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# SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024

# **TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1256**



### TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE	TO 280P/KG & £1795	CULL COWS	TO 220P/KG & £1724
PRIME HOGGS	TO 340P/KG & £213	STORE HOGGS	TO £90
SPRING LAMBS	TO 441P/KG & £220	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £165
DAIRY	TO £1970	COUPLES	TO £298
PIGS	TO £300	CALVES	TO £375
STORE STEERS	TO £1610	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1635

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Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June				

### WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2024

A bright day saw a bright trade again in the prime cattle section with a good show of cattle. Cows in short supply however those forward enjoyed a very brisk trade. Strong trade again for calves, A good number of pigs here today. Hogget numbers slowing down now and a steady number of prime lambs with more cull ewes on show today.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 966

# PRIME CATTLE (47) to 280p/kg and £1795

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Start 12.30pm

TOP PRICE STEER	280p/kg for a Limousin from WA Waterman					
TOP PRICE HEIFER	271p/kg for a Limousin from TJ Rowland (Fa					
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG			
STEERS						
Light 100-550kg	6	208.00	280.00			
Medium 551-650kg	15	206.00	280.00			
Heavy 651kg+	1	257.00	257.00			
Light 100-500kg	10	200.00	271.00			
Medium 501-590kg	14	210.00	259.00			
Heavy 651kg+	1	255.00	255.00			

#### UTM STEERS (22) Max. 280p/kg & £1795

Some top quality steers forward which sold to a slightly easier trade on the week. Best shape Limousin steers to 280p/kg from Jean Waterman which grossed at £1531. A quality run of steers from TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd enjoyed a storming trade with best at 276p/kg and £1795.

UTM STEERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	280.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton	1593	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton		
Simmental	276.00	TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd, Sturminster Newton	1795	TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd, Sturminster Newton		
Stabiliser	255.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1577	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Hereford	255.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1455	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Blue	239.00	PJ JM & A Evans, Chippenham	1468	AP &JJ Williams, Lower Claverham		
Longhorn	238.00	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	1327	JA Ponzo, Pewsey		
Charolais	229.00	L Symes, Southampton	1425	L Symes, Southampton		
Friesian	227.00	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton	1404	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton		
Angus	220.00	L Symes, Southampton	1349	L Symes, Southampton		

#### UTM HEIFERS (25) Max. 271p/kg & £1593

A smart show of heifers which sold to a flying trade. Light heifers to 271p/kg and £1277 from TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd. Handy weights to 259p/kg from Church Farm Publow LLP and £1457 from TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd. Over 600kg to 255p/kg and £1593 from Church Farm Publow LLP.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg) VENDOR			VENDOR		
Limousin	271.00	Ltd, Sturminster   1277   I		TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd, Sturminster Newton		
Hereford	259.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford	1593	Church Farm Publow LLP, Pensford		
Simmental	259.00	TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd, Sturminster Newton	1457	TJ Rowland (Farms) Ltd, Sturminster Newton		
Wagu	240.00	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton	1341	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton		
Angus	240.00	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton	1306	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton		
Blue	228.00	AP & JJ Williams, Lower Claverham	1178	AP & JJ Williams, Lower Claverham		

### CULL COWS (27) Beef to 219p/kg Dairy to 207p/kg

Cows looked serious with best flying to 218p/kg for a Hereford from Church Farm Publow, 209p/kg for a Stabiliser from Church Farm Publow, best Blues to 208p/kg from Martin Webber, best Charolais to 206p/kg from Les & Tom Rogers coming to £1520. Holstein cows flying to 207p/kg from RL Clapp & Sons. Best Friesians soaring to £1651 from RL Clapp & Sons, best Blues topping at £1495 from Pat Apsey. More cows needed each week.

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Hereford	219.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Publow	1149	Church Farm Publow LLP, Publow		
Stabiliser	209.00	Church Farm Publow LLP, Publow	1088	Church Farm Publow LLP, Publow		
Blue	208.00	MA & KL Webber, Radstock		PG Apsey, Wincanton		
Friesian	207.00	.00 RL Clapp & Sons Ltd, Glastonbury		RL Clapp & Sons Ltd, Glastonbury		
Charolais	206.00	I A & T Dogoro		LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton		
Angus	186.00	LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton	1224	LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton		
Norwegian Red	182.00	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree	1125	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree		

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# SHEEP (464) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737

#### **PRIME LAMBS (168) Max 441p/kg £220**

A neat entry of lambs forward with best flying to 441p/kg and £220 from Ollie & Hannah Coombes. A lot of leaner lambs which pegged the average back. Light lambs flying to 426p/kg and £166 from A Gleed. Handy weights to 419p/kg and £180 from CHJ Attwell & Son of Claverham. Heavies to 441p/kg and £216 from Stuart Coombes of Bridgwater. Over 52kg to 415p/kg and £220 from Ollie & Hannah Coombes.

