

STRATFORD MARKET BREEDING SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

This was conducted on the market's adjoining ridge & furrow grass field, attended by a large crowd of sheep producers, and proved a great success for all concerned. Prices achieved were way beyond the expectations of most vendors (resulting in a near 100% clearance) whilst purchasers had the opportunity of selecting from a wonderful quality penning of more than 1,750 sheep.

Judge Mr. John Lea of Stratford most kindly made the following awards:-

Best Pen of NC. Mule Theaves 1st & 3rd WA. Twyman 2nd MJ. Jordan

Best Pen of Suffolk x Theaves 1st & 3rd Foxwood Farms 2nd JD. Lilwall

Best Pen of Suffolk x ewe lambs 1st & 3rd A. North & Sons 2nd S. Peebles

Sale Report

Excellent prices were achieved throughout the sale, though the catalogue was unfortunately short on its original entry, due to the ideal harvesting weather which prevailed on sale day.

628 NC. Mule Theaves sold to terrific enquiry for a marvellous quality offering in general topping at £131 for John Lilwall, £130 for an outstanding draft of two hundred from WA. Twyman, and likewise £130 for John Hutsby's super offering. Medium quality same sold to £122, and lesser sorts to £110.

169 Suffolk x Mule Theaves were a slightly selective trade for those on offer, with John Lilwall again topping the section, having realised £120 with other mediums to £116 for Bill Yardley.

308 Suffolk x Mule Ewe Lambs were again keenly sought, with no end of potential purchasers going home empty-handed. Sally Peebles really 'rang the bell' selling to £86, closely followed by Bill Yardley to £85.50 and John North to £84 (his Sc.Half breeds also selling for the same money). Best of the medium frames sold from £77 to £80, whilst smaller types traded to £71.

422 Store Lambs sold very well too, though there were no large frame lambs penned at this sale but plenty of smaller sorts. Best of the medium frame Suffolk x to £64 for Graham Wealsby, with others from £55 to £62; a top pen of potentially smart conformation but small to medium frame Texels from Tom Sammons realised an astonishing £60 whilst similar sized others sold to £54. There was an abundance of smaller frame/long-term 'keepers' which also looked to be unbelievably dear when topping at £46.20, with the very smalls and plainer sorts selling likewise to £37. Many more wanted for the next special sale on the 14th inst – more than 400 already entered.

83 Aged Ewes attracted keen competition for those forward, with broken-mouthed Mule ewes selling to £76 (for JK. Coldicott) and Cotswolds to £69.50

20 Breeding Rams sold represented a 70% clearance on the day, with Stuart Wise's superb Texel Shearlings taking top honours selling between £425 and £440. Jenny Curtis' Charollais Shearlings and ram lambs peaked at £380 and £310 respectively, whilst Chris Turner's Charollais Shearlings sold to £350.

Sale Results

NC. Mule Theaves sold to £131 averaged £121.72 per head

Suffolk x Mule Theaves sold to £120 averaged £113.05

Suffolk x Mule ewe lambs sold to £86 averaged £78.04

Store lambs sold to £64 averaged £55.22

Rams sold to £440 averaged £324.50

Next Special Sale of Store Lambs at Stratford will be on Tuesday, 14th September with Breeding Theaves, Ewes and Rams on 28th September, 2010

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**56 VENDORS SOLD 963 HEAD OF STOCK THROUGH
THRAPSTON MARKET THIS WEEK
6 SEPTEMBER 2010**

REPORT ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

PRIME CATTLE AND SHEEP

Prime Sheep sold at 10.00 am - 379 sold

The sudden uptake in the weather which has long been overdue, did mean many vendors were far too busy with corn and straw to even think about coming to market with stock, hence a very small entry, as has been seen elsewhere in the country and resulting in a much stronger trade. Prices ranged from 140p to 189p to return 161p overall, and this is for all weights and qualities. Top price per kg, 189p went to NC & S Sheppard & Son; with Suffolks; followed by R Thompson 182p and 178p; G Toseland & Son 173p, 171p, and 170p; JP Watts 171p and 170p; Mrs PJ Whatton 168p; RS Whatton & Son 168p and 166p; NC & S Sheppard & Son 167p and 164p and both on 165p Deacon & Son and Mr & Mrs JR Smith. Leading the way per head JC & JS Helliwell £80; NC & S Sheppard & Son £78.20, £76.60 and £72.80 twice; G Toseland & Son £78 twice and £77; Hall Farms £75; PK Spokes £74; RF Clarke £72.50 and R Thompson £72 twice. Hopefully if the harvest gets done this week, we should see more on offer next week. Please give James Sealy a call as he will be organising the market for Thursday 9 September.

Store Lambs - 8 sold

Just 1 small pen of stores at £60. Don't be afraid to come on a Thursday with a mixed load of Prime lambs, stores and ewes if it suits you, as we always have buyers for every class of sheep.

Cull Ewes sold at 10.30 am - 182 sold

Well they keep coming!, and on this trade, they do want selling. Today's entry sold from £15 to £88 and returned £55. Considering most were Mules, not a bad effort. KS Lee topped the market at £88 and also had £79, £75, and £74; C Corbett had £76; PK Spokes £76, £72

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and £70 and NC & S Sheppard & Son £75.50 and £74.50. Keep them coming, but please ring and let us know.

