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## **SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION** WEEK ENDING 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

## **TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1376**



## **TRADE AT A GLANCE**

TO 380P/KG & £2577	CULL COWS/BULLS	TO 291P/KG & £2120
TO 344P/KG & £175	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £180
TO £140	CALVES	TO £460
TO £172	DAIRY	TO £2650
TO £1845	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1755
	TO 344P/KG & £175 TO £140 TO £172	TO 344P/KG & £175 CULL EWES/RAMS   TO £140 CALVES   TO £172 DAIRY

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- Health and wellbeing checks
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- Guidance towards any support you may require in the future

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#### **HEALTH HUB**

9am – 1pm Drop In - no appt needed Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

#### FOOT CLINIC

9am – 1pm **Pre-booking required**  Wednesday 19th February Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

## **BLUE TONGUE UPDATE**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 DEFRA announced the start of the 'Low Vector period' for Blue tongue meaning that midge activity is much lower due to a lower temperature. As a result, Blue Tongue movement restrictions have been changed to allow cattle and sheep to travel from inside the restricted zone to a Livestock Market outside of the restricted zone subject to a negative Blue Tongue test.

Cattle and Sheep can now come to Frome Livestock Market from a restricted zone providing they have been pre movement tested for Blue Tongue. Please contact your local vet to arrange a test. A general licence must also be obtained from DEFRA.

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1186

A good day all round with all categories of stock in demand. Prime beef and cull cows keep getting dearer each week. Prime hoggets and ewes also a firmer trade on the week. A packed ring of calf buyers drawing prices upwards and some genuine dairy selling well. Pig section well supported again with some quality pigs forward and sold.

### PRIME CATTLE (61) to 380p/kg and £2577 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

A good show of prime cattle this week selling to a rising trade with buyers looking to source all grades of cattle for wholesale butchers and to feed on. 61 Prime cattle averaged 324p/kg and £1862 per head.

TOP PRICE STEER	380p/kg for a Blue from RE & AM Hicks						
TOP PRICE HEIFER	349p/kg f	349p/kg for a Charolais from CR Hartley & Son					
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG				
STEERS							
Light 100-500kg	7	165.00	377.00				
Medium 501-590kg	14	289.00	380.00				
Heavy 651kg+	5	328.00	360.00				
Light 100-500kg	1	220.00	220.00				
Medium 501-590kg	25	296.00	344.00				

## UTM STEERS (26) Max. 380p/kg £2577

Some excellent consignments of well-fed steers selling to a fast trade. A good run from RE & AM Hicks topped the pence per kilo at 380p/kg for a smart Blue x coming to £2155. Limousin x from the same home to 379p/kg and 328p/kg achieving £2492. Charolais from CR Hartley & Son to 360p/kg grossing £2430 and heavier steers to 354p/kg achieving the top gross price of £2577! Simmental x steers from CW Butcher & Son 342p/kg grossing £2240. Hereford steers from AR Smith to 344p/kg twice grossing £2030 and £1923. Blue x from PG Apsey 337p/kg £2089. Steers averaged 326p/kg overall.

UTM STEERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Blue	380.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2155	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol		
Limousin	377.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2492	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol		
Charolais	360.00	CR Hartley & Son, Wolley	2577	CR Hartley & Son, Wolley		
Hereford	344.00	AR Smith, Swanage	2030	AR Smith, Swanage		
Simmental	342.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	2240	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes		

#### UTM HEIFERS (35) Max. 349p/kg £2268

Quality in the heifer section seeing some well-bred Charolais from CR Hartley & Son reaching 349p/kg and £2268. A good run of heifers from RMJ & AL Robinson to 344p/kg and £2100 for a Simmental x and 337p/kg £2153 for OTM Blue x. Simmental x for CW Butcher & Son 331p/kg and £2105. Limousin x from AE Weaver & Son 344p/kg. Devon heifers from TW Wrixon & Sons 330p/kg and Angus from Padfield & Partners 330p/kg. More heifers wanted each week.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Charolais	349.00	CR Hartley & Son, Wolley	2268	CR Hartley & Son, Wolley		
Simmental	344.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	2105	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes		
Limousin	344.00	AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell	1999	AE Weaver & Son, Frampton Cotterell		
Blue	337.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	2153	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham		
Devon	331.00	TW Wrixon & Sons, Yeovil	1811	TW Wrixon & Sons, Yeovil		
Angus	330.00	RMJ & AL Robinson, Pewsham	1937	Snook, Yeovil		
Hereford	325.00	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes	1768	CW Butcher & Son, Devizes		