	PRIME LAMBS					
KG	£	Vendor				
53.00	220.00	O Coombes, Witham Friary				
49.00	216.00	S Coombes, Ashcott				
48.00	202.00	E Bowen, Keynsham				
46.00	200.00	S Coombes, Ashcott				
47.00	199.00	O Coombes, Ashcott				
43.00	180.00	CHJ Atwell & Sons, Lower Claverham				
42.00	172.00	RJ Lyons, West Harptree				
40.00	165.00	RJ Coward & Son, Warminster				

#### PRIME HOGGETS (46) Max 340p/kg £213

A small entry of hoggs which topped at 340p/kg from Roger Lyons and £213 from S & K Oakley. Thicker types to 310p/kg from S Goddard.

#### STORE HOGGS (20) Max £90

Very few stores which sold well to £90 from Steve Carnie and AR Smith of Swanage.

#### CULL EWES & RAMS (137) Max £165

A larger entry of ewes which sold to a faster trade on the week. A lot of leaner types on the week. Best rams to £165 from SJ Crudge and £130 from L Woodall. Other better ewes all £140+ with mules to £130. More sheep needed each week.

#### **COUPLES Max £298**

A small entry of ewes & lambs which sold well. Best singles to £298 (£149 per life) from SJ Crudge. Hill ewes to £74 per life from Will Stitch.

#### **GOATS Max £298**

A small entry of Goats which sold well at £60 from K Loder.

#### PIGS (277) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A large entry of pigs forward selling to a flying trade for everything on offer this week. New buyers and sellers travelling to Frome this week from as far as Carmarthenshire.

#### **FAT PIGS (109)**

The same good run from PB Weeks sold well to £236, £222, £220 and £218. Other heavies to £200 for some large Blacks from D Shutler and £195 from S Horn. Very few lighter weights forward but what was on offer sold very well. A nice run for N Hooper of Carmarthenshire selling well to £178 and £160.

#### **STORE PIGS (79)**

Stronger stores selling well to £152 from K Loder, others from N Hooper sold to a flying trade to £142, £132 and £108 for some strong Pietrain x. Younger 12w/o White stores to £84 from J Townsend. In-pig Gloucester gilts sold to £152 from D Rangecroft.

#### **CULL SOWS & BOARS (88)**

Despite reports of falling prices elsewhere in the country culls still flying. Best to £300 and £280 for J Bodman. Others to £282, £280 and £275 from C Down. Overall average to £234.15.

#### Note to all vendors:

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

#### DAIRY (31) Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

Calved Heifers to £1970, £1880

A well-supported Dairy section produced a wonderfully buoyant trade. Still a shortage of fresh milk but those on offer had a super trade. Top home bred Friesian Holstein calved heifers from Pennard Farms to £1970, £1880 and £1800. This sale saw the final entry of 24 in-calf Friesian Holstein & Jersey x cows and heifers from Reads Farm Partnership, Isle of Wight. These super types saw many returning clients (having previous purchased) keen to buy and all produced a lively trade averaging £1320. June/August calving Friesian/Holstein heifers £1280 - £1410. A number of 1st cross Friesian Jersey heifers & cows were eagerly sought, all over £1300 and twice to £1400. Overall, an excellent day in this section and more entered for next week.

#### **FORTHCOMING DAIRY ENTRIES**

#### Wed 5th 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.
- 5 Pedigree Holstein Friesian In Calf Heifers Due Mid July to (sexed semen) Cogent Sire: Cruzer.
- 10 Friesian young stock 3-5mo
- 7 Friesian young stock 6-9mo
- 8 Friesian Bulling Heifers 20mo

#### Wed 31st 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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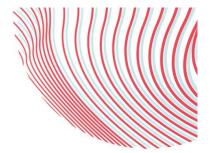


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#### CALVES (103) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A very strong trade again for a younger show of calves except for a handful of reared types.

#### **CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £320/ HEIFERS TO £232**

A smart Limousin bull from R & A Holder topped at £320 followed by a Simmental from M Carver to £318. Smart young Blue bulls from Daniel and Hole to £285 and Pennard Farms Ltd to £275 twice over. Young Blue heifers looking a solid trade at £232 from Pennard Farms Ltd, £220 from B & D Dawe Lane, £220 from Daniel & Hole, £212 from Radstock Co-op and £210 from JR Meaker. Simmental heifers from M Carver to £200.