Prime Cattle sold at 11.00 am - 29 sold, 5 steers, 16 heifers, 8 OTM

Quite a pleasing show met a sharp trade, just a pity there were not a few more cattle on offer. 5 steers sold to 149p to average 142p 16 heifers for to 164p to level at 150p and the OTM's peaked at 107p. Starting with the OTM cattle as always, J Washington had 105.5p for a 960 kgs Charolais cow (£1012.80p); RC Birch 107p for a Simmental cow (£916.99); Black & Whites from BQ Farms sold to 86p and Red Poll cows from RS & MV Dawes got to 89p. In the steers Mrs S Arrowsmith had 140p, 148p, and 149p; P Brightwell 143p, all Continentals; and a Hereford from Morgan Pell Livestock made 130p. There were some very useful heifers about today: Mrs S Arrowsmith topped this section and the market, with Limousins to 160p; Pentelow Farms sold several good Charolais 160p, 158p twice, 153p and 152p and P Brightwell had Limousins at 156p and 152p. More next week please.

REPORT ON STORE SALE SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Sheep sold at 10.30 am - 192 sold

Less sheep this week but a good trade right the way through. Strong store lambs sold to £60 from G Tew but in the main £56 to £58. 9 Herdwick Theaves from S Price & Son £58, broken mouth ewes £44 to £45

Calves sold at 10.45 am - 21 sold

Again, a good show of calves, in the main Friesians. From BQ Farms £53; a trailer load from AG Burton: Belgain Blue bulls on 12 days £170, Angus bulls, the same age £140 to £186, heifers £85 to £120; 9 Friesians, 10 days to 1 month £65 to £90 and £5 to £40. Next week from DA & S Gray, we will have 9 Simmental bull and heifer calves 4 weeks old.

Store Cattle sold at 11.00 am - 152 sold

Another good show of cattle, but with the weather on the turn many peoples minds were on other things, but we carried on. Heifers and calves from Pepper Farm Partnership saw Limousins to £840, Charolais to £825 and Limousins and Belgians £695 to £700. On to younger stores, NC & S Sheppard & Son had Simmental steers, 10-12 months £532 and £550; DA Garlick, 24 month Charolais heifers to £490; from J Washington a superb Hereford steer, 22 months £900 and another 15½ months £595; N & A Colinswood had yearling Charolais bulls £540; GT Deeley had £548 for Friesians 17-18 months; DE & SL Icke showed a good lorry load: Hereford steers, 18 months £600 and heifers £652, 4 pens of Friesians, 17-20 months from £500 to £552; G Holgate cleared 52 cattle this week: Limousin steers 24-26 months £790 and £815, Hereford steers 16-18 months £725, 17-18 months £635 to £645 and heifers 21-26 months £748. Next week we will have another good show of cattle with 20 in-calf cows from Trevor Marks Farms and 50 from D Hancock already entered. Let us know what you have got.

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Dispersal sale due to retirement, from Trevor Marks Farms, Thurning

20 Continental X cows of various ages, PD'd in calf 6-8 months to a Limousin bull, together with a consignment of store lambs and breeding ewes. To be sold in conjunction with the Saturday Store Market.

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER ENTRIES

Chalfont Farms 5 pedigree Black short legged Dexter heifers (approx 3 y o), with calves at foot or in-calf. Been running with pedigree bull since calving; 1 Pedigree Red short legged Dexter cow with Black heifer calf at foot; 1 Pedigree Black long legged Dexter bull, 2 y o; 2 x ¾ bred Belgian Blue heifers, 11 months; 1 x ¾ bred Belgian Blue steer, 11 months; 40 Continental X store lambs.

FORTHCOMING SHEEP SALE TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Entries to date are attached and are also available on the web site.

Entries are still invited for this sale, entry forms are available from the office or web site www.bletsoes.co.uk,

FOR SALE

- **Pedigree Charolais bull**, 18 months old, off grass, home bred. Contact Pinny 01604 781078.
- **4 Patterdale Terrier pups**, all dogs, from working parents, 5 weeks old.. Contact Roger Grange 01832 720360 or 07813 828292.
- **Liver/White Springer Spaniel pups**, 2 dogs/1 bitch, docked, micro chipped, from good working parents, 7 weeks old. Contact 07770 650419
- **Top of the range electric Aga**, black, model Gem/P-F. Contact Chris Beeby 01832 732188

REQUIRED

- **Full time tractor driving position**, Thrapston area, experienced operator. Contact Luke 07895 619221.
- **Harvest/cultivation help** due to sudden illness, Huntingdon area. Contact 07801 668286 or James Sealy 07753 895716.
- **Land & building**, 10 mile radius of Kettering, ideally 20 acres for keeping cattle. Contact Sam Wake 07877 503838
- **AVAILABLE**
- **Land at Yelden** available for late crop of hay and afterwards cattle grazing. Contact James Sealy 07753 895716

MARKET NOTICES & BIOSECURITY

- The CPH Number for Thrapston Market is 29/242/8000
- Please ensure all stock entered is accompanied by an Entry Form; Movement Licence and Food Chain Information Declaration if required.
- We are NOT a dedicated slaughter market. All vendors selling on Thursday's still have to adhere to the 6 day standstill rule.
- The wheel wash is no longer manned. The facility is there for you to use to disinfect your wheels on leaving the market PLEASE DO SO.