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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION  
WEEK ENDING 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1365



**TRADE AT A GLANCE**

PRIME CATTLE	TO 285P/KG & £1848	CULL COWS	TO 217P/KG & £1589
PRIME HOGGS	TO 393P/KG & £210	STORE HOGGS	TO £130
SPRING LAMBS	TO 457P/KG & £241	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £200
DAIRY	TO £1050	COUPLES	TO £305
PIGS	TO £280	CALVES	TO £360
STORE STEERS	TO £1430	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1300

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<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>

# WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

An increased entry of prime cattle forward selling to a buoyant trade. Cows remain in very high demand and selling to a strong trade for all consigned. 200 pigs forward selling to competition. Calves wanted with 150 forward. Prime new season lambs wanted and hoggets to 364p/kg SQQ average.

**TOTAL  
HEAD  
SOLD  
942**

## PRIME CATTLE (74) to 285p/kg and £1848

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Start 12.30pm

A good show of prime cattle forward this week with both quality and quantity. Cattle selling to a firmer trade than expected given the recent drop in dead weight prices. Some well bred and fed consignments selling well overall.

TOP PRICE STEER	285p/kg for a Limousin from JA Ponzo		
TOP PRICE HEIFER	276p/kg for a Limousin from JA Ponzo		
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG
<b>STEERS</b>			
Light 100-550kg	7	230.00	285.00
Medium 551-650kg	12	218.00	275.00
Heavy 651kg+	7	232.00	263.00
<b>HEIFERS</b>			
Light 100-500kg	8	205.00	272.00
Medium 501-590kg	34	191.00	276.00
Heavy 651kg+	6	221.00	248.00

## UTM STEERS (26) Max. 285p/kg & £1848

A brisk trade for prime steers with plenty of demand overall. Handy weight steers topped at 285p/kg for a well-bred Limousin from JA Ponzo. Limousin from RE & AM Hicks to 275p/kg and others to 266p/kg, 265p/kg and 252p/kg for a Blue. Top gross price to £1848 for a Hereford from HJ Irvine & Son followed by £1811 for a shapely Limousin from JC Stainer. Native steers to 261p/kg from RE & AM Hicks for Devon with Hereford steers from AR Smith to 260p/kg. Steers averaged 249.06p/kg overall averaging £1730. Friesians to 231p/kg and £1429.

## UTM STEERS

BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
<b>Limousin</b>	<b>285.00</b>	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	<b>1811</b>	JC Stainer, Semington
<b>Blue</b>	<b>265.00</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	<b>1760</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
<b>Devon</b>	<b>261.00</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	<b>1536</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
<b>Hereford</b>	<b>260.00</b>	AR Smith, Swanage	<b>1848</b>	HJ Irvine & Son, Malmesbury
<b>Beef Shorthorn</b>	<b>255.00</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	<b>1705</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
<b>Angus</b>	<b>251.00</b>	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	<b>1740</b>	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet
<b>Welsh Black</b>	<b>247.00</b>	A Powell, Horton	<b>1409</b>	A Powell, Horton
<b>Friesian</b>	<b>231.00</b>	KC & AM Godwin & Son, Chippenham	<b>1429</b>	KC & AM Godwin & Son, Chippenham

## UTM HEIFERS (48) Max. 276p/kg & £1554

A good show of heifers overall selling to competition and a firm trade. Best U grade heifers to 276p/kg and 275p/kg from JA Ponzo. Top gross price to £1554 for a well-finished Blue heifer from JC Stainer. An excellent run of Continental heifers from TJ Rowland Farms saw Limousin x to 272p/kg, 265p/kg and Simmental to 267p/kg, 266p/kg and 265p/kg. Hereford heifers from MJ Berry to 256p/kg and Angus from the same good home to 250p/kg. Angus with good cover from TM Foster to 249p/kg and £1425 from VI & GR Doggrell. R Grade Continental heifers from 250p/kg to 270p/kg and Natives from 240p/kg to 256p/kg. Standard quality O grade heifers with good cover from 235p/kg to 255/kg. Friesian heifers to 234p/kg and £1358.