#### NATIVE BULLS TO £292/ HEIFERS TO £375

A tidy Hereford x bull from Charles Milton topped at £292. A smart run of Organic calves from WG Ogborne saw Angus bulls to £280 with others from BA Marsh to £248. Hereford x bulls again from Radstock Co-op to £250. Another consignment of Organic calves from Hemsworth Farms saw strongest Stabiliser bulls from £140-£210. The star of the show today was the very pretty but very small Pedigree Highland heifer calf from S Brooks selling to a massive £375.

#### DAIRY

Very few on show with younger, smaller sorts £10-20. Medium reared types £78-£142.

#### **REARED CALVES**

Freshly reared Blue bulls to £415 and £385 and a bunch of Blue heifers levelling at £390 all from JC & MJ Mayo.

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  $5^{TH}$  JUNE PLEASE CALL TOM ROGERS ON 07384 462288 BY TUESDAY PM TO PRE-BOOK CALVES SO WE CAN INFORM BUYERS OF STOCK COMING

#### **WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!**

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## FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 STORE CATTLE

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS:

TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL

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LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 031

STEERS TO £1610 HEIFERS TO £1635

Turnout demand fuels the trade with several new buyers determined to secure cattle.

#### **COWS & CALVES**

Plenty of trade for the cows & calves and a consignment of grand types from RJ Hopkins with his South Devon cows and 5mo Angus calves to £1530 and often over £1300. Plainer Hereford & Angus cows with 15 day Angus calves generally £840 - £970.

#### **GRAZING COWS**

An outstanding entry of Blue & Limousin grazing cows from new vendors Twyning Ash created furious bidding. Best Blue x Herefords to a massive £1970 with other Blues at £1600. Limousin from the same home at £1690.

#### YOUNG CONTINENTAL

A blistering trade throughout today and generally a shortage of the best single suckled types. It was certainly a case of grass fever this week. 7mo Charolais steer at £1140 and £1000 from Neil & Sharon Glover. A quite outstanding consignment of Limousin (13-14mo) once again from Tom & Martin Bartlett; they were well rewarded for making the trip from Weymouth with steers at £1610, £1545 and £1475. More Dairy x Continentals than Beef types this week. JC & MJ Mayo & Son's Simmental x 16mo steers to £1200 with heifers at £1070. Smaller 8mo Dairy x Blue steers from Tom Lawrence & Sons saw unprecedented bidding to £850 and £800. More well-presented Simmental Dairy x steers & heifers from Merryfield Farmers 13-14mo £1260 and £1050. Demand stronger again this week.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 290

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Limousin	1610	14mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Portesham	Blue	1205	15mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Angus	1500	17mo	KC & AM Godwin & Son, N. Wraxall	Angus	1160	13mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Simmental	1260	15mo	Merryfield Farmers, Shepton Mallet	Simmental	1045	15mo	Merryfield Farmers, Shepton Mallet
Charolais	1140	8mo	N & S Glover, Yeovil	Hereford	850	14mo	AWM & MJ Clacee, Batcombe
Blue	1090	13mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton	Charolais	720	7mo	N & S Glover, Yeovil
Hereford	950	14mo	AWM & MJ Clacee, Batcombe				

#### **FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH**

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15mo Sons, Westbury Sub Mendip

What a trade with framed Holstein steers selling from £1105 to a massive £1180 18 – 20mo all from Alan Creed & family of Somerton. Quality grazing cattle wanted and sold well to £872 (19mo) from RH & CM Johnston of Mappowder and yearlings to an exceptional £780 (14mo) from Merryfield Farmers of Shepton Mallet. British Friesian steers keenly contested to £800 from Rob Phelps of Westbury Sub Mendip.

#### **ANGUS**

Continental

Another exceptional entry with all grades wanted. Forward younger steers met a premium with the quality consignment from Ken Godwin & family of Chippenham selling from £1410 (14mo) to £1500 (17mo) and their heifers selling from £1230 to £1240 (all 18mo). Other quality steers sold well from £1410 to £1445 from Tom & Martin Bartlett of Weymouth, £1245 (25mo) from Martin & Paul Few of Longbridge Deverill and £1205 (20mo) from Pierston Manor Farm Ltd of Gillingham.

