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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 23RD AUGUST 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2970



TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE	TO 320P/KG & £2108	CULL COWS	TO 228P/KG & £1828
SPRING LAMBS	TO 327P/KG & £165.50	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £158
STORE LAMBS	TO £116.50	CALVES	TO £525
PIGS	TO £325	DAIRY	TO £1900
STORE STEERS	TO £1650	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1380

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WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2024

A busy day at Frome market with pens full of stock in all sections. 2200 sheep entered including over 1500 breeding and store sheep. Good numbers in all sections with 257 pigs, 100 Dairy cattle and 200 calves. A lighter show of prime cattle and cull cows. Plenty of demand seen in all sale rings resulting in a firm trade across the board.

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
2827**

PRIME CATTLE (23) to 320p/kg and £2108

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Start 12.30pm

A lighter show of cattle forward due to the time of year selling to a fast trade topping at 320p/kg and £2108. A good line up of 13 buyers for prime cattle and cull cows to kill and to feed on.

TOP PRICE STEER	283p/kg for a Limousin from RE & AM Hicks		
TOP PRICE HEIFER	320p/kg for a Limousin from HG Perkins		
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG
STEERS			
Light 100-550kg	6	156.00	279.00
Medium 551-650kg	8	250.00	283.00
Heavy 651kg+	1	262.00	262.00
HEIFERS			
Light 100-500kg	1	248.00	248.00
Medium 501-590kg	2	249.00	270.00
Heavy 651kg+	4	173.00	320.00

UTM STEERS (15)

An excellent run of prime steers from RE & AM Hicks saw Limousin x to 283p/kg, 273p/kg and 269p/kg grossing £1716, £1632 and £1604. Charolais x steers from the same home to 276p/kg, 266p/kg and 261p/kg grossing £1763, £1731 and £1720. Angus x grossing again from RE & AM Hicks to 279p/kg and £1531. Simmental x steers to 244p/kg, Blue x to 241p/kg and Norwegian Red steers from PW CC & JC Gould. Steers averaged 255p/kg.

UTM STEERS

BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Limousin	283.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	1716	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
Angus	279.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	1531	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
Charolais	276.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	1763	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
Blue	270.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	1649	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol
Devon	250.00	C & J Smart, Pensford	1596	C & J Smart, Pensford
Simmental	244.00	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris	1280	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris
Norwegian Red	234.00	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris	1209	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris

UTM HEIFERS (7)

Supreme quality in the heifer section from HG Perkins & Sons showing a classed Limousin x heifer with shape, style and full of meat topping at 320p/kg grossing £2108. Limousin x heifers from RE & AM Hicks to 270p/kg and £1595 and 270p/kg, £1546 from CA AC Alvis. Heifers averaged 255p/kg.

UTM HEIFERS

BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Limousin	320.00	HG Perkins & Sons, Terry Hill	2108	HG Perkins & Sons, Terry Hill
Angus	250.00	CA AC Alvis, Oakhill	1492	CA AC Alvis, Oakhill
Blue	249.00	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris	1272	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris
Friesian	173.00	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne	1028	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne

CULL COWS (18) Beef to 205p/kg Dairy to 185p/kg

Grade 1 Native cows from RC Garraway topping the trade at 228p/kg for a Hereford grossing £1651 and 209p/kg for an Angus grossing £1676. Angus from C & J Smart to 205p/kg, Grade 2 Holstein Friesians to 190p/kg, 185p/kg 183p/kg grossing up to £1344. Grade 3 cows with feeding potential up to 170p/kg.

Grade 1 cows 205p/kg – 228p/kg

Grade 2 cows 170p/kg – 190p/kg

Grade 3 cows 154p/kg - 170p/kg

Grade 4 cows 104p/kg – 148p/kg

Feeding bulls to 167p/kg and £1828.