## UTM HEIFERS

BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
<b>Limousin</b>	<b>276.00</b>	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	<b>1416</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
<b>Simmental</b>	<b>267.00</b>	TJ Rowland (Farms), Sturminster Newton	<b>1486</b>	TJ Rowland (Farms), Sturminster Newton
<b>Charolais</b>	<b>253.00</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	<b>1444</b>	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
<b>Angus</b>	<b>250.00</b>	MJ Berry, Castle Cary	<b>1424</b>	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton
<b>Blue</b>	<b>248.00</b>	JC Stainer, Semington	<b>1554</b>	JC Stainer, Semington
<b>Welsh Black</b>	<b>246.00</b>	A Powell, Horton	<b>1531</b>	A Powell, Horton

## CULL COWS (39) Beef to 212p/kg Dairy to 217p/kg

Trade for cull cows continues very firm with strong demand for all grades and breeds. Best grade 1 Friesians to 217p/kg and £1480 with others to 212p/kg, 211p/kg, 197p/kg and 194p/kg grossing £1477, £1456, £1457 and £1464. Dairy Shorthorn cows to 192p/kg and £1589. Angus to 212p/kg and £1586.

Grade 1 cows with good cover 185p/kg to 217p/kg

Grade 2 cows 162p/kg to 180p/kg

Grade 3 cows with feeding potential to 185p/kg, others from 140p/kg to 164p/kg.

Grade 4 cows to 175p/kg to feed

Grade 4 killing cows 125p/kg to 140p/kg

Very plain cows 110p/kg to 120p/kg.

Cows averaged 170.78p/kg.

<b>CULL COWS</b>				
<b>BREED</b>	<b>MAX (p/kg)</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>MAX (£)</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>
<b>Angus</b>	<b>212.00</b>	HJ Irvine & Son, Malmesbury	<b>1586</b>	HJ Irvine & Son, Malmesbury
<b>Friesian</b>	<b>212.00</b>	SC Eavis, Sherborne	<b>1480</b>	SC Eavis, Sherborne
<b>Hereford</b>	<b>198.00</b>	PH Gulliford, Bruton	<b>1343</b>	PH Gulliford, Bruton
<b>Dairy Shorthorn</b>	<b>192.00</b>	J Sprake & Prtrs, Sherborne	<b>1589</b>	J Sprake & Prtrs, Sherborne
<b>Jersey</b>	<b>159.00</b>	GV Sparkes & Son, West Harptree	<b>821</b>	GV Sparkes & Son, West Harptree
<b>Simmental</b>	<b>158.00</b>	HME Gulliford, Bruton	<b>779</b>	HME Gulliford, Bruton
<b>Norwegian Red</b>	<b>129.00</b>	WF Fisher & Son, Newbury	<b>687</b>	WF Fisher & Son, Newbury



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**SHEEP (669) Start 10.30am****AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737****PRIME HOGGETS (275) Max 393p/kg £210**

A neat entry of hogs which enjoyed a solid trade. Best to 393p/kg from A & L Frizzle and £210 from Chris Tucker. Light weights to 361p/kg and £137 from J & K Walther. Handy weights to £176 from Avon Valley Country Park. Heavies to 379p/kg from MPA & JWP Scadding and £190 from DR & PS Osborne. Over weights to 379p/kg from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke topping at £210 from CMG Tucker & Son. More hogs wanted.

<b>PRIME HOGGETS</b>		
<b>KG</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
70.00	210.00	CMG Tucker & Son, Clutton
53.00	201.00	RJ Mitchell & LA Voke, Chew Stoke
51.00	190.00	DR & PS Osborne, Keynsham
45.00	176.00	Avon Valley Country Park Ltd, Keynsham
44.50	174.00	J & K Walther, Petersfield
42.00	165.00	A & L Frizzle, Blandford
40.00	149.00	J & K Walther, Petersfield
39.50	130.00	JG Robinson, Colerne

**PRIME LAMBS (55) Max 457p/kg £241**

A neat entry of prime lambs entered today which sold to a flying trade. Best lambs soaring to 457p/kg from Sue Bishop and topping at £241 from Clive Peach. Handy weights to 457p/kg and £199 from Sue Bishop. Heavies to 450p/kg from Sue Bishop and £220 from C Peach. Best over 52kg to 408p/kg and £241 from C Peach. More lambs needed.