Best bulling heifers met an exceptional demand selling to £1160 (only 13mo) from PE King of Bristol, £1080 (18mo) from Anthony Mayo & family of Sherborne, £1075 (19mo) from Haydon Farm Partnership of Wells, £1020 from VL Vincent & Son of Weymouth and £1005 (15mo) from Merryfield Farmers of Shepton Mallet. Yearling steers also sold well from £1115 to £1155 (10-11mo) from JR & JB Marshall of North Bradley and 8mo steers from £910 to £915 from Ian Holmes & family of Radstock. Other yearling heifers sold to £940 (12mo) also from JR & JB Marshall and £785 from Merryfield Farmers.

#### **HEREFORD**

As with all other breeds the Hereford cattle were in exceptional demand throughout the sale. Forward steers were regularly £1300 - £1400 from RE & D Woodward and peaked at £1435, closely followed by EL Norris & Son at £1350. Suckled Hereford steers from Maurice Clacee very dear at £950. Slightly older good shaped steers from Twyning Ash to £1190. Thick well covered strong heifers from Handy Compact Tractors to £1485, £1375 and £1030. Suckled younger heifers again from the Clacee family to £850. Overall, another wonderful trade for this Native breed.

#### FORWARD CONTINENTAL

New buyers forced the trade beyond belief. Demand outstripped supply with buyers needing turn out cattle to keep up with the sudden growth of grass. The Weymouth consignment of young Limousin suckler from Tom & Martin Bartlett took top honours of the day with their steers selling from £1445, £1475, £1545 and topping at £1610 (only 13-14mo). Other well-presented Limousin steers met keen bidding to £1280 (21mo) from PW Sherborne & Partners of Chelwood. Well grown Blue steers also met a premium selling to £1440 (19mo) from Pierston Manor Farm Ltd of Gillingham and fleshed Charolais steers sold well to £1380 (18mo) from Martin & Paul Few & family of Longbridge Deverill and £1235 (20mo) from Twyning Ash of Gloucester. Good turn out Simmental steers also in demand selling to £1260 (15mo) from Merryfield Farmers of Shepton Mallet and £1200 (18mo) from Anthony Mayo & family of Sherborne.

Heifers met another outstanding trade with tremendous demand for Blue heifers with the best selling from £1492, £1518 topping at £1635 (25mo) all from Twyning Ash of Gloucester and closely followed at £1415, £1428, £1430, £1470 and £1485 (25-26mo) from Handy Compact Tractors Ltd of Devizes. Fleshed Charolais heifers also a highlight selling to £1405 (23mo) from Martin & Paul Few, Limousin heifers to £1395 (24mo) from PW Sherborne & Partners and £1342 from PW CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris. Younger Blue heifers also keenly sought after to £1205 (15mo) from PE King Ltd of Bristol and £1130 15mo from Merryfield Farmers and similar Simmental heifers to £1070 from Anthony Mayo & family.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1445	18mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Portesham	Blue	1635	25mo	R Carter t/a Twyning Ash
Blue	1440	19mo	Pierston Manor Farm Ltd, Gillingham	Hereford	1485	26mo	Handy Compact Tractors Ltd, Devizes
Hereford	1435	25mo	RE & D Woodward, Norton Ferris	Charolais	1405	23mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill
Charolais	1380	18mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill	Limousin	1395	24mo	PW Sherborne & Prtrs, Chelwood
Limousin	1280	21mo	PW Sherborne & Prtrs, Chelwood	Angus	1240	18mo	KC & AM Godwin & Son, N. Wraxall
Simmental	1200	18mo	JC & MJ Mayo, Sherborne	Simmental	1070	18mo	JC & MJ Mayo & Son, Sherborne
Friesian	1180	20mo	PH Creed & Son, Somerton				

#### Next week:

Several entries building to include one consignment of over 100 Angus x & Friesian x Steers & Heifers 10-17mo.

#### Chaplain's Prayer

'Two are better than one, because they have a better return for their labour. If either of them falls, one can help the other up' (Ecclesiastes 4, v 9-10) We give thanks this week for the way in which The Farming Community Network volunteers try to walk alongside others in friendship we pray for all those who feel themselves to be friendless, especially within our own farming



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May has for some years been earmarked as national walking month (something we farmers are well practiced at!!) An annual celebration of walking promoted by several charities in both urban and rural areas...

Gracious God, As I pass others who share the paths of life with me, I hold them in your presence! Those who smile and nod hello; those who look down with wearied eyes; those who walk joyfully forward with expectations and also those with heavy hearts and wounds both mental and physical; those who are busy and overly anxious...May each one know your grace today O God, your provision, beauty, and your



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