CULL COWS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Angus	205.00	C & J Smart, Pensford	1173	C & J Smart, Pensford
Friesian	185.00	Hollands Farms Blandford Ltd	1344	KJ Osborne & Partners, Ston Easton
Dairy Shorthorn	167.00	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury	835	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury
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SHEEP (2200) Start 10.30am

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737

PRIME LAMBS (352) Max 327p/kg £165.50

A tidy entry of fat lambs which enjoyed an easier trade on the week. There is a big difference now between fed lambs and un fed lambs. Best lambs still flying to £165.50 from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd and 327p/kg from Pat Apsey. Handy weights to 310p/kg from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd and £136 from DR & PS Osborne. Heavies to 327p/kg and £160 from Pat Apsey. Over 52kg to 293p/kg and £165.50 from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd.

PRIME LAMBS		
KG	£	Vendor
165.50	56.50	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton
154.00	56.00	MD & DR James, Nimlet
145.00	52.00	RJ & PJ Northover, Dorchester
139.50	50.00	AC Agri Services, Broughton Gifford
139.00	47.50	I Rogers, Bishop Sutton
137.50	46.50	LG Tibbs, Stanton Drew
133.00	46.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton
131.00	42.50	Biddesden Farm Partnership, Andover
124.00	42.00	I Rogers, Bishop Sutton
122.00	41.50	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton
116.00	40.50	EJ White, Braydon

CULL EWES & RAMS (296) Max £158

A cracking entry of cull ewes which enjoyed a fast trade. Best ewes flying to £158 from N Spearing. Rams flying to £152 from Millie Maidment. Quality North Country Mules soaring to £130 from Biddesden Farm Partnership who had others at £110. Strong meat ewes to £119.50 from K Darling and others to £117 from DJ & EJ Mitchell.

SPECIAL SHEEP SALE

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737

A superb day here at Frome with over 2200 sheep penned and sold. Plenty of buyers all looking to source quality goods from Frome! Buyers travelling from all parts of the South West and Wales resulting in a solid trade throughout.

BREEDING EWES (299) Max £400

A neat entry of breeding ewes which sold to a fast trade. Best aged ewes to £270 for 6T Texel ewes from Ollie & Hannah Coombes. Best 2T ewes to £400 from the same good home. Best 2T North Country Mules to £195 x 2 from

Grant Bros and £195 from Keevil Farm Partners. Other quality ewes to £190 from Grant Bros again. Young Texel ewes to £172 from FR Callaway. Older Suffolk ewes to £155 x 2 from D & J Foot and J Strawbridge. Dutch spotted ewes to £162 from O Martin. Older North Country Mules to £155 from J Smith.

STORE LAMBS (1013) Max £116.50

A whopping entry of over 1000 store lambs entered achieving 100% clearance speaks volumes today. Best stores to £116.50 from CJ Hooper & Sons with other quality types to £116 from DF Burrough. Strong lambs to £113.50 from D & J Foot. Suffolk wethers to £115.50 from BMR Fielding. Longer term farming sorts to £100 from SJ Wheeler with others £98 from Fonthill Farms and £99 from R & C Stott of Easton.

EWE LAMBS (135) Max £128

Best ewe lambs to £128 from Parkhouse Flock of Bristol with others to £117.

BREEDING RAMS Max £450

Quite simply a sensational trade. Best Texel rams flying to £450 x 2 from H Howard and Charlie Coombes. Older Suffolk rams soaring to £425 from Angus Carnie who had younger ones to £405.

PIGS (257) Start 10.15am

AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A smaller entry forward this week with another good line up of buyers. Great to see new vendors and buyers travelling to Frome. Trade similar for the fat and stronger for store pigs.

FAT PIGS (133)

No heavy fat pigs forward this week with only light and medium weights. Best to £206 from Durnell & Sons. Another cracking run of medium weights from JR Bodman selling well to £196 and £190 with others from new vendor T Williams from Cheltenham to £194. Lighter porker weights from PB Weeks to £188. Any coloured fat pigs in good demand again.