**STORE HOGGS (117) Max £130**

A large entry of store hogs looked well sold. Best to £130 from J & K Walther and overall average of £100.34

**CULL EWES & RAMS (139) Max £200**

A solid entry of cull which flew to £200 for cull rams and ewes to £180 from JE Langley. Overall average to £130 where more could have been sold to the advantage. Best North Country mules to £140, Welsh ewes to £110.

**COUPLES Max £305**

A cracking entry of ewes & lambs which enjoyed spirited bidding. Best ewes & lambs to £305 (£102 per life) for full mouth Suffolk ewes and twin lambs from Steve Carnie. Other outfits to £82.50 per life from the Isgar family.

## **PIGS (200) Start 10.15am**

**AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482**

A reduced entry this week with store and lighter fat pigs in fierce demand.

## **FAT PIGS (101)**

Another good entry from PB Weeks to £212 and £208. Coloured heavier fat pigs to £195 from B Champion with others to £190 from J Bodman. All lighter pigs selling extremely well. Best to £170 from B Long and others to £160 from G Moore and M & O Meat Co.

## **STORE PIGS (40)**

Trade on fire for stores with numbers nationally still short. Strong Saddlebacks to £152 from HP Ablitt of Wales. Others to £86 from Ben Goldsmith. Young 10w/o White weaners to £76 from R Lewis and £72 from MA & KL Webber.

## **CULL SOWS & BOARS (59)**

A nice run from JR Bodman selling well to £280 and £230. Best also from J Woodland to £200. Cull boars to £260 from J Brown of Bridgwater. Overall average to £177.30.

### **Note to all vendors:**

**Please pre-enter all pigs so we can notify buyers who may be travelling from away.**

**Many thanks.**

## **DAIRY (20) Start 11am**

**AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401**

### **Bulling Heifers to £1050**

Unfortunately, the fresh milk entered were not forward, however, the bulling heifers on offer were of outstanding quality from the Hann family and demand was excellent for these 15mo well grown types. Best bunches peaked at £1050 and others to £885. Leaner heifers running with bull for 3 months topped at £860.

Forthcoming Dairy entries:

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May - 25 In Calf dry Friesian Holstein Heifers and Cows (to include some Friesian x Jersey Heifers) due June/July to Angus. HB, Closed herd, high health status, genuine dispersal.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June - 8 Pedigree Holstein Friesian In Calf Heifers Pd+ due 12<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July to Pedigree Angus, closed herd, home bred, genuine dispersal.

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July - 24 Pedigree Holstein Friesian In Calf Heifers Pd+ due 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Pedigree Angus, home bred, closed herd, genuine dispersal.

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## **CALVES (150) Starts 9.30am**

**AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288**

Another fierce trade with more required to satisfy demand. Medium sorts looking very dear in particular.

## **CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £280/ HEIFERS TO £360**

No real best Blue bulls here today but good types from J Sprake & Partners to £280. A marvellous show of Continental heifers saw Blues to £360 again from the Sprake family. Another good run from NF Clothier & Son saw Blue bulls to £272, £260 from BA Marsh, £260 from Radstock Co-op and £250 from Bayley Partners. Heifers a very fast trade with several medium types from A Bullus to £248, £242 from the Sprake family, £230 from Broughton Farms and £230 from AJ Scott. Charolais proving popular with a bull from WJ Doggrell to £260 and heifers to £238 and £230. A good run of young Charolais heifers from Nick & Ben Hutton from £210 - £238.

