FROME LIVESTOCK

AUCTIONEERS LTD

SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 18TH DECEMBER 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1120

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at FLA

TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE SPRING LAMBS STORE LAMBS REARED CALVES PIGS STORE STEERS TO 321P/KG & £2115 TO 324P/KG & £162 TO £123 TO £780 TO £180 TO £1945 CULL COWS/BULLS CULL EWES/RAMS CALVES DAIRY

TO 208P/KG & £1721 TO £123 TO £422 TO £2350

STORE HEIFERS

TO £1565

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FROME LIVESTOCK AUCTIONEERS LTD CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

DECEMBER	
WEDNESDAY 18TH	NORMAL MARKET TO INCLUDE STORE CATTLE/PIGS
THURSDAY 19 TH	OFFICE OPEN
FRIDAY 20 [™]	NO MARKET BUT OFFICE OPEN MORNING ONLY
MONDAY 23 RD	OFFICE OPEN MORNING ONLY
TUESDAY 24 [™]	MARKET AND OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 25 TH	MARKET AND OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY 26 [™]	MARKET AND OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY 27 [™]	MARKET AND OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY 30 TH	MARKET OPEN FOR ALL STOCK (EXCLUDING PIGS)
TUESDAY 31 ^{s⊤}	OFFICE OPEN MORNING ONLY
JANUARY	
WEDNESDAY 1 st	MARKET AND OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY 2 ND	OFFICE OPEN
FRIDAY 3 RD	NO MARKET BUT OFFICE OPEN
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To book in stock for Monday 30th December please call:

CALVES TO BE SOLD AT 12PM SHEEP, PRIME & CULL CATTLE AT 3PM

Bradley Towell	Cattle/Cull Cows	07496 263916
Tom Rogers	Calves	07384 462288
Ross Whitcombe	Sheep	07815 985737
Clive Peach	Sheep	07970 620859
Trevor Rowland	Dairy	07968 480401

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Wednesday 11th December last clinic before Christmas we look forward to seeing you.



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HEALTH HUB 9am – 1pm Drop In No appointment needed	FOOT CLINIC 9am – 1pm Please check availability Pre-booking required
Wednesday 8 th January	Wednesday 15 th January
Wednesday 22 nd January	Wednesday 29 th January

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

A firm trade in all sections to finish off the year. Prime stock still wanted to top up orders seeing prime cattle exceptionally dear and lamb a similar trade on the week. Quality in the pig section for the extra sale which has been well supported throughout the year. Another strong trade for calves topping at £422. Dairy to £2350 for calved heifers. Thank you to all vendors, buyers, staff and hauliers for your support throughout the year.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 880

PRIME CATTLE (21) to 321p/kg and £2115 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

Prime cattle unbelievably dear again this week with steers averaging 286p/kg for all consigned competing with the current dead weight price.

TOP PRICE STEER	300p/kg for a Blue from DO Webb						
TOP PRICE HEIFER	321p/kg	321p/kg for a Limousin from RMJ & AL Robinson					
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG				
STEERS							
Medium 501-590kg	2	291.00	300.00				
Heavy 651kg+	3	272.00	284.00				
HEIFERS							
Light 100-500kg	10	283.00	311.00				
Medium 501-590kg	5	279.00	321.00				
Heavy 651kg+	1	174.00	174.00				

UTM STEERS (5) Max. 300p/kg £1970

A handful of steers topped at 300p/kg from DO Webb for Blue with Angus from the same home to 272p/kg. Angus from RMJ & AL Robinson to 291p/kg and \pounds 1970 and Limousin to 284p/kg grossing \pounds 1848. Steers averaged 286p/kg overall.

