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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY 2025

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1566



TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE TO 352P/KG & £2267 CULL COWS/BULLS TO 241P/KG & £1731 TO 355P/KG & £174 CULL EWES/RAMS SPRING HOGGS TO £250 STORE HOGGS TO £118 CALVES TO £470 PIGS TO £188 DAIRY TO £1220 STORE STEERS TO £2000 STORE HEIFERS TO £1810

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WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY

A fantastic start to the year with good numbers and a strong trade in all sections. Prime Beef exceptionally dear and lambs edging up. A good show of in lamb ewes selling well. Calves in high demand and firm competition seeing a lift in value. A good show of pigs selling to demand and competition. TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1246

PRIME CATTLE (44) to 352p/kg and £2267 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

An exceptional trade for prime cattle to start the new year with 15 out of 44 clean cattle over £2000 topping at £2260 and 17 cattle over 330p/kg . A good show overall of well finished cattle selling to 16 customers.

TOP PRICE STEER	350p/kg for a Limousin from WA Waterman & Sons						
TOP PRICE HEIFER	352p/kg for a Limousin from WA Waterman & Sons						
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No MIN P/KG MAX P/KG						
STEERS							
Light 100-500kg	7	240.00	325.00				
Medium 501-590kg	10	269.00	350.00				
Heavy 651kg+	6	300.00	341.00				
HEIFERS							
Light 100-500kg	2	228.00	315.00				
Medium 501-590kg	10	244.00	350.00				
Heavy 651kg+	7	220.00	352.00				

UTM STEERS (23) Max. 350p/kg £2267

An excellent show of steers met an extremely competitive trade topping at 350p/kg for a smart suckler bred Limousin from WA Waterman & Sons grossing £2180. A super run of steers from CW Butcher & Son reached 348p/kg for Simmental x and the overall top price of £2267; similar quality from the same vendor 341p/kg, 340p/kg, 331p/kg and others over 320p/kg coming to £2260, £2199, £2151, £2141 and £2088. Charolais from CR Hartley & Son 329p/kg and Angus again from CW Butcher & Son to 331p/kg and £1923. Herefords to 312p/kg from AR Smith and £1748 from LM Maidment & Son. Steers averaged 311.79p/kg and £1792 overall.

UTM STEERS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Limousin	350.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton	2180	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton			
Simmental	348.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	2267	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes			
Angus	331.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	1923	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes			
Charolais	329.00	CR Hartley & Son, Bath	2217	CR Hartley & Son, Bath			
Hereford	312.00	AR Smith, Swanage	1748	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham			
Blue	300.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	1958	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes			

UTM HEIFERS (19) Max. 352p/kg £2130

Some well-fed heifers forward topping at 352p/kg from WA Waterman & Sons for a super Limousin heifer with shape and finish grossing £2112. Angus heifers not far behind reaching 350p/kg for 580kg well bred and fed from S & R Stamp grossing £2027. Top gross price in the heifer section £2130 at 318p/kg for a Simmental heifer from CW Butcher & Sons and others to 349p/kg. Charolais from CR Hartley & Son 337p/kg and £2049 and Angus from ME & SE Wall 337p/kg and £2103. Heifers averaged 307p/kg overall.

UTM HEIFERS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Limousin	352.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton	2180	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton			
Angus	350.00	S & R Stamp T/A Appletree Prtrs, Highbridge	2103	S & R Stamp T/A Appletree Prtrs, Highbridge			
Simmental	349.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	2130	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes			
Charolais	337.00	CR Hartley & Son, Bath	2049	CR Hartley & Son, Bath			
Hereford	286.00	S Powell, Horton	1712	MC Gibbs, Wookey Hole			
Blue	244.00	RF Drake, Castle Cary	1261	RF Drake, Castle Cary			
Friesian	220.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton	1407	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton			

CULL COWS (32) Beef to 241p/kg Dairy to 211p/kg AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Cows to a sharper trade and very much wanted after the Christmas period. Best grade 1 Charolais cows to 241p/kg grossing £1606 from Tom Bamlet Farming. Top gross price again for Charolais from N & S Glover at £1701. Hereford cows to 236p/kg and £1699 and Angus 233p/kg and £1678. Best fed Friesian cows to 211p/kg and £1456. Grade 2 cows 230p/kg and £1548. Grade 3 feeding cows to 215p/kg and others 180p/kg+. Grade 3 Friesians to 185p/kg and £1450 and others 168p/kg to 182p/kg. Grade 4 processing cows 104p/kg to 130p/kg.