## **NATIVE BULLS TO £265 / HEIFERS TO £168**

A good show of medium type calves with Angus bulls from BA Marsh to £265, Hereford heifers to £178 from AJE Mellish, who also had Hereford bulls to £258, £255 and £250. Angus bulls from C & J Raymond to £242, £235 from Radstock Co-op, £230 from Church Farm Partnership, £228 from Broughton Farms and NF Clothier. Stabiliser bulls from Hemsworth Farm looking well sold at £185 and heifers to £148.

## **DAIRY**

Few and far between today. Holstein Friesian Bulls to £60 from Church Farm Partnership, Ayrshire bulls to £62 from BA Marsh and plenty of Angus heifers out of cross bred cows finding rearing homes at £40 - £60.

**Please pre book calves with Tom Rogers M: 07384 462288, the Market office T: 01373 830033 or email entries to [info@fromelivestock.com](mailto: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 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
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# WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



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17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
22<sup>ND</sup> JULY  
19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

## MONDAY

### ARE YOU UNDER TB RESTRICTION?

## TB RESTRICTED SALES/ORANGE MARKET

**Open to all ages and classes of cattle; Prime, Cull, Store and Calves**

Cattle must be licenced to these sales and licences must be obtained from Animal Health at least one week before the sale.

**ALL VENDORS MUST CONTACT THE MARKET BY THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE TO THE SALE TO NOTIFY US OF YOUR ENTRIES**

Applying for a licence has now changed.  
A TB16B, TB16E OR TB208 application must be completed and either emailed to [csc.tblicensing@apha.gis.gov.uk](mailto:csc.tblicensing@apha.gis.gov.uk) or posted to APHA, Polwehele, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 9AD

**Please remember to put the first injection date of TB tested cattle on all entry forms**



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Registration is quick and easy – visit <https://ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future> and fill in some basic details. Once we've checked these, we will contact them again in April 2022 when it's time to get their views.

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- Follow our social media channels: Twitter - [@AHDB\\_Dairy](#) & Facebook - [@AHDBDairy](#)
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We are committed to listening to levy payers and industry stakeholders about the challenges they face, and the role that we can play in enabling success in the farming industry. We want to ensure that the levy collected for each sector works hard for the benefit of that sector.

For more information, visit <https://ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future> .

# MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

## TB RESTRICTED SALE

**TOTAL  
HEAD  
SOLD  
229**

**Starts 10.30am**

**AUCTIONEERS:**

TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480 401

BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263 916

TOM ROGERS 07384 462 288

**STEERS TO £ 1485 HEIFERS TO £1445**

**A super entry of cattle for our May sale saw a strong compliment of buyers forward for this market.**

### PRIME CATTLE & CULL COWS

Only a handful of UTM Bulls sold to 245p/kg and £1393 (22mo) and longer term finishing bulls to 220p/kg and £1016. A good run of Friesian cows with good cover sold to 189p/kg and £1221 and others to 188p/kg, 186p/kg, 171p/kg and 175p/kg, averaging 181p/kg. More prime cattle and cull cows wanted for the next sale.

### STORES

A very strong entry of cattle for our May sale of TB restricted animals. Trade very firm throughout although the fleshed types (as in our Friday sales) just seeing demand reflecting the easier finished slaughter prices. A number of nice types available with most breeds represented. Buyers continuing to travel considerable distances to support the Orange market.

### CONTINENTAL

Marvellous 23-25mo forward Simmental steers again from AD Mcintosh had a blistering trade at £1370 & £1375. Plenty of Blue x forward steers created competitive bidding £1050 - £1150 and the best to an excellent £1485 from WFH Francis & Son. A number of cracking Blue x heifers were on offer which saw MJ Coleman & Son taking the top 3 slots with pens at £1445, £1330 and £1300. These were closely followed by D & P Yeatman at £1170 and AW Doel & Sons to £1000. Younger feeding sorts £850 - £950. Overall, a good strong TB Orange market this month.

### NATIVE

Plenty of Angus x forward this month and good numbers of stronger steers over £1200 and peaked at £1285 from MJ Coleman & Son. The Coleman family also saw their Angus heifers top the section at £1220. Medium weight Dairy x Angus steers ranged £950 - £1100 while similar type heifers £850 - £1000. Superb



Hereford steers from HG & RHJ Davey shot away to £1340 closely followed from D & P Yeatman £1000 - £1100, feeding heifers from the same home produced lively bidding ranging £900 - £1100.