UTM STEERS					
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR	
Blue	300.00	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse	1689	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse	
Angus	291.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	1970	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	
Limousin	284.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	1848	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	

UTM HEIFERS (5) Max. 300p/kg £1970

Quality in the heifer section this week topping at 321p/kg for an OTM Limousin x grossing 321p/kg, £2115 from RMJ & AL Robinson. Others from the same consignment to 304p/kg and £1771, 298p/kg/ £1884, 292p/kg /£1883 and 279p/kg / £1787. Continental heifers from CR Hartley & Sons to 311p/kg twice grossing £1745 and £1707. Well fed Blues from Padfield & Partners to 307p/kg and £1771. Heifers averaged 297p/kg overall.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	321.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	2115	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		
Charolais	311.00	CR Hartley & Son, Wolley	1745	CR Hartley & Son, Woolley		
Blue	307.00	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse	1771	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse		
Angus	299.00	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse	1883	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		



CULL COWS (37) Beef to 208p/kg Dairy to 187p/kg AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Best grade 1 cows from S & M North to 208p/kg grossing £1601 and Angus to 205p/kg from Durnell & Sons. Holstein cows to 187p/kg and £1555 with other well covered cows to 177p/kg and 182p/kg. Feeding cows to 178p/kg and others to 165p/kg+. Grade 3 Dairy cows from 148p/kg to 165p/kg, grade 4 cows from 110p/kg to 139p/kg.

Grade 1 cows 180p/kg – 208p/kg Grade 2 cows 165p/kg – 184p/kg

- Grade 3 cows 148p/kg to 178p/kg
- Grade 4 cows 110p/kg to 139p/kg

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Blue	208.00	S & M North, Chard	1601	S & M North, Chard		
Angus	205.00	Durnell & Sons, Chippenham	1721	Durnell & Sons, Chippenham		
Hereford	178.00	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury	1295	RA & CL Whitcombe, Glastonbury		
Simmental	178.00	Wolfridge Farm Prtrs, Shaftesbury	951	Wolfridge Farm Prtrs, Shaftesbury		
Limousin	169.00	LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton	918	LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton		
Lincoln	160.00	S & M North, Chard	1065	S & M North, Chard		

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SHEEP (469) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737 PRIME LAMBS (284) Max 324p/kg £162

A neat entry of fat lambs which enjoyed a fast trade with best types to 324p/kg from Amy Sheppard and family with best heavies to £162 from Aiden White and family of Wallmead Farms Partnership. Light lambs flying to 324p/kg from Amy Sheppard and £120 from Shaplands Farm Partnership (hope your arm gets better soon Paul). Handy weights to 320p/kg and £162 from Wallmead Farms Partnership.

From the sheep team at Frome may we wish all our sellers, buyers, hauliers & supporters a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

We will be having a sale on Monday 30th December at 3pm. Please pre-book your lambs so I can advise buyers.

	PRIME LAMBS				
KG	£	Vendor			
57.50	162.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership			
55.50	160.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership			
52.50	150.00	A Shepppard			
48.00	144.00	MJ Knowles			
45.00	138.00	Shaplands Farm Partnership			
43.00	133.00	C Peach			
39.00	120.00	Shaplands Farm Partnership			

CULL EWES & RAMS (131) Max £123

A neat entry of cull ewes which enjoyed a fast trade. Best trade to £123 from GJ & JA Hendy other ewes to £118 from Fonthill Farms.

STORE LAMBS (54) Max £123

A smaller entry of store lambs which sold to a fast trade with best ewes to £123 from S Rudkin who had others at £114. More lambs needed.

DAIRY Start 11am AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 CALVED HEIFERS TO £2350 Calves Cows to £2020

Another excellent trade for the dairy on our final Wednesday sale. A super consignment once again from RP Simpkin and Partners which saw their home bred Friesian Holstein first calved heifers regularly over £2000 and topping at £2350! From an "Aration" daughter with good strength and udder placement 2nd Lactation cows from the same home easily to £2020. Quality crossbred calved heifers had very keen interest and Mike Greens "King" sired daughters peaked at a strong £1520! Tidy 17mo Friesian Holstein bulling heifers produced a lively trade to £800. Thank you for all who have supported the dairy throughout 2024.

