

FOR SALE

As a whole 60.75 acres (24.58 Ha), Grade II/III arable land, at Little Catworth
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REPORT ON NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS RALLY.

The rally held on Saturday, at Denford Ash Farm, was a great success thanks to all the hard work from the Northants Young Farmers. There was plenty of action in the main ring, with Towcester YFC winning the Tug of War. After a lot of rigorous training, Thrapston YFC managed a good third!. Thank you to all the Trade Stands who attended, and to those that gave demonstrations. Also a big thank you to the public who turned out and supported the rally.

After hosting a very successful rally, Thrapston Young Farmers are still looking for new members. If you would be interested in joining please contact the Chairman Mike Lord, on 07968 531290.



THRAPSTON YOUNG FARMERS - THE FACES SAY IT ALL!

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.

THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK CENTRE

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**56 VENDORS SOLD 924 HEAD OF STOCK THROUGH
THRAPSTON MARKET THIS WEEK
26 MAY 2009**

REPORT ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009 PRIME CATTLE AND SHEEP

Prime Sheep sold at 10.00 am - 516 sold, 468 New Season lambs, 46 Hoggetts

For the second successive week a cracking trade for New Season lambs. Trade seems to have been very varied from Monday to Wednesday with up to 20p per kg difference. Our average today for the SQQ weight range was 206.6p, perhaps as good as most centres this week. We do have a show and sale of New Season lambs on Thursday and expect to see a very good offering. If you think you will have a pen of 4, please let us know when you book your stock in on Wednesday. Top prices for lambs per head went to NC & S Sheppard & Son £88.20 and £86; TR Mould £87; PR Angood & Son £86.20; P Lucas £85.80, and all on £85: CW Webb & Partners, MG & M Barnes, NC & S Sheppard & Son, and Cartwright Farms. While trade is anything like this we should be selling every possible lamb. Each one sold is one less to depress the trade in a few weeks time. There were a few Hoggs on offer, from just meated sorts to some good sorts. Padray Farms led the way at £85, £80.20 and £75; TJ Collins had £80 and P Sheppard £70. There is still some trade for good Hoggs, but they do want clearing up before they cut their teeth.

Cull Ewes sold at 10.30 am - 71 sold

Not enough to meet demand. Top price was £76 for Suffolk X Mules from DJ & ST Webb. The overall average for all ewes was £55.29 with top prices going to TJ Collins £73.50; Hall Farm £70 and Padray Farms the same price; DJ & ST Webb again with £58 and £55; KJ Crosse £55 twice and HS Underwood & Son £54.50. Another good trade.

BIG ENOUGH TO COPE – SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE

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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.

Prime Cattle sold at 11.00 am - 22 sold, 11 steers, 5 heifers, 6 OTM

For a third week we had some real trade, and it is very hard to understand why we cannot find a few more. There were a couple of lots which failed to arrive this morning, but we will have them next week, so perhaps we could get 30 to 40. The trade warrants that number. The steers sold to 169p, returning 155.1p, the heifers got to 155p averaging 149.9p and the OTM cattle peaked at 130p. In the OTM section J Abernethy sold an older Hereford bull that grossed £1,115; J Corney & Son had a 2004 born steer, weighing 1003 kgs at 134p which came to £1,344 and a 2005 heifer which made 128p; Limousin cows from JD Moulding made 108p and DG Short sold a Limousin steer at 130p. In the under 30 month section TH Bletsoe & Son sold 8 good steers, the best 5 being 169p, 165p, 163p and 156p twice; non farm assured heifers from G Wisson & Son saw Blondes at 155p and 152p and JW Paterson had Charolais steers at 157p and 153p and heifers 153p. To repeat myself, taking weight, quality and costs into account, there is nothing wrong with this trade.

REPORT ON STORE SALE SATURDAY 23 MAY 2009

Store Sheep - 61 ewes with lambs at foot

A very varied show of Tegs and lambs, and ewes and lambs, met a keen enquiry. North Country Mule Tegs and Beltex X lambs at foot, from GE Haynes & Son sold to £148.50 and £130; some pure bred Charollais ewes from MP & RJ Beasley saw ewes with singles at £120 and those with 1.5 lambs £125.50; Mrs E Searle had £114 for a Suffolk X ewe and 2 lambs; FA Cheney & Son had £122 for Mule ewes with twins and Padray Farms got to £110 for Mule ewes & twins

Store Pigs sold - 1 sold

Just one odd sow today at £50. We will have some good weaners next week.

