

CAMP SALE, WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

The Spring collective sale will be held at The Old Campsite, Thrapston at 10 am. Entries to date include: Livestock trailer; sheep turnover crate; Stocks dual wheels; hay bob; Weeks 3 tonne tipping trailer; Leyland 272 2w/d tractor (8738 hours); McConnel PA93 hedgecutter, good condition; (1991) John Deere 3650, power synchron 4 w/d tractor (9605 hours) in good condition; together with consignments of new tools etc. A full list of entries will be available shortly. For enquiries and/or entries, please contact James Sealy 07753 895716.

HAY AND STRAW SALE SATURDAY 13 MARCH

Our last hay & straw sale will be held next Saturday. Catalogues are available from the office or the web site. Further entries and/or enquiries to James Sealy 07753 895716.

DEFRA ROAD SHOW THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010

DEFRA representatives will be visiting the market to talk face to face with farmers on the following: **EID; BLUE TONGUE; TB; and COST SHARING & THE DRAFT ANIMAL HEALTH BILL.**

PRELIMINARY SALE ANNOUNCEMENT, TUESDAY 11 MAY

By direction of Mr & Mrs AG Briscoe, important unreserved dispersal sale comprising: 18 cows, mostly Herefords with spring born calves at foot; 4 in-calf cows; 41 steers and heifers 8-12 months old and 1 Devon stock bull. Also a well maintained range of arable and grassland machinery, including 4 tractors, Manitou loader, combine harvester, Daihatsu truck, grain trailers, bale trailers etc. To be sold at Hall Farm, Harpole, Northampton, commencing at 2.00 pm with the implements. No extra lots accepted for this sale. Full details available in due course.

PRELIMINARY SALE ANNOUNCEMENT, SATURDAY 3 JULY

By direction of A Baughan and others, annual collective auction sale of agricultural machinery; plant and machinery; lorries; builders materials; timber; tools and collectors items, at Oak Farm, Upper Boddington, Daventry, Northampton. Extra entries invited for this sale. Entry forms available from the office and detailed sales list will be available 14 days prior to the sale.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

The increasing focus and demand for advice and guidance with Environmental Stewardship and the Campaign for the Farmed Environment has led Henry H Bletsoe & Son to develop a working relationship with Kings Game Cover and Conservation Crops. Kings is a division of Frontier Agriculture Ltd, the leading arable trading and input supply business in the UK, with regional offices throughout the Midlands and south of England. Kings supply technical advice and seed products carefully formulated to meet the demanding requirements of land managers throughout the country. Working closely with organisations such as Natural England, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust and the RSPB ensures that the advice and products complement the opportunities presented via Entry and Higher Level Stewardship. Kings appreciate that each scheme agreement often needs an individual approach in terms of ensuring the correct options are selected and appropriate seed products are supplied, to deliver the correct long term requirement. For further details of how they can help you integrate your sporting, farming and stewardship requirements please contact James Sealy or Tom Wrench (01832 732241) or Dan Marriott (07850 585184) of Frontier Agriculture Ltd.

STOCK FOR SALE

- **6 Collie pups**, 3 dogs, 3 bitches (including 1 brown collie), excellent working parents. Please contact Ian How 07976 029283. (Stratford Market)
- **3 pure bred Pedigree** Limousin bulls, 17-20 months. Contact Craig Forsyth 07885 877209.

THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK CENTRE

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**83 VENDORS SOLD 921 HEAD OF STOCK THROUGH
THRAPSTON MARKET THIS WEEK
8 MARCH 2010**

REPORT ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH

PRIME CATTLE AND SHEEP

Prime Sheep sold at 10.00 am - 368 sold

It was very hard work to find this number, but sincere thanks to those regulars that support us every week. There was a tremendous difference in the consignments, some excellent well finished sorts, some well bred sheep but very lean and only just killable, however they all count and they all go in the averages, with today's genuine SQQ 181.6p. Top prices went to C Stancombe & Son £90, £89.50, 3 pens at £88, £85.80, £85.60 and £85; BT Caswell & Son £85 and TJ Collins, all of which ranged from 47 kgs to 57 kgs; handy weights came from TJ Collins £79.50 & £78; Morgan Pell Livestock £78.80; R Banks £76; Little Oxendon Farms £76; Mr & Mrs JR Smith £75.20 and all on £75: CL Fraser & Sons, F & A George and Grange Farms, all in the 40-45 kgs range. Top prices per kg went to Mr AW Millbank 203p; FA Cheney & Son 193p and 186p; Mr & Mrs JR Smith 195p and 192p twice; PWE Henn 193p and TJ Collins 195p all these ranging from 27 kgs to 40 kgs.