## CULL COWS (31) Beef to 291p/kg Dairy to 250p/kg AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Cows in short supply and getting dearer each week with 31 forward averaging 207.04p/kg. Best grade cows from MD & KE Lanfear topped at 291p/kg and 281p/kg grossing £2120 and £1862 respectively. Young Friesian cows to 250p/kg and £1651. Good meat Angus cows to 249p/kg and well-fed Beef Shorthorn to 236p/kg and £1832. Herefords with good cover 234p/kg and £1755. Grade 1 Holstein Friesian cows to 218p/kg and £1866 and others over 200p/kg mark. Grade 2 Native cows to 219p/kg and Friesian cows 194p/kg. Grade 3 feeding cows to 196p/kg and processing cows 171p/kg.

Grade 1 cows 206p/kg to 291p/kg

Grade 2 cows 187p/kg to 201p/kg

Grade 3 cows 168p/kg to 196p/kg

Grade 4 cows 144p/kg to 165p/kg

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	291.00	MD & KE Lanfear, Pilning	2120	MD & KE Lanfear, Pilning		
Friesian	250.00	AJ Limond, Radstock	1866	WJ Masters & Sons Ltd, Nunney		
Angus	249.00	TS Gelfs, Beaminster	1646	West Amesbury Farms, Salisbury		
Beef Shorthorn	236.00	WD Guley & Sons, Melksham	1832	WD Guley & Sons, Melksham		
Hereford	234.00	JR Griffin & Sons, Devizes	1755	JR Griffin & Sons, Devizes		
Blue	195.00	DN Billing, Somerton	1217	DN Billing, Somerton		
Simmental	194.00	Wills Prtrs, Yeovil	1377	Wills Prtrs, Yeovil		









## Spring Update

Thursday oth March | 7pm Udder Farm Shop, East Stour, Gillingham, SP8 5LQ

You are invited to an informative evening with supper and the opportunity to enjoy a spring update on topics including:

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## SHEEP (750) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737 PRIME HOGGETS (463) Max 344p/kg £175

Wowzers! What an entry of hoggs and a real credit to the vendors! A cracking trade with a top of £175 3 times for 3 different vendors! Top pence per kilo from Keevil Farm Partnership to an average of 321p/kg. Top price to £175 from JE & HE Adlam, Peckmoor Farming and Wallmead Farms Partnership. Every hogg entered averaged £154.10.

Light hoggs to 322p/kg from Clive Peach and averaged £128.50 from J Alvis of Wickwar. Handy weights to 344p/kg and £156.50 from Keevil Farm Partnership. Heavies to 338p/kg and £165.50 from Wallmead Farms Partnership. Over 52kg to 315p/kg from Frank Golledge and £175 from JE & HE Adlam, Peckmoor Farming and Wallmead Farms Partnership. More hoggs needed each week. Prime hoggs averaging £154 per head!

PRIME HOGGETS						
KG	KG £ Vendor					
58.50	175.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury				
57.00	175.00	Peckmoor Farming, Crewkerne				
56.00	170.00	Peckmoor Farming, Crewkerne				
52.50	165.50	F Golledge, Dorchester				
49.00	165.50	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury				
45.50	156.60	Keevil Farm Partnership, Keevil				
45.00	148.50	A Dagger, Timsbury				
44.50	144.00	JE & HE Adlam, Gillingham				
43.50	140.00	C Cunningham, Bromham				

## CULL EWES & RAMS (41) Max £180

A trade that has gone up another notch. Ewes today look  $\pounds 10 - \pounds 20$  dearer on the week with best ewes flying to  $\pounds 180$  from Corp Bros who had others at  $\pounds 158.50$ . Other strong Suffolks to  $\pounds 175$  from Martin Webber. Best mules to  $\pounds 138.50$  from DJ & EJ Mitchell.