CULL COWS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Charolais	241.00	Tom Bamlet Farming, Dorchester	1701	N & S Glover, Yeovil			
Hereford	236.00	MD & LM Keen, Melksham	1699	N & S Glover, Yeovil			
Angus	233.00	Snook, Yeovil	1678	Snook, Yeovil			
Friesian	211.00	Snook, Darvole	1456	Snook, Yeovil			
Simmental	202.00	J Coleberd Services, Corscombe	1211	J Coleberd Services, Corscombe			
Blue	188.00	RF Drake, Castle Cary	890	RF Drake, Castle Cary			

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SHEEP (781) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737 PRIME HOGGETS (415) Max 355p/kg £174

A flying start to 2025 with best hoggs flying to 335p/kg and £174 with an impressive SQQ of 324p/kg, with every hogg averaging £144.51. Handy weights looking the dearest of the day with plenty 340p/kg upwards. Light hoggs to 355p/kg from TFT Handy and £135 from the same good home. Handy weights to 343p/kg from Brian Godwin & family topping at £150 from L Hoddinott. Heavies to 342p/kg from Keevil Farm Partnership and £163 from A Doman & Co. Over 52kg to 303p/kg and £174 from Wallmead Farms Partnership. More hoggs needed each week to keep buyers coming.

PRIME LAMBS					
KG	£	Vendor			
62.50	174.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury			
54.50	165.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury			
45.50	150.00	L Hoddinott, Coleford			
43.50	148.00	TFT Handy t/a Pry Holding, Purton			
42.50	140.00	A Doman & Co, Ston Easton			
41.00	139.50	Shaplands Farm Prtrs, Cold Ashton			
40.50	139.00	BA & CM Godwin & Sons, Bath			

CULL EWES & RAMS (123) Max £250

A larger entry of ewes which consisted of liquorice allsorts! A lot of smaller and leaner ewes forward. Very best types selling to $\pounds 250$ from Karina Heritage with other best ewes flying over $\pounds 200$. Medium ewes all $\pounds 140 - \pounds 170$ with very small or lean all $\pounds 50+$. More ewes needed each week.

STORE LAMBS (61) Max £118

A short entry of store hoggs sold to a flying trade with best soaring to £118 from EJ White of Braydon. Plenty of hoggs £100 - £115 with an overall average of £99.41 being achieved which included some very small types. More hoggs needed each week.

BREEDING EWE DISPERSAL (182) Max £200

A cracking dispersal of in lamb ewes from Keith Darling drew interest from all over the South West. Aged 6T and full mouth looked well sold at £200 for both North Country Mules & Suffolk types. Plenty of ewes £180 - £190. Many more could have been sold to the advantage.

Wednesday 15th January

Dispersal of 60 In lamb 2 tooth North Country Mules from Rose Debenham.

DAIRY Start 11am AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 CALVED HEIFERS TO £1220

Only two fresh milk heifers forward for our 1st 2025 market. Generally smaller types having been with their calves. Trade very firm for the type on offer. Plenty of enquiries for top quality high yielding heifers and cows.

PIGS (220) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A good first entry forward for 2025.

FAT PIGS (128)

A large entry of fat pigs with lighter weight gilts and quality in strongest demand. Best lighter weights from PB Weeks to £188 and £178 this week. Porker weight gilts from Durnell & Sons to £168. Coloured fat pigs to £162 from Fulmer Pace Farm of Slough.

STORE PIGS (26)

A small entry of stores this week with a smart pen of 14 w/o White stores from N Legge of Herefordshire selling to £75. Others to £50 for JE Cock & Son.

CULL SOWS/BOARS (66)

Less forward than booked this week. Trade harder as expected and in line with national trends. Best to £180 from FE White & Sons with others to £172 and £170. Others from J Bodman to £168. Overall average £115.91.

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CALVES (169) Starts 10am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A sensational trade for calves here today with all grades and breeds in demand, 21 active buyers with many unsuccessful bidders!!! Please continue to pre-book it really helps with buyer procurement; text or phone Tom or email the office info@fromelivestock.com

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £470/ HEIFERS TO £390

All of the below calves mentioned are 41 days and under. Best blue bulls from J Sprake & Partners flying to £470 with others from the same stable to £445, £398, £390, £382 and £380. Super Blue bull from NL Norris to £355, others from NF Clothier to £352, £350 from JT Jackson, £322 from RH & CM Johnston, £325 from NR & D Norris and £318 from Pressbarrow Partners. Blue heifers a blinding trade to £370 from J Sprake & Partners, £365 from AJ Scott, £310 from Wareham Partners, £305 from JT Jackson & Sons, £300 from AK Hosie & Sons, £300 Pressbarrow Partners and £298 from Church Farm Partnership. Simmental heifers taking the top spot at £390 from regular supporters Adrian Bullus (with their Simmental bull to £378). Young Charolais bulls looking a very fierce trade from NR & D Norris to £245 and Limousin bulls from George E Masters flying to £255.

