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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 17TH JANUARY 2025

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1403



TRADE AT A GLANCE

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| PRIME CATTLE | TO 327P/KG & £2144 | CULL COWS/BULLS | TO 250P/KG & £1796 |
| SPRING HOGGS | TO 335P/KG & £200 | CULL EWES/RAMS | TO £200 |
| STORE HOGGS | TO £123 | CALVES | TO £518 |
| REARED CALVES | TO £775 | DAIRY | TO £1570 |
| STORE STEERS | TO £2000 | STORE HEIFERS | TO £1810 |

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Wednesday 12th Feb

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Wednesday 29th Jan

Wednesday 5th Feb



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WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY

Good numbers and a very firm trade in all sections this week driven by demand and competition. Cull cows getting dearer each week as supply tightens. Beef cattle slightly easing on the week as expected after last week's phenomenal prices however cattle still a fantastic trade. More hoggets about to a similar trade. Calves and reared calves in very high demand.

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
1083**

PRIME CATTLE (64) to 327p/kg and £2144

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 *Start 12.30pm*

Another excellent entry of prime cattle this week selling to a slightly easier trade after last week's phenomenal prices however still a fantastic trade. Clean cattle averaging 294p/kg and £1695 overall including a larger percentage of plainer grades this week.

| TOP PRICE STEER | 327p/kg for a Simmental from CW Butcher | | |
|------------------|---|----------|----------|
| TOP PRICE HEIFER | 319p/kg for a Welsh Black from A Powell | | |
| UTM FAT TOTALS: | No | MIN P/KG | MAX P/KG |
| STEERS | | | |
| Light 100-500kg | 9 | 264.00 | 319.00 |
| Medium 501-590kg | 21 | 252.00 | 327.00 |
| Heavy 651kg+ | 5 | 288.00 | 322.00 |
| HEIFERS | | | |
| Light 100-500kg | 3 | 194.00 | 258.00 |
| Medium 501-590kg | 15 | 266.00 | 319.00 |
| Heavy 651kg+ | 9 | 270.00 | 319.00 |

UTM STEERS (35) Max. 327p/kg £1728

A good show of steers topping at 327p/kg and £2114 for Simmental x from CW Butcher & Son. Other well-fed steers from the same consignment to 327p/kg, 322p/kg, 324p/kg, 319p/kg and 317p/kg grossing £2144, £2092, £2084, £2106, and £2102. Angus from MJ Berry to 325p/kg £1843 and 307p/kg £1734 for HG & RHJ Davey. Herefords from AR Smith to 319p/kg and 312p/kg from LM Maidment & Sons. Friesian steers from MJ Berry to 270p/kg £1511 and Fleckvieh's from AE Weaver & Son 288p/kg £1932.

UTM STEERS

| BREED | MAX (p/kg) | VENDOR | MAX (£) | VENDOR |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Simmental | 327.00 | CW Butcher & Son, Devizes | 2144 | CW Butcher & Son, Devizes |
| Angus | 325.00 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary | 1843 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary |
| Hereford | 319.00 | AR Smith, Swanage | 2021 | LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham |
| Welsh Black | 300.00 | A Powell, Horton | 1740 | A Powell, Horton |
| Blue | 295.00 | PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne | 1566 | PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne |
| Fleckvieh | 288.00 | AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell | 1932 | AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell |
| Friesian | 270.00 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary | 1843 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary |

UTM HEIFERS (27) Max. 319p/kg £2089

Heifers to 319p/kg twice from CW Butcher & Son achieving £1974 and £1780 for Simmental x. Natives to 319p/kg and £2089 for a super Welsh Black heifer full of meat and Herefords to 318p/kg grossing £1930. Blue heifers from MJ Berry to 314p/kg and £1808 from Padfield & Partners. Well-fed R grade heifers generally 290p/kg to 305p/kg and O grades 275p/kg to 285p/kg.

UTM HEIFERS

| BREED | MAX (p/kg) | VENDOR | MAX (£) | VENDOR |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Welsh Black | 319.00 | A Powell, Horton | 2089 | A Powell, Horton |
| Simmental | 319.00 | CW Butcher & Son, Devizes | 1974 | CW Butcher & Son, Devizes |
| Hereford | 318.00 | A Powell, Horton | 1936 | A Powell, Horton |
| Welsh Black | 296.00 | A Powell, Horton | 1740 | A Powell, Horton |
| Blue | 314.00 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary | 1856 | JC Stainer, Semington |
| Fleckvieh | 288.00 | AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell | 1932 | AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell |
| Friesian | 270.00 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary | 1414 | MJ Berry, Castle Cary |

CULL COWS (36) Beef to 250p/kg Dairy to 229p/kg

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Cows dearer on the week as supply tightens and demand for cow beef remains firm. Best grade Continental cows to 250p/kg and £1681 from CM Baker. Top gross price £1788 for a cracking Beef Shorthorn cow from Hares Partnership at 231p/kg and Hereford cows from MJ & RD Russell 232p/kg and £1601. British Friesian cows from DR & SJ Heal to 229p/kg £1503 and 218p/kg £1474. Holstein Friesians from DO Webb to 211p/kg £1644 and 199p/kg £1603 from RC Garraway. Grade 3 Friesians to feed 196p/kg and £1454 with grade 3 processing cows 155p/kg to 182p/kg and grade 4 cows to 170p/kg to feed.