## STORE HOGGETS (240) Max £140

A large entry of store hoggs which sold to an unbelievable trade! Best store hoggs to £140 from Boris Chick who had a run of 50 hoggs averaging at £137.50! A cracking run of 114 hoggs averaging £125.40 from Fonthill Farms. Overall 246 stores averaged £123.15. Remember that we have pulled out all the prime hoggs, this is an average for genuine store hoggs.

#### DAIRY Start 11am AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 CALVED HEIFERS TO £2,650

What a trade in this section! Great to see continued good quality fresh milk coming forward and plenty of buyers to buy and bid for them. First through the ring were 3 nice homebred Holstein Friesian calved heifers from Roger & Matt Masters all  $\pounds$ 1900 -  $\pounds$ 2140. Then came an excellent consignment of homebred Holstein Friesian pedigree and non-pedigree calved heifers from Michelmersh Manor which all were desperately sought. Top spot for the 'Denovo' sired heifer at an impressive  $\pounds$ 2650 followed by two 'Seagull Bay' daughters at  $\pounds$ 2450 and  $\pounds$ 2320. More of this quality could have been well sold today.



## BRIAN GODWIN TIMOTHY RISE FARM, LIMPLEY STOKE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Brian Godwin who died peacefully at home.

Brian was a keen supporter of the market and will be sorely missed by us all here.

His funeral will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, Claverton, BA2 7BG.

### PIGS (244) Start 10.15am AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A good entry of pigs forwards this week with new vendors travelling to Frome from Bude, Cornwall.

## FAT PIGS (93)

A decent entry in terms of quality and weights on offer this week. Trade similar as other reports and time of year. Best medium weights to £172 and £154 from PB Weeks & Son. Others to £158 from Durnell & Sons. A nice entry as always of Saddlebacks from A Ward from Virgina Water to £146.

## **STORE PIGS (20)**

Very few Stores on offer this week. Stronger Saddleback stores to £90 from IC CA & JC Carter. Younger coloured stores to £48 from M & O Meat Co and £32 from K Edwards.

## **CULL SOWS/BOARS (131)**

Another good entry with what would be the largest entries of culls in the country forward. Trade a bit stronger than last time. Best to £156 from MG & JA Uglow & Son from Holsworthy. Others to £152 and £138. Cull boars to £120 from Mr CJ Down. Overall average £96.52.

## Next Pig Sale: Wednesday 19th February

Next Reared Calf Sale: Wednesday 12th February

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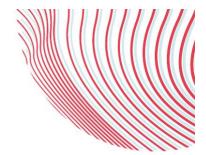
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## CALVES (101) Starts 10am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A smaller entry in terms of numbers and a fairly average show of calves. A very brisk trade on the week with another lift in prices particularly on the smaller and middle end types.

## **CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £460/ HEIFERS TO £362**

All under 41 days unless stated. A cracking Blue bull from Daniell & Hole to  $\pounds$ 460, others to  $\pounds$ 430 and  $\pounds$ 395 from EL Norris & Son,  $\pounds$ 425 from AW Hewlett & Son,  $\pounds$ 400 from J Sprake & Partners,  $\pounds$ 358 from NF Clothier. Over 42 days again from NF Clothier to  $\pounds$ 362 and  $\pounds$ 350 from LR & CJ Tuffin. Blue heifers wanted to  $\pounds$ 362 from AJ Scott & Sons,  $\pounds$ 352 from AW Hewlett,  $\pounds$ 342 from J Sprake & Partners,  $\pounds$ 315 from Pinniger & Sons who also had a Blue steer calf to  $\pounds$ 318. Smart Limousin bulls from George E Masters flying to  $\pounds$ 448 and  $\pounds$ 442 and their heifers to  $\pounds$ 235. More Limousin bulls from RE Trowbridge & Son to  $\pounds$ 350 and  $\pounds$ 325 and heifers to  $\pounds$ 230. Young Charolais bulls and heifers from N & B Hutton both to  $\pounds$ 315.