Cull Ewes sold at 10.30 am - 99 sold

This was a much better show and grand trade as well. The total entry sold from £20 to £90 and returned £70.80, more could have been well sold. Leading the way this week was Padray Farms at £95, £90 and £80; Little Oxendon Farms £90 & £88; Pentelow Farms £88; PT Harris £81; Morgan Pell Livestock £80; WG Childs & Son £80; TH Branson & Son £78 and Mr & Mrs JR Smith £75.50.

Prime Cattle sold at 11.00 am - 53 sold, 19 steers, 14 heifers, 20 OTM

An excellent show of cattle met a very sound trade. There was 17 cows, mostly from P Lory, 1996, 1997 and a little younger Piedmontese and Blues, all around 90p to 100p and some younger sorts 112p to 130p; OTM steers from both TH Bletsoe & Son and AB Wilkinson (Farmers) Ltd got to 132p. In the under 30 months section, TH Bletsoe & Son 158p for

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For market advice and your entries for next week, please ring the office on 01832 732241, or out of hours ring:
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James Sealy (01832) 736758 or Mobile 07753 895716 or
Paul Goodwin at the office.

Limousin steers and 156p for Blondes; a good run of Continental X steers from AB Wilkinson (Farmers) Ltd saw Limousins to 159p; TR & M Foss got to 151p with South Devon heifers; Etteridge Farms sold some smart Angus steers and heifers, all around 21 months, with steers to 162.5p and heifers 160p; P Dunn sold several useful heifers with Limousins to 158p & 165p and Miss M Merris had Limousin heifers to 153p. Lets hope we can see as many next week. On today's trade we should have more.

REPORT ON STORE SALE SATURDAY 6 MARCH

Store Sheep sold at 10.30 am - 85 sold

A good show met strong competition with the best Suffolk crosses to £70.20 and Charollais £65, both lots from HC & A Reynolds; Suffolks from H Houghton & Son got to £65 and from D Brumell £67.20.

Store Pigs sold at 10.40 am -7 sold

Only a few this week: in-pig Saddleback sows sold to £90 from P York; stores from K Johnstone £28 and an exceptional boar from Mrs J Sherman £155.

Calves sold at 10.45 am - 13 sold

A mixed show met a super trade: Valley Farms had Angus heifers at £220 and £215, 14-15 days; DA & S Gray had 2 Simmental bulls at £342, 4 weeks and C McCann had Blue bulls at £280, Limousin heifers £240, and both Blue and Angus heifers £252; G Hill sold Limousin bulls at £280 and £262 and Friesian bulls £65.