Grade 1 cows 194/kg to 250/kg

Grade 2 cows 182p/kg to 210/kg

Grade 3 cows 155p/kg to 196p/kg

Grade 4 cows 124p/kg to 170p/kg

Cows averaged 195p/kg overall.

CULL COWS

| BREED | MAX (p/kg) | VENDOR | MAX (£) | VENDOR |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Blonde | 250.00 | CM Baber, Whatley | 1681 | CM Baber, Whatley |
| Hereford | 232.00 | MJ & RD Russell, Chew Magna | 1796 | MJ & RD Russell, Chew Magna |
| Beef Shorthorn | 231.00 | Hares Partnership, Warminster | 1788 | Hares Partnership, Warminster |
| Angus | 230.00 | Hares Partnership, Warminster | 1631 | Hares Partnership, Warminster |
| Friesian | 229.00 | DR & SJ Heal, Bath | 1644 | DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse |
| Devon | 226.00 | S Ryan, Street | 1355 | S Ryan, Street |
| Charolais | 215.00 | LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton | 1325 | LA & T Rogers, Bishop Sutton |
| Limousin | 186.00 | AP Bishop, Charterhouse | 1088 | AP Bishop, Charterhouse |

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SHEEP (789) Start 10.30am

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737

PRIME HOGGETS (526) Max 335p/kg £200

A super entry of hogs which consisted of mainly heavy types sold to a fast trade. Best hogs soaring to 335p/kg from Andy Pobjoy and £200 from Grove Farm Partnership. Overall average to 320p/kg and £146.58 per head. Feather weights to 318p/kg from B Porter. Light weights to 315p/kg and £123 per head from Fonthill Farms. Handy weights to 335p/kg from Andy Pobjoy and £148 from Pat Apsey. A massive entry of heavies sold to 323p/kg and £158 from Roger Lyons. Over 52kg to 294p/kg from Keevil Farm Partnership. More hogs needed each week to maintain buyers' support.

| PRIME HOGGETS | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| KG | £ | Vendor |
| 78.50 | 200.00 | Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil |
| 64.00 | 178.00 | Groves Farming Prtrs, Keevil |
| 54.50 | 160.00 | Keevil Farm Prtrs, Frome |
| 51.00 | 158.00 | RJ Lyons, West Harptree |
| 48.00 | 155.00 | RJ Lyons, West Harptree |
| 47.50 | 150.00 | Peter Coombs Ltd, Radstock |
| 44.50 | 148.00 | PG Apsey, Wincanton |
| 43.00 | 144.00 | PJ Pobjoy & Son, Norton St Philip |
| 42.50 | 140.50 | DW Doggrell, Bruton |
| 41.50 | 134.00 | L Hoddinott, Radstock |
| 40.00 | 130.50 | JHR Hosford, Blandford |

CULL EWES & RAMS (179) Max £200

A trade that keeps on giving. Best ewes to £200 from Dave Walker with an overall average of £110 for every ewe entered in to the market. More ewes wanted each week.

STORE HOGGETS (84) Max £123

A neat entry of store hogs which enjoyed a storming trade. Best hogs soaring to £123 from Chris Tucker and averaging at £101. More store hogs needed. We have buyers for 300+ stores each week.

IN LAMB EWES

A superb entry of in lamb ewes from Rose Debenham, which consisted of 2 tooth North Country Mules looking well sold at £226.

DAIRY Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

CALVED HEIFERS TO £1570

More fresh milk required overall. Home bred calved Friesian Holstein heifers from Robert Simpkins & Partners saw firm bidding to £1570.

Wednesday 22nd January

**4 Pedigree calved Holstein Friesian heifers
home bred giving 30 – 35 Litres, 10,800 litre herd**

REARED CALVES (99) Start 12.30am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A very brisk trade with men buying cattle pre-spring turnout.

CONTINENTAL STEERS TO £775/ HEIFERS TO £615

Aubrac steers from Higher Park Dairy to £775. Best Blue steers from Jamie Cowling flying to £642, £550, £500 and Blue heifers to £548. A tidy run of Blues from F Pearce & Son saw steers to £640, £580 and £465 and heifers to £615. Blue bulls from NF Clothier & Sons flying to £590 and heifers to £600.

NATIVE STEERS TO £765/ HEIFERS TO £680

A super run of well-presented Herefords from S & G Gould were the stars of the day with steers to £765, £690 and £635 and heifers to £680 twice over! Tidy Hereford heifers from PT Gregory to £542 and Hereford steers out of crossbred cows looking a good price at £532 (only 4mo). Hereford steer from RJ Amor to £492. Angus steers from GN & KM Langley to £630 others from PT Gregory to £508 and £490 from F Pearce & Son. Angus heifers wanted to £615 from Pressbarrow Partners, £595 from GN & KM Langley, £510 from F Pearce & Son and £462 (3-4mo) from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd.