NATIVE BULLS TO £380/ HEIFERS TO £255

A well presented Angus bull from SJ Stevens & sons to £380 with other best sorts to £335 from DA James & Son, £330 from AJ Scott & Son, £300 from J Sprake, £250 from Church Farm Partnership and £175 from Godminster Farm who also had young Angus steer calves to £215. Hereford few and far between seeing strongest bull calves to £340 again from J Sprake & Partners and £220 from AK Hosie. Hereford heifers wanted to £265 from RG & SE Hawker, £238 from RE Trowbridge & Son and £210 from Dan Heal.

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

DAIRY

Holstein Friesian bulls now looking like a rare breed but selling well to £135 from DBH Miles, Dairy Shorthorn bulls from GN & KM Langley to £210 and £170 from Kevin Moorse.

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 £380 from SJ Stevens & Sons.

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FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025 STORE CATTLE

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 320

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS: TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS

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STEERS TO £2000 HEIFERS TO £1810 ORGANIC STEERS TO £2060 ORGANIC HEIFERS TO £1790

An absolute flyer to kick the New year store sales off with the first 2 bullocks in the ring achieving £2060 and all cattle averaging £1250 overall. All grades, ages and breeds seriously dear. An excellent entry building for next week already with buyers looking to source large amounts of cattle to grow and feed. Happy New Year to all and we look forward to 2025!

ORGANIC

Well what can I say, "straight out the trap" and we are up to £2060 for the first pen of Simmental x steers 16 – 18mo from J & M King-Brain. Next up South Devon 21mo steers to £1970, Angus steers at £1850, 19mo Limousin heifers to £1790 and so it goes on. Trade and demand was unbelievable and unstoppable. Too many remarkable prices to list but sufficient to say that we have never seen bidding like it. More cattle wanted to meet this outstanding trade.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

Not too many younger suckled continentals coming this early in the year but those that were here certainly reaped the rewards. Like all other sections today this run of cattle seeing 'sky high' prices. 7mo Charolais steers from Dave & Liz Brimble easily to £1015, while wonderful Blonde 8mo steers £1200 and heifers £1210 all from C & RL Gapper. PJ & A Boulton continuing to present their top-grade Limousin with their 11mo steers at £1725!! Dairy bred younger continentals were equally sought as the suckled types today. Excellent 12mo Blue x steers and heifers £1100. Overall, a superb day to kick off the 2025 sale season.

ANGUS

Nearly 100 on offer and outstanding demand with all grades selling to advantage and premiums for named sires and Farm Assured. Fleshed steers sold well to £1785 for both PW CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris and Nigel & David Masters of Wincanton. Younger steers also keenly bid to £1715 (21mo) from S James of East Stour, £1685 for L & R Wyatt & sons of Englishcombe and £1630 (22mo) from Roger Glover of Yeovil. Fleshed heifers equally dear to £1795 (29mo) from PW CC & JC Gould and from £1600 to £1685 for DH Masters & Son, their bulling heifers also met faster bidding to £1500 and topped to £1550 (22mo) from Roger Glover. Longer heifers wanted and selling from £1260 to £1330 (all 17mo) from Rob & Wendy Lessey of Wincanton, £1250 (17mo) from Scott Kingston and £1220 (16mo) from WJ Masters & Sons Ltd of Nunney.

Yearling steers met tremendous bidding to £1240 (12mo) DB & BJ Hill & Sons of Shepton Mallet, £1150 (12mo) from Jonathan Coleberd of Dorchester and £1035 (9mo) from Julian Coleberd of Dorchester. Yearling heifers also wanted to £1080 (12mo) from DB & BJ Hill & Son, £1040 (14mo) from Merryfield Farmers of Shepton Mallet and £825 (9mo) from Julian Coleberd.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Limousin	1725	14mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch	Blue	1340	15mo	S & M North, Chard
Hereford	1260	16mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree	Angus	1330	17mo	FJ Lessey c& Son, Wincanton
Blue	1240	13mo	Merryfield Farmers, Shepton Mallet	Blonde	1210	10mo	C & RL Gapper, Wick
Angus	1240	12mo	DB & BJ Hill & Sons, Doulting	Hereford	1140	13mo	Merryfield Farmers, Shepton Mallet
Blonde	1200	9mo	C & RL Gapper, Wick	Inra	870	15mo	Merry Field Farmers, Shepton Mallet
Charolais	1015	8mo	DR & EA Brimble, Litton				

