risk and for anyone whose life has been affected by accident or injury



"May God shield you in the Valleys. May Christ aid you on the Mountains. May the Spirit Bathe and Cover You on the Slopes, on Hill, on Plain.... Wherever you are" !

FCN have a range of useful resources on their 'Farmwell' platform around a wide variety of topics... recently added is a guide from the centre for addiction and mental health on how to talk about Suicide? Access the guide here https://farmwell.org.uk/suicide/ Charles 111 has proved to be keen to promote all that is good in and for British farming and hasn't been reticent about saying so!? Let's pray this continues...for all the influence his Royal opinions are worth!

Here are contact details for help if you, or anyone you know needs it...FCN(Farming Community Network) 03000 111 999, email: help@fcn.org.uk, RABI 0808 281 9490, Samaritans 365 days a year 116 123, jo@samaritans.org I can be reached on 07880770887 and at the market Wednesdays Take care, and remember your neighbours!

Neville Dyke(Chaplain at Frome Livestock market)

Members of Frome Lions Club recently made a visit to Frome Livestock Market at Standerwick to present a cheque for £1500 to members of the Frome Market Health Hub.

The money raised came from the proceeds of this Years annual Haybale collection which is one of the Lions longest running fundraisers. Each year the Lions visit farms in the area and invite the farmers to donate bales of Hay or straw which are then sold on to other farmers who have not produced any. Supporters can also make cash donations should they so wish in lieu.

Administrator of the Health Hub Diana Bourne said she was extremely grateful to the Lions for nominating them as this year's beneficiary and said the money would be used to support all farming or agricultural workers in the area and their families by offering free confidential health checks and advice.

Pictured presenting the cheque is Lion President Richard Phillips with some of the club members and staff from the Health Hub.

Lion Mike Geake

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