## NATIVE BULLS TO £315/ HEIFERS TO £290

Smart young fresh Hereford bulls from Harry Selby to £315. Hereford heifers to £290 from Dan Heal and £278 from RH & CM Johnston. Plenty of smaller Angus bulls from £250 upwards; stronger but still young and fresh from LR & CJ Tuffin to £318, £300 from N & B Hutton, £298 from Wareham Partners, £295 from Gilson & Tucker, £292 from Wardour Farms, £280 from AJ Scott and £270 from from Pinniger & Son. Angus again look a very fast trade and not really any real big sorts here today, £280 from LR & CJ Tuffin, £252 from AS AE & AJ Perrett, £245 from Pinniger & Sons £245 from RH & CM Johnston and £240 from N & B Hutton.

### DAIRY

Few and far between again this week. A Fleckvieh bull from N & B Hutton to £285 looking very well sold and a pair of Holstein Friesian heifers to £50 each. 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 Bull under 41 days was a Blue to £460 from Daniell & Hole Ltd.

Next week's prize will be for the top price Holstein/Friesian.

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FRIDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025 STORE CATTLE					
		TOTAL			
Starts 10.30am		HEAD			
AUCTIONEERS:	07000 400 404	SOLD			
TREVOR ROWLAND	07968 480 401	192			
BRADLEY TOWELL	07496 263 916				
LESTER WILLIAMS	07778 646 031	ee.			
	£1845 HEIFERS TO £17				

Another fantastic trade at Frome which continually goes unabated as buyers desperate to secure cattle early season.

## **SUCKLER COWS**

The day started well with a super Simmental cow and 2-month-old calf which realised £2210!

## **FEEDING BULLS**

Some super feeding bulls forward today and quality 20mo Limousins from R E Dury & Son easily sold to £1540 & £1500.

## **YOUNG CONTINENTAL**

Trade continuing on at a pace again this week and more could have been well sold. Yet again another tremendous consignment of quality Simmental steers and heifers 8mo from Mrs DAM Marklove, Swindon; their best pens of steers £1490, £1480 & £1300 whilst heifers from the same home all over £1200 and peaked at £1430!! More quality suckled Simmental and Limousin 13-15mo from regular supporters PF Best & Son, Wareham saw excellent prices with steers at £1585, £1425 & £1450. Younger heifers again from the Best family to £1135. Very hard smaller Blue 5-8mo steers and heifers had a marvellous day at £710 & £645 respectively.

## ANGUS

Trade goes from strength to strength with ferocious bidding forcing the trade to £1845 (27mo) for the best steers from Mike Keen & family of Melksham. Other steers also keenly bid to £1820 (26mo) from M Wilkins of Calne, £1780 (31mo) from Durnell & Sons of Chippenham, and £1765 (29mo) from DG Legg of Yeovil. Good feeding steers wanted selling to £1555 (18mo) from Manor Farm, Yeovil and 15mo to £1400 from C Kearle of Pilton. Forward heifers also met an exceptional trade from £1580 to £1700 (29mo) all from R Adams of Bristol and other framed heifers to £1620 (31mo) from Durnell & Son. Feeding heifers wanted selling to £1225 (15mo) from C Kearle of Pilton. Yearling steers continue to sell to a massive demand with 10mo steers to £970 from Sarah Byrne of Frome, and her yearling heifers to £890 (12mo).