PIGS (185) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A slightly smaller than expected entry selling to a harder trade pre-Christmas. Most buyers now full and not wanting any more until the New Year.

FAT PIGS (40)

Best medium weights to £146 from PB Weeks. No lighter weights on offer this week.

STORE PIGS (24)

A small entry selling to a good trade. Best to £42 from MA & KL Webber. Others to £30 for some younger Pietrain's from MJ Wood.

BREEDING PIGS/ SOWS & LITTERS

The second part of the dispersal for The Woodland Pig Co this week. Younger saddle back sows and litters to $\pounds160$. In Pig saddle back sows topped at $\pounds140$.

CULL SOWS/BOARS (20)

A much smaller entry with the best to £180 from Mr C Down.

Next Pig Sale: Wednesday 8th January

REARED CALVES (30) Start 12.30am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A fantastic end to 2024 reared calf sales with a very fast trade!

CONTINENTAL STEERS TO £472/ HEIFERS TO £395

Hardly done Blue steers from L Dunnill looking particularly well sold to \pounds 472 and thick Blue heifers to \pounds 395. Much younger 6-8w/o Blue steers from High House to \pounds 320.

NATIVE STEERS TO £780/ HEIFERS TO £775

Angus steers to £780 and heifers flying to £775, other good hard types from Higher Park Dairy to £460 and their Hereford heifers flying to £640. Coated Angus steers and heifers from L Durnell both to £450 and his Hereford steers to £425, heifers to £430.

DAIRY

Just 1 Fleckvieh steer from GJ & C Taylor flying to £450. A big thank you to all vendors and buyers for you continued support in 2024.

Next Reared Calf Sale: Wednesday 15th January



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CALVES (127) Starts 9.30am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Another outstanding trade today from start to finish. A big thank you to vendors and buyers alike for all your support this year. Don't forget our sale on Monday 30th December for all sections. The calves will start at 12pm please pre-book Sunday 29th December with Tom Rogers Phone/Text 07384462288.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £422/ HEIFERS TO £295

More quality again from AJ Scott & Sons with Blue bulls to £422 and £415. Other tidy Blue bulls from High House Farm to £422, £370 from A Bullus, £368 from J Sprake & Partners, £362 from MP & PM Perrett, £335 from Wardour Farms, £270 from RTE Dauncey and £250 from NF Clothier & Sons. Best Blue heifers to £295 again from High House Farm, £258 from JT Jackson, £235 from J Sprake & Partners. Smart Simmental heifers from A Bullus to £275 and £255 from M Carver & Son. Medium Limousin bulls from George E Masters to £200 and smaller, younger Charolais Bulls from AK Hosie & Sons also to £200 looking well sold.

NATIVE BULLS TO £402/ HEIFERS TO £312

Cracking Angus bulls from WJ Masters & Son to £402, £300 from K & EJ Simpson, £250 from Wardour Farms, £238 from RH & CM Johnston and £210 from NF Clothier. Angus heifers in demand to £200 from GN & KM Langley, £180 from K & EJ Simpson, £150 from ASC Harris & Son.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR PEDIGREE SIRE NAMES IN FULL ON THE ENTRY FORM OR PASSPORT

DAIRY

Very few forward with best Holstein Friesian Bulls from DBH Miles to \pounds 140 and \pounds 100.

Please pre book your calves for Monday 30th December starting at 12pm

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



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FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024 STORE CATTLE

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 240

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS: TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS

07968 480 401 07496 263 916 07778 646 031

STEERS TO £1945 HEIFERS TO £1565

A tremendous entry of quality stores to close the year with steers selling to £1945 from Paul Webber and heifers to £1565 from Peter Hunt.