Store Cattle sold at 11.00 am - 294 stores sold, 4 cows & calves, 282 stores

Another grand offering of store cattle, which included all breeds and ages, met another cracking trade, but perhaps just a touch easier than last week. We started with some super cows and calves from D Hancock £1,425, £1,400 and £950; a Hereford bull from PJ Walton made £760 and a feeding Hereford cow from J Dodson made £360. Limousin steers and heifers from Mrs C Grange, 9-13 months were £620 and £550; Pentelow Farms sold some 10 month Continental steers at £555; G Hill had £615 and £595 for Limousin steers and heifers, 10-14 months; T Hill had £690 for an Angus heifer, 18 months and £490 for 10 month Hereford steers; NP & M Russell sold a Simmental steer at £900, 21 months and £635 for Friesian steers 17-18½ months; JP Watts sold Limousin steers 12-16 months at £700 to £770; Angus steers 19-21 months from DA Mills made £650; a run of Angus steers and heifers from Mrs PA McDonald, 8-12 months saw steers to £540, heifers £350; EF Wootton & Son showed some grand quality steers, 10-14 months, Angus to £880 and Salers to £830; JA & P Dickinson got to £910 with Simmental steers, 21 months; Pentelow Farms sold Continental steers, 18-20 months at £865 and £845; P Lory got to £785 with Blue steers and Piedmontese heifers got to £678; GC Horner had 22 month Blonde steers and heifers at £900 & £700; Miss M Merris got to £780 with Limousin steers 13½ months; AJ Day & Son sold a good load of steers and heifers: steers to £970 and heifers £790, all Limousin crosses 17-21 months; G Holgate sold 60 good Continental steers: Charolais £930, Limousin & Saler £890 and Blues £815; P Dunn sold a varied run of stores: Hereford steers £868, heifers £600 and Charolais steers £750; D Hancock sold some very useful steers: Charolais steers £1,090 and £1,040, heifers £828, and Limousin heifers £790; Hales Contractors had £700 for Limousin steers 24 months; AB & P Nightingale got to £930 with Limousin steers, 22-23 months; C Hopperton had £840 for Charolais heifers, 22-25 months; CJ Morphy & Sons got to £815 with Blue steers, 23 months and £705 for Angus yearlings; E Dodson & Son sold 20 month Angus steers to £622; RWH & MJ Fenmore & Son had £750 for a Limousin steer, 23 months; Friesian steers from J & D Bavington, 26 months got to £610, and G Burnham & Son had Simmental steers £830 and Charolais £800, 17-20 months. We do expect a good show of cattle next week.

STRATFORD LIVESTOCK MARKET

Stratford Auctions, Wincot Lands, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8LE. Tel: (Market days only) 01789 721643. www.stratfordauctions.com. Tuesdays sheep sold 10.30 am, Cattle 11.45 am. (Cattle sold on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month).

To make entries and to know what is on offer, contact Brian Pile 07778 970628.

REPORT TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2010

- 327 finished tegs SQQ average 185 p/kg selling to 200.5 p/kg. Top price £/head £90./20 for Charollais
 - 136 store lambs sold to £70 to average £59.50.
 - 70 Cull ewes sold to £89.50 to average £63.50
 - A handful of cattle saw steers to 150 p/kg, heifers to 151 p/kg.
- There will be a good show of store cattle on Tuesday 6 April.

THRAPSTON MARKET CANTEEN

We are looking for a new team in the Market Canteen. We need a cook, 2 helpers and a cleaner. Good rates of pay for two mornings a week. Please contact James Sealy 01832 732241.

HELP FOR HEROES DINNER, FRIDAY 12 MARCH 2010

The Royal Anglian Regiment are holding a fund raising dinner at 7.30 pm at the Park Inn Hotel, Peterborough, featuring guest speaker, drum display, military string quartet and auction. Tickets £45 per head. If you would like to attend, please contact Major Mark Harris 01733 201222.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness we announce the death last week of Derek Ritchie, formerly of Bullymores Lodge, Brigstock. Derek was a fine shepherd and a well respected breeder of Suffolks, Hamps and Clunns. Our thoughts are with his family at this time. A thanksgiving service will take place on Thursday 11 March at 1.00 pm at Wambrook Church, Chard, Somerset.

MEMORIAL NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

A memorial service for Bill Muir will be held on Thursday 11 March at 2.00 pm at All Saints Church, Farrington, Oxfordshire.

SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME 2010 FORMS

The time of year has come again to complete SPS forms. The RPA will mail out SPS forms this week. They will come in two tranches, the first being 75% of forms mailed out in early March, the remainder in early April. EVERYONE should have received their form by 8 April, if not contact the RPA 08456 037777. The deadline for form submission is 17 May 2010, RPA drop in centres will be open from 10 March. Care should be taken when filling in forms, as they will be in a new format; also care should be taken following RLR mapping updates and where entitlements have been traded. If we can assist in any way, please speak to the Agricultural team 01832 732241.

The Holding Number for Thrapston Livestock Centre is 29/242/8000

We are not a dedicated slaughter market. All vendors selling on Thursdays still have to adhere to the 6-day standstill rule.