STORE PIGS (70)

A larger entry of stores selling to a good line up of buyers and trade. Best strong stores to £78, £74 and £70 for 12 – 14 w/o White stores from T Williams. Some 10 w/o Welsh x Gloucester from new vendor Laura Rea of Dursley to £66. Others to £52 from SJ Bridger and £50 from MA & KL Webber.

CULL SOWS & BOARS (54)

A smaller entry this week with trade a touch stronger. Best culls to £325 and £320 for JR Bodman. Others to £310 and £300 for FE White and £290 for Mr C Down. Overall average to £243.26.

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



This week's winner of £25 for the top price Native Sired Bull under 41 days was an Angus to £272 from Gerring Partners.

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DAIRY (100) Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

Calved Heifers to £1900 Calved Cows to £1850

A wonderfully busy market for mid-August and the Dairy section was no exception with over 100 penned for sale. Fresh milk a little easier to start with buyers being more selective. A strong entry of quality calved home bred Friesian Holstein heifers from AJ Chinn & Son commanded firm prices being 5 times over £1750 peaking at £1900 for a 'Red Time' daughter. 2nd lactation cows from the Masters family at £1550.

A number of good in calf consignments were forward this week. Deep bodied September calving Organic home bred heifers from Waldegrave Farms saw a blistering trade averaging £1615 and regularly over £1700. Good to see more organic buyers coming to Frome for this sale. 29 (non-organic) October/November in calf heifers from Spicer Partners produced good competition and buyers very keen for the stronger sorts from £1300 - £1560. Standing off types £1000 - £1200. Plenty of good home bred bulling heifers presented today and a strong entry of Organic Friesian Holstein heifers from AT Buckland were wanted, topping at £850 and generally £750 - £800. This week's market saw the final consignment of quality youngstock from Mark & Jody Reed, Isle of Wight; trade was excellent, with their British Friesian type to 15-16mo heifers to £830 and 12mo yearlings to £685! A big thank you to Mark & Jody for all their support in this section over the past 2 years and the hundreds of cattle sold, it has been greatly appreciated.



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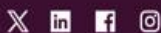
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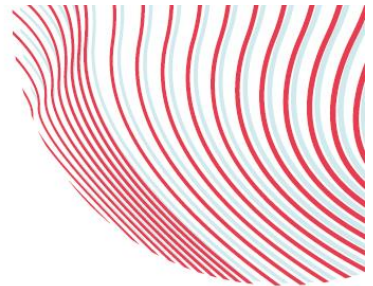
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CALVES (200) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A super show of calves sold to a very lively trade with the stronger more shapely types keenly contested.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £525/ HEIFERS TO £365

A cracking entry of Limousin from Richard Durston sold exceptionally well with Bulls 1mo to £525 and £518 and heifers 1mo to £365 and £362 twice over, Blue bulls 1mo from the same home to £395. Other handy Blue bulls from AJ & RG Barber to £378, £368, £355, £352, AK & AD Parker to £318, NF Clothier & Sons Ltd to £292, Wareham Partners to £292 and B Chandler to £275. Blue heifers very much sought after with best sorts from DA James to £305, NF Clothier to £235, Wareham Partners to £228, Radstock Co-op to £210, AJ & RG Barber to £200 and £195 from Mells Park Trust. A tidy Simmental bull from M Carver to £378, others from RJ & DC Hannam to £362, £330 and £320 respectively. Smart Blonde heifers from Andrew Dolman to £268 and Charolais bulls from N & B Hutton to £312.

NATIVE BULLS TO £272/ HEIFERS TO £198

Quality Angus bulls from Gerring Partners flying to £272, with others from SJ Stevens & Sons to £268, £252 from Luke Williamson, £250 from Biddesden Farm Partners, £240 from Kevin Moore and £230 from Lovettswood Farm Ltd. Angus heifers a harder sell today however stronger types sought after to £198 from Lovettswood and Gerring Partners, £170 from Andrew Dolman and £148 from Kevin Moore. Hereford bulls finding homes at £240 from Luke Williamson & family, £235 from NJS & MZ Tuke and £210 from Radstock Co-op.