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Simmental	1585	15mo	BF Best & Son, Evercreech	Simmental	1430	12mo	DAM Marklove, Lydiard Millicent
Beef Shorthorn	1520	16mo	AG Hammond, East Knoyle	Limousin	1390	17mo	R E Dury & Son, Bristol
Charolais	1480	15mo	WS Stitch, Brinscombe	Angus	1225	15mo	C Kearle,, Pilton
Limousin	1475	15mo	BF Best & Son, Evercreech	Red Poll	935	10mo	Rempstone Farms, Wareham
Angus	1400	15mo	C Kearle, Pilton	Charolais	880	9mo	RJ & JC Banwell, Wedmore
Red Poll	1230	10mo	Rempstone Farms, Wareham	Hereford	790	11mo	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree

## **HEREFORD & RED POLLS**

A good compliment of buyers in support around the ring and although a few less cattle on offer all were desperate to buy. Stronger steers 20-22mo saw plenty of feeding men willing to bid often over £1500 and Mike Keen topped at £1690 closely followed by CG Pulsford & Partners at £1660. Hard 9mo out wintering steers were all over £900 with J C Gay & Son topping the group at £980. Thicker Hereford forwards heifers (20-24mo) were desperately wanted and easily at £1500 with some great sorts from the Pulsfords to £1590, RE & D Woodward £1550 and Alister Hammond £1500! Hard (10-11mo) Hereford heifers had an exceptional day £700-£790!!

Suckler bred Red Poll x from Rempstone Farms of Wareham show well with their yearling steers selling well £1010 (9mo) to £1060 (10mo) and their best to £1230 (10mo). Their heifers equally sought after from £900 (9mo) to £935 (10mo)

## FORWARD CONTINENTAL

What a trade at Frome! Excellent bidding holds prices to amazing levels. British Blues continue to trade at a premium with good confirmation steers selling well to £1840 (27mo) from regular vendors CG Pulsford & Partners of bath. Their younger steers also keenly bid to £1570 (20mo) and closely followed £1560 (19mo) from DG Legg of Yeovil. Similar Limousin steers also met a fast trade to £1660(19mo) from Will Stitch of Axbridge. Heifers continue to sell at exception levels with best shape Limousin heifers selling to £1755 (24mo) from RE Dury & Sons of Bristol and Blue heifers well bid to £1740 (26mo) from W Green & Sons of Horningsham, £1545 (25mo) to £1680 (27mo) all from CG Pulsford and £1430 from WJ Weeks & Son of West Harptree. Aubrac heifers also a highlight to £1370 (20mo) from AG Hammond of East Knoyle and Limousin bullers to £1390 (17mo) from RE Dury & Son.

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1845	27mo	MD & LM Keen, Melksham	Limousin	1755	24mo	R E Dury & Son, Bristol
Blue	1840	37mo	CG Pulsford & Partners, Camerton	Blue	1740	26mo	W Green & Sons, Horningsham
Devon	1800	20mo	G Patch, Chilcompton	Angus	1700	29mo	R Adams, Bristol
Montbeliarde	1705	21mo	G Patch, Chilcompton	Hereford	1590	24mo	C G PPulsford & Partners, Camerton
Hereford	1690	28mo	MD & LM Keen, Melksham	Blond	1390	20mo	TWJ Slade, Suttpon Mandeville
Limousin	1660	19mo	W S Stitch, Brinscombe	Aubrack	1370	20mo	AG Hammond, East Knoyle
Holstein Friesian	1600	22mo	CG Pulsford & Partners, Camerton	Swedish Red	1360	26mo	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree

# FROME MARKET CAFE Open from 8am!

## Breakfast until 11:30am Lunch from 12 noon







## Chaplain's Prayer

'The Lord is near the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit (Psalm 34 v 18) We ask for the wisdom and strength to know where we, too, might use our hearts, hands and voices to help others, or where we simply need to be alongside someone without saying too many words....just there in presence alone!? **CANDLEMAS** may still be practiced in some of your communities? It derives from when Jesus was presented at the Temple, and marks the



end of Christmastide being 40 days (2 Feb) A procession of people carrying their candles make way through the village/community to be blessed in their churches! Some would be left there to signify a bank of light in the darkness, others would be taken home... Holy Lights that could be lit during times of sickness or placed in the hands of the dying. We give thanks for the light that shapes the pattern of our day...and for all those who bring light into our own lives! Depression and Anxiety can be caused by a number of triggers, and those experiencing poor mental health are often 'hiding in plain sight' Recognising the signs early is crucial... before a person reaches crisis point Pere are the contacts you can make if you need help or you know a friend or acquaintance who does(please ask their permission though)

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