All the staff at FLA thank you for your support through 2024 and look forward to seeing you in 2025 with a good entry of store cattle already building for Friday 10th January.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

IN CALF COWS

An excellent trade for the in-calf cows forward today. Deep bodied Angus due March to Angus had excellent demand at £1570 from Timsbury Workshop Estate Ltd. Simmental in calf cows from Rob and Charlotte Stott were easily sold to £1400.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

No problem to sell the younger types; quality suckler bred Charolais steers and heifers (7mo) from Dave and Liz Brimble to £1095 and £895 respectively. 3-4mo suckled Blues from regular vendor Tim Handy often over £800 topping at £850. Smart 13mo Blue steers from S Kingston saw good demand for these well grown types to £1170. Quality dairy bred 14mo Blue steers once again from Andrew Ridout produced competitive bidding throughout to £1180. Heifers from the same home £1200, £1080 and £965. A nice consignment of suckler bred Limousin 7-9mo steers forward from Philliols Farm commanded keen interest with bunches at £1080, £1060 and £1000! Their heifers were well sought at £955. Overall, a marvellous trade for the younger cattle and as the finished prices climb ever higher the stores follow suit.

ANGUS

A wonderful selection forward with premium prices paid for farm assured, named sire types. Framed steers with potential topped this section selling from £1505 to £1585 (21-22mo) all from Rob Lessey & family of Wincanton, £1480 (24mo) from PF & JH Osborne of Westbury and £1455 (22mo) from WJ & SB Down & Partners of Yeovil. Other good feeding steers also keenly sought to £1325 (21mo) from Amy & Elaine Sheppard of Corsham, £1305 from W Green & Sons and £1205 from PW Sherborne & Partners. Medium framed steers also a highlight selling to £1055 (17mo) from WH Chipp of Portesham, £1045 (15mo) from WJ & SB Down & Partners and £990 (14mo) from Andrew Ridout of Dorchester. Best yearling steers also wanted from £840 (7mo) to £955 (8mo) all from DR & EA Brimble of Litton, £830 (12mo) from Alan Foot of Dorchester and £785 (9mo) from Rob & Charlotte Stott of Wells. Heifers continue to sell to a fast trade with fleshed heifers selling from £1375 (33mo) from Rob & Charlotte Stott to £1430 (31mo) from Clifford Alvis of Radstock. Bullers also wanted from £1040 to £1220 (21mo) all from Rob Lessey & family and £1180 (22mo) from PW Sherborne & Partners. Younger heifers also met keen demand to £915 (15mo) from Andrew Ridout, £900 (14mo) from Rob & Charlotte Stott and £790 from WH Chipp.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blue	1180	14mo	MJ Ridout, Toller Porcorum	Hereford	1165	17mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree
Charolais	1095	8mo	DR & EA Brimble, Litton	Blue	1080	15mo	MJ Ridout, Toller Porcorum
Limousin	1080	16mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree	Angus	915	15mo	MJ Ridout, Toller Porcorum
Hereford	1080	16mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham	Charolais	895	7mo	DR & EA Brimble, Litton
Angus	1055	17mo	S White, Portesham	Simmental	805	10mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham
Simmental	880	10mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham				

HEREFORD & OTHER NATIVES

The good entry of Hereford continue to sell to a strong demand with feeding steers wanted and selling from £1175 to £1395 (18-20mo) all from Colston Gay & family of West Harptree, others from £1160 to £1195 (21mo) from Rob Lessey & family of Wincanton and £1150 (20mo) from TJ Davies & Son of Westbury Sub Mendip. Younger steers also selling to advantage to £1080 (16mo) from Colston Gay, £910 from Will Stitch & Kate Isgar of Axbridge and £750 (9mo) from Rob & Charlotte Stott.

Heifers met an outstanding trade and topping at £1565 (25mo) from Peter Hunt & family of Sherborne. Bulling potential heifers also met a fast trade from £1100 to £1165 (17-18mo) from Colston Gay and £1050 from Will Stitch and Kate Isgar. Young heifers also wanted to £645 (7mo) from D & S Salter of East Cranmore.

FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH

Another excellent trade for the few on offer with fleshed framed Holsteins selling to £1160 (21mo) from Rob Lessey & family of Warminster and closely followed at £1110 (19mo) from Colston Gay & family of West Harptree. Their heifers also met a fast trade to £950 (19mo). Fleshed heifers topped at £1295 (27mo) from Stuart Perkins of Radstock. Younger steers also met ken demand to £800 (15mo) from Andrew Ridout of Dorchester.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

The stronger finished trade forces store prices up again. All grades wanted and massive premiums paid for good conformation and close to finishing. Top honours of the day go to Paul Webber's consignment from Draycott with his 16 Parthenaise steers selling to £1945 (21-22mo), £1765 (18-21mo) £1680, £1645 and £1610 (17-21mo) being over £3p/kg. Well presented Limousin steers also met keen competition selling to £1595 (20mo) from Philliols Farm of Wareham and £1340 (19mo) from PW Sherborne of Chelwood. Shapely Simmental steers equally sought after from £1425 to £1460 (24-26mo) from W Green & Sons of Horningsham. Heifers also strongly bid with framed Simmental heifers selling to £1410 (26mo) from Stuart Perkins of Radstock, £1365 (20mo) from Philliols Farm and £1200 (22mo) from Rob Lessey and family. Similar Blue heifers also sold to £1200 (21mo) from Andrew Ridout and family of Dorchester and £1130 (24mo) from A & E Sheppard of Corsham. Good bulling potential Blue heifers wanted and sold well to £1000 from TJ Davies of Wells.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Parthenaise	1945	22mo	P Webber, Draycott	Hereford	1565	25mo	PW & ASL Hunt Ltd, Sherborne
Limousin	1595	20mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham	Angus	1430	31mo	CA AC Alvis, Oakhill
Angus	1585	22mo	FJ Lessey & Son, Wincanton	Simmental	1410	27mo	HG Perkins & Sons, Terry Hill
Simmental	1460	26mo	W Green & Sons, Horningsham	Friesian	1295	27mo	HG Perkins & Sons, Terry Hill
Hereford	1395	20mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree	Blue	1200	21mo	MJ Ridout, Toller Porcorum
Friesian	1110	19mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree				
Lakenvelder	955	21mo	TJ Daves & Sons, Westbury Sub Mendip				

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O God of Peace, you fill our hearts with HOPE at every Christmastide, for we remember again that this is the World that you have LOVED WMay that hope, peace and Joy fill our hearts at this time and always!

If you feel you have been seeing and hearing more about FCN this year...then you would be correct! They have been featured and interviewed by a wide range of print, online and Broadcast media in 2024. This exposure has considerably raised awareness of their important work in and for the farming community and partnering industries! The more people who are aware of their vital work, the larger the number of individuals they are able to reach and help...FCN have introduced a variety of popular campaigns this year .In April 24 **Macmillan and FCN** formed an important alliance to highlight Cancer help for farmers. On 15 Nov, in London, they launched the **'nipitin in the Bud 'campaign.** If you suspect cancer, the sooner you get checked, the sooner treatment could start!? And of course, the sooner you can get back to the farm!? Remember at our market, on a **Wednesday** we have our very own **Health Hub** on the 2nd and 4th weeks! Also a **Health and Wellbeing specialist nurse** is in attendance too...and Podiatrist can be booked too(very popular)!

FCN have worked with a wide range of other partner organisations too to develop projects, research and social opportunity for benefit of the farming community! This has considerably raised PUBLIC AWARENESS of the challenges and pressures farmers and the allied industries are under!

As market Chaplain, I'm really proud to also be an FCN member, and a big thankyou to Paul Watts for his help this year too! Chaplains have much in common with FCN volunteers...To be there in places where farmers congregate to listen, support and connect where appropriate in a non judgemental way! To offer Pastoral care (ie emotional, social and Spiritual advice) to anyone from any culture or religious tradition.

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