## FRIESIAN

As always Friesian steers wanted and the stronger the better. A good entry of quality types from AD Mcintosh regularly £1000 - £1100 and best pen to an excellent £1202.

## CALVES / REARED CALVES

Fewer forward on the month, however a fair trade overall. Best Blue bulls to £270, medium Blue heifers to £74. Well done Herefords 6 – 8 weeks to £140 for heifers, Angus heifers to £162 and tidy Friesian bulls from £50 - £70. Smaller young sorts a harder trade at £5 - £10.

STORES							
STEERS				HEIFERS			
BREED	£/HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blue	1485	22mo	WFH Francis & Son, Hemington	Blue	1445	29mo	MJ Coleman & Son, Blandford
Simmental	1375	25mo	AD Mcintosh, Swindon	Angus	1220	29mo	MJ Coleman & Son, Blandford
Hereford	1340	27mo	HG & RHJ Davey, Tadwick	Hereford	1100	24mo	D & P Yeatman, Sherborne
Angus	1285	28mo	MJ Coleman & Son, Blandford				
Friesian	1202	20mo	AD Mcintosh, Swindon				
Swedish Red	900	23mo	D & P Yeatman, Sherborne				

# FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

## STORE CATTLE

**TOTAL  
HEAD  
SOLD  
194**

**Starts 10.30am**

**AUCTIONEERS:**

TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480 401

BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263 916

LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 031

**STEERS TO £1430 HEIFERS TO £1300**

A typical harvest entry of cattle produced a very strong trade.

### COWS & CALVES

A nice entry of mainly younger and smaller Hereford x cows & calves forward from J W Saxton & Son. Trade was excellent and although a harvest type day all saw competitive bidding. All the best sorts £1200-£1300 peaking at £1320.

### FEEDING BULLS

Older 20 month feeding bulls had good demand with prices generally £800-£922. Younger 6-9mo Continental feeding bulls to £630.

### YOUNG CONTINENTAL

The recent brighter weather seeing plenty of clients in the fields which saw fewer younger sorts of offer; those that were forward continued to attract a very lively trade. 8mo Blue steers from Tim Handy to £900 and super 13mo Dairy x Blue steers from PE King (Bristol) Ltd topped at a tremendous £1200! The younger heifers on offer were mainly harder types but all produced a cracking trade for their shape and size with most £750-£785. Best hard coated Simmental x heifer from S Collins to £785.

YOUNG STEERS				YOUNG HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Hereford	1150	16mo	S N Ellis & Son, Frome	Blue	1195	16mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Angus	1000	16mo	A & E Sheppard, Henley	Angus	1020	17mo	A & E Sheppard, Henley
Holstein Friesian	935	15mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton	Hereford	970	13mo	RM Watkins , Kington St Michael

Blue	900	8mo	TFT Handy, Purton	South Devon	795	11mo	M J Iles, Calne
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## FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH

An excellent selection forward with buyers bidding fiercely to secure well fleshed types. The tremendous consignment from Barry Copper of Holland Farms Blandford Ltd a highlight selling from £1205-£1225 (all 25-26mo) closely followed at £1180 (31mo) from Pinniger & Sons of Calne. Younger steers also keenly sought to £935 (15mo) from PE King (Bristol) Ltd and Fleckvieh steers to £825 from Andrew Portch of Bruton. Freemartin heifers also sold well to £1195 (33mo) from Barry Cooper.

Please keep them coming to take advantage of this trade.

## ANGUS

Demand remained exceptional for all grades and premium prices continue to be paid for name sired, well-presented younger types.

The excellent consignment from Barry Cooper of Holland farms Blandford Ltd led the way with his quality pen of 4 steers selling to £1410 (only 22mo) and his pen of 7 heifers to £1148 (only 21mo). What a show of Angus! Other steers meet fast bidding from £1300 (16mo) to £1340 (18mo) all from Martin Webber & family of Radstock and £1140 from Tim Attwell of Somerton.