DAIRY BRED

A tidy Holstein Friesian steer from PT Gregory to £322, younger bull calf from R & S Higgins to £195.

Next Pig Sale: Wednesday 22nd January

Next Reared Calf Sale: Wednesday 29th January



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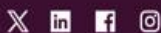
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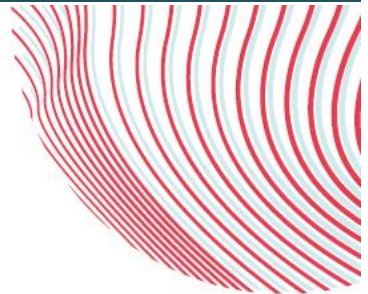
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CALVES (99) Starts 10am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Trade up again on the week with a younger show of calves in general. Many more required to satisfy buyer demand.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £518/ HEIFERS TO £328

All the below calves under 6 weeks unless otherwise stated. Best Blue bull from Wardour Farms flying to £518, £498 and £400 from AJ Scott, £370 from LR & CJ Tuffin & Son, £332 from NF Clothier, £340 from NR & D Norris and £322 from Pressbarrow Partners. Older Blue heifer from Westwood Farm to £310, younger again from NF Clothier to £222 and £240 from RM & CM Johnson. Very few Blue heifers forward this week many more wanted!! Young Charolais bull from R & S Higgins looking well sold at £340. A cracking run of Limousins from George E Masters to £442 and their Limousin heifers hitting the top spot at £328.

NATIVE BULLS TO £405/ HEIFERS TO £310

Belting angus bulls from AJ Scott & sons to £405, £402 from Wardour Farms, £325 from LR & CJ Tuffin, £310 from Wareham Partners £292 from SJ Stevens, £262 NF Clothier and £248 from AJ Langley & son. Older Angus bulls from GN & NM Langley £380 and £375. Angus heifers in demand to £270 from AJ Scott, £260 from NF Clothier and £240 SJ Stevens only 2 Angus heifers under £100. Young Herefords bulls flying to £328 from AK & AD Parker and their heifers looking well sold at £250. Older sorts from C Sealey flying to £375 for bulls and £310 for heifers. Longhorn Bull calf looking a straight price at £200 from NR & D Norris.

DAIRY

Holstein Friesian bull from RP & CH Reed to £55 and their Norwegian Red bull to £50.

Please continue to pre-book it really helps with buyer procurement; text or phone Tom or email the office info@fromelivestock.com

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



This week's winner of £25 for the top price Continental Sired Heifer under 41 days was a Limousin to £328 from George E Masters.

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

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025

STORE CATTLE

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
320**

Starts 10.30am

AUCTIONEERS:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| TREVOR ROWLAND | 07968 480 401 |
| BRADLEY TOWELL | 07496 263 916 |
| LESTER WILLIAMS | 07778 646 031 |

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 £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 from Merryfield Farmers regularly over £1100 with steers at £1240 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. Fledged 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. Fledged 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, Doultling | 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 £2000 (26mo) from local vendors Herbie, Richard & Peter Masters of Nunney. Other quality Blues also met a premium to £1940 (31mo) from Nigel & David Masters of Wincanton, and younger Blues to £1765 from PW, CC & JC Gould of Norton Ferris, £1750 from RE James & Partners of Sherborne and £1690 (22mo) from S James of East Stour. Quality Blondes also met an electric trade with steers to £1855 (29mo) from Paul & Olly Hurd Warminster and their Parthenaise steers to £1820 (30mo) and heifers to £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 | £/ HEAD | 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 | | | | |

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Genuine herd reduction of 64 Organic in calf Angus Cows

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40 Blonde x Steers & Heifers out of Blue Cows 9-15mo

Homebred, single suckled, farm assured

Weaned & wormed November

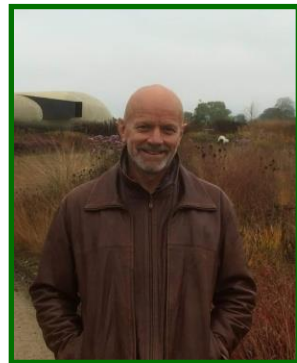
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Chaplain's Prayer

18-25 January is the week of prayer for Christian Unity! 1 Peter 4 V8: 'Have Unity of mind, sympathy, Brotherly love, a tender giving heart and a humble mind.' It is a time when we are all encouraged to reflect on unity, not least within our own community and professions...and the wider world. ❤️ So..we think of those whose relationships with others (for any reason) have become fractured and distant!?

Particularly, we remember those within our own Farming Community who are living with tensions and disease and finding life especially difficult to cope with. We pray for resolution and your healing Love ❤️🙏



Global Political Risk is at it's highest risk in 5 years? But such instability and the impact it can have should make governments ever more reliant and emphasize the importance of **Home grown produce?** 84pc of the fruit we consume in UK is imported, and produce only half of the vegetables we need! Our retailers need 'encouraging' to mark up the country of origin on supermarket shelves....Our country's becoming more suitable for growing fruit and vegetables nowadays, that 20 years ago wouldn't have been possible!?

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