DAIRY

Nothing other than a blistering trade for all grades. Stronger Holstein Friesian bulls from AJ & RG Barber to £170, £155, £150 and £148. Medium sorts trading at £75 - £125, bobby calves £30 - £40. Nice Ayrshire bulls again from Biddesden Farm Partners to £120 and British Friesians from Lovettswood to £190 and £95. Holstein Friesian twin heifers to £36.

REARED CALVES

An extra entry selling very well saw smart Angus bulls (4mo) from AT Buckland to £505 and quality Angus heifers (4-6mo) to a massive £582. Hereford bulls (4mo) from Lovettswood to £405 and heifers to £295. Next sale of reared calves – Wednesday 28th August.

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FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024

STORE CATTLE

**TOTAL
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143**

Starts 10.30am

AUCTIONEERS:

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STEERS TO £1650 HEIFERS TO £1380

A lighter show of store cattle this week selling to an excellent trade with some quality consignments forward and a strong turnout of buyers. All categories of store cattle wanted. Stores averaged £1039 overall.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

The young continentals still selling at excellent levels throughout. Obviously, at this time of year fewer top grades on offer with most suckler types not forward until October, however, the few that were forward produced a blistering good trade. 10-11mo Blue x steers from N Webb were on fire with pens at £1195, £1140, £1185 & £1065 11mo heifers were equally as good at £1125!! Marcus Hayward again presenting some outstanding Limousin heifers and at only 12mo peaked at £1250!! Another great trade here today and thanks to all who supported again this week.

STEERS				HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Limousin	1650	20mo	RH Groves & Sons, East Harptree	Blonde	1380	30mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill
Blonde	1600	30mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Limousin	1250	12mo	M Hayward, Hill Deverill
Fleckvieh	1590	33mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Angus	1200	18mo	RH Groves & Sons, East Harptree
Angus	1515	20mo	RH Groves & Sons, East Harptree	Blue	1155	20mo	RC Few & Son, Hill Deverill
Hereford	1512	24mo	D & N Randall & Son, Wareham	Hereford	1042	15mo	PG Apsey, Wincanton
Devon	1495	26mo	RF & S Godwin, Bath				

HEREFORD & ANGUS


All the tradition breeds continuing to find support and interest with both older and younger types being extremely well sold again this week. Super quality Angus x steers (20mo) from the Groves family peeked at £1515 & £1290. Angus x heifers from the same home at £1200. Super quality 11mo Angus steers coming from N Webb Purton saw lively bidding at £1010. Quality well grown good confirmation Hereford x steers were very easily sold and top sorts (24mo) presented by D & N Randall topped out at £1512. Real tidy Blue x Hereford heifers just 15mo from Pat Apsey produced hot trade £1042. Overall a good day for these traditional cattle.

FRIESIAN

Not too many Friesian Holstein on offer but I felt all that were forward through the ring sold to strong levels. Young 8-10mo steers saw brisk bidding ranging £680-£725! Stronger big frame steers (but lean) 24-30mo saw a very bright trade with the Smart Family seeing pens at £1108 & £1100. More could have been well sold.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

Strength in short supply but very high demand driven by the strengthening finished beef trade. Warm fleshed cattle regularly over £1500 and many more could have been sold this week. Wonderful British Friesian bred Limousin (20mo) from RH Groves created fierce competition with steers to £1650. Older over 30 month Blonde x Fleckvieh steers & heifers from regular supporters Paul & Ollie Hurd produced excellent bidding at £1600, £1590 (steers) with heifers £1380. Most forward continentals over £1250 and all vendors were well rewarded for their effort.



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'You can't **Heal** the people you Love...You can't make **Choices** for them....You can't **Rescue** them!? **But....**You can promise that they **Will not Journey Alone...**You can loan them your map, but this trip is theirs' 🙏

As market Chaplain and **Farming Community Network** representative it's not my job to tell people what to do but to meet them where they are non judgementally and suggest others who can help!? This can be quite a difficult line to tread, as we all seem to love giving advice to everyone (including me 😊)

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