A good, young turn out steers wanted and sold well to £1000 (16mo) for A & E Sheppard of Corsham, £980 from Will Rossiter and £940 (17mo) for Stonemead Farm Partnership.

The large selection of bulling heifers met keen interest to £1070 from I & J Holmes & Co Ltd, £1060 from Holland Farm Blandford Ltd and £1020 (17mo) from A & E Sheppard.

Yearling steers to £820 (12mo) from R & J Tibbs of Stalbridge and £795 (11mo) from Puncknowle Manor Estate, Dorchester

Well grown yearling heifers a highlight from £835 to 3910 (11mo) from Polly Whetham of Yeovil and other younger heifers to £815 from Giles Fellows of Bristol, £800 for Stonemead Farm Partnership, £750 from R & J Tibbs and £735 from Puncknowle Manor Estate.

## HEREFORD & SOUTH DEVONS

Mainly younger steers on offer this week met an outstanding trade with wonderful conformation steers selling to an exceptional £1150 (only 16mo) from SN Ellis & Son of Frome and yearling steers a highlight selling from £1100 to £1110 (11mo) from RM Watkins Ltd of Chippenham; their yearling heifers also sold well to £970 (only 13mo). Many more wanted following this tremendous trade.

Well-presented yearling South Devon steers met fast bidding from £792-£795 (all 10mo) from MJ Iles of Calne and their yearling heifers from £740-£795 (11mo).

## FORWARD CONTINENTAL

With the sun finally out the fierce trade continues to outstrip demand. Fleshed types met a premium with young forward steers selling to £1430 (only 21mo) for a pen of 5 British Blue steers from R C Few & Son of Longbridge Deverill and their Blue heifers also keenly sought to £1300 (21mo). Younger, well reared Blue heifers also met a fast trade to £1195 (16mo) from PE King Ltd of Bristol and £1190 (19mo) from Pinniger & Sons of Calne.

Thank you to the vendors and purchasers attending during the improving season.

FORWARD STEERS				FORWARD HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blue	1430	21mo	R C Few & Son, Warminster	Blue	1300	21mo	R C Few & Son, Warminster
Angus	1410	22mo	Hollands Farm, Blandford	Holstein Friesian	1195	33mo	Hollands Farm, Blandford
Holstein Friesian	1225	26mo	Hollands Farm, Blandford	Angus	1148	21mo	Hollands Farm, Blandford



## Chaplain's Prayer

'For Lo the winter is well past...the rain is over and gone(!?)  
The Flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has  
come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our  
Land!'(Song of Soloman 2 v 11-12) Why do birds compete in  
beautiful song at dawn? Worth pondering methinks!!?



This week we give thanks for the commitment of all who's  
work requires them to rise early, especially those within our  
farming community, and remember all those for whom the  
lengthening days bring extra workload!? ❤️

However, some are struggling to cope? Remember to check up on your neighbour?  
Especially those you're not in regular contact with? Here's some contacts who can and  
WILL help: FCN, call 0300 111 999, or email [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk) RABI 0800 188 4444,  
Open mental Health: 7 days support 01823 276892, Samaritans: call 116 123, or:  
[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

We had a visit from the Avon and Somerset Police rural affairs team last  
Wednesday....Recorded crimes went from just over 400 in 21/22 to 500 in 23/24.  
Crime is under reported!?! I had a long chat with the unit at the market, and was  
impressed by their commitment and resolve to help Farmers and landowners who  
need advice re their security for themselves and property! Don't be afraid to ask their  
advice or to report a rural crime!?! Also, they have 'Farm Watch' posters available for  
your farm gate and vulnerable premises.

Finally!' As the Sun rises, Lord may your hope rise up in us; As the birds sing, may your  
love flow out of us; And as the light floods into the new Day, MAY YOUR JOY shine  
through us 🙌🙏❤️ Blessings to you!

Neville.. Chaplain at Frome Livestock market, Standerwick (07880770887)



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