HEREFORD & OTHER NATIVES

Very little to say other than 'outstanding' as the finished prices continue to rise above all expectation and the demand for replacement stores gets ever stronger! A number of excellent consignments coming forward also saw early signs of men looking for and thinking about buller replacements. Forward short-term finishing Herefords steers (name sires) peaked at £1800 from Pete & Joe Gould, a tremendous run presented by S James seeing steers at £1745, £1565 & £1420. Hard outwintered steers with plenty of jacket from JC Gay & Son to £1260. Quality younger steers 12mo £1165, £1190. Hereford heifers really on fire 19mo thicker types at £1345 from S James with younger (13mo). April bulling types £1140, £1060 & £910. If you have cattle to go now is the time!!

FRIESIAN & FLECKVIEH

Trade goes from strength to strength with proper British Friesians to £1630 (29mo) from L & R Wyatt & Sons of Englishcombe and well presented. Holstein steers to £1600 (29mo) from PW CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris. Steers with potential also wanted with good feeders to £1430 from Nigel & David Masters of Wincanton, £1200 (15mo) from S James of East Stour and £1100 from Scott Kingston of Wotton Under Edge and yearlings to £870 from Merryfield Farmers of Shepton Mallet.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

Explosive trade to see the New Year in. All grades and ages met a tremendous premium with prices jumping into a new year and rewarding vendors for feeding the cattle well over the Christmas period.

British Blues set the trade for the day with fleshed steers selling to a massive $\pounds 2000 (26mo)$ from local vendors Herbie, Richard & Peter Masters of Nunney. Other quality Blues also met a premium to $\pounds 1940 (31mo)$ from Nigel & David Masters of Wincanton, and younger Blues to $\pounds 1765$ from PW, CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris, $\pounds 1750$ from RE James & Partners of Sherborne and $\pounds 1690 (22mo)$ from S James of East Stour. Quality Blondes also met an electric trade with steers to $\pounds 1855 (29mo)$ from Paul & Olly Hurd Warminster and their Parthenaise steers to $\pounds 1820 (30mo)$ and heifers to $\pounds 1810 (30mo)$.

Limousin heifers continue to reap rewards with good confirmation heifers selling to £1735 (22mo) from PJ & A Boulton of Pucklechurch. Fleshed heifers wanted with Simmental heifers selling well to £1725 (29mo) from PW, CC & JC Gould, Blue heifers to £1705 (26mo) RE James & Partners and £1660

(27mo) from Stephen North & family of Chard. Bulling heifers also a premium with younger Simmental heifers to £1470 from Roger Glover of Yeovil.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	ED £/ AGE		VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blue	2000	26mo	WJ Masters & Son Ltd, Nunney	Parthenaise	1810	30mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill
Fleckvieh	1890	28mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Angus	1795	29mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris
Blonde	1855	29mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Limousin	1735	22mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch
Parthenaise	1820	30mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Simmental	1725	29mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris
Fleckvieh	1805	29mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Blonde	1705	26mo	RE James & Prtrs, Sherborne
Hereford	1800	29mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris	Friesian	1040	22mo	S James, Gillingham
Angus	1785	31mo	DH Masters & Son, Maperton				
Friesian	1600	29mo	PW CC & JC Gould, Norton Ferris				
Longhorn	1525	24mo	S James, Gillingham				

Entries for next Friday 17th January

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living challenges, war in Ukraine, High winds ... and flooding on the lower ground all over the country...The list goes on !? However, if possible, it's best to try and dwell on the positives in life!? Hope is the expectation that something good is going to happen! ⁽¹⁾ **Devolution!** The government has published it's Devolution White Paper... which sets out their vision and plans for devolving power across the Nation, giving councils the powers they need to 'Drive growth and Raise Living standards' Local government reorganization to try and improve councils ability to deliver sustainable and high quality public services? We shall keep an open mind and see!! Of course available central funds will still dictate these services won't they!? So... Let's stay positive 😕 🙂 The cartoon goes: 1st person says: Aren't you apprehensive about what the New Year will bring!? 2nd Person replies: I think it will bring Flowers! (First person is taken aback!) Flowers, Really? Why!? 2nd Person replies:' Because I've planted Flowers!!' When bombarded with negativity, it's easy to dwell on it. Lord and Creator, help us to not overlook those who plant for us!? ... Farmers plant hedgerows, Trees and Wild flowers for the birds and provide the basic food for our survival! We plant and his daily grace waters and provides growth 👆 🙏

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