Calves sold at - 7 sold

DA & S Gray came with 4 good Simmental X bull calves, all 4/5 weeks old with 2 at £300 and then £295 and £275. Weaned calves from AR & M Clements & Son saw Hereford steers £318, Simmentals £265 and Limousins £232.

Store Cattle - 248 sold, 14 cows, in-calf or with calves at foot, 228 stores

A good mixed offering was well received, but prices were back on recent weeks. We are getting on in the season, and just at present grass is not plentiful. Strong Simmental heifers, just in calf, with their second calves from AR & M Clements & Son got to £765; in-calf cows from RG Elliott & Son got to £740 and cows and calves £910; a Longhorn heifer and calf from D Hancock got to £780. In the stores AR & M Clements & Son had £500 for 11-13 month Angus heifers; Shorthorn steers from TM Colyer & Sons, 25 months got to £710; a good run of out wintered Limousin yearlings from RWH & MJ Fenimore & Son saw steers to £532 and heifers £518; the Trustees of WV Franklin had £776 for Continental heifers, 27 months; J Hurley & Son sold Limousin steers, 24 months to £900; PM Wilks had 4 month Limousin steers at £530; Miss P Wilks had £705 for a 14 month Piemontese steer; J Sawbridge & Son sold another good load of strong Continental steers 23-25 months with several pens at £900; G Holgate had a good load of steers with 25 month Limousins to £1,040 and Charolais £825 and D Hancock showed 70 good steers and heifers with Charolais steers, 20 months at £940, Blonde heifers £830, Charolais heifers £790, Limousin steers £804, Limousin heifers £710, Friesian steers £680 all with age, and younger Charolais steers and heifers to £690 and £585. There will not be so many about now, but we will be looking for stores every week.

LATE SPRING SHOW AND SALE OF NEW SEASON LAMBS

ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009

2 Classes. Best Pen of 4 lambs, up to 38 kgs average liveweight, and 38½ kgs and above. Any breed. Rosettes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. 1st Prize £15, 2nd Prize £10, 3rd Prize £5. Championship £25, Reserve Champion £15. Entries accepted on day of sale, but advance notification would be appreciated for penning arrangements. Please contact Brian Pile 07778 970628 or James Sealy 07753 895716.

DISPERSAL SALE OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

ON BEHALF OF R BANKS

ON SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM

To include: Massey Ferguson 3090, Case 856 XL, JCB 525B-4 loader; Bedford TL Cattle lorry; New Holland Clayson 8055 Combine c/w 13ft header; Chafer 24m trailed sprayer; Howard rotary muck spreader; Reco fertiliser spreader; Vaderstad 6m rolls; Dowdeswell plough; Weeks 3t tipping trailers; Petit 6t grain trailers. Catalogue being prepared. Other lots by kind permission - all entries via the auctioneers James Sealy 01832 732241/07753 895716

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

ON SATURDAY 11 JULY 2009, COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

AT OAK FARM, UPPER BODDINGTON, DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS

Annual Collective sale of Agricultural Machinery, Plant Equipment, Vehicles, reclaimed Builders Materials, By-gones and various other items on behalf of Andrew Baughan and others. Entries are now invited. Please contact the office 01832 732241 for entry forms and terms and conditions

FOR SALE

- **7 Gloucester Old Spot X Tamworth weaners.** 6-7 weeks old. Please contact Little Catworth Farm 01832 710262 or 07881 950165
- **Pedigree Norfolk terrier puppies and Pedigree Norfolk bitch.** Please contact 01280 850656.

WANTED

- **12 ex battery or similar hens.** Please contact Jez Peters 01604 582655
- **Harvest/Autumn work,** experienced person, no accommodation necessary. Ideally 15 mile radius of Thrapston. Please contact 07768 657558
- **One acre of grazing** for 4 sheep. Ideally Wilby/Wellingborough area. Please contact Miss Brown 01933 225325 or 07769 841996.
- **Summer work** for school leaver, starting Moulton College in September. Ideally farm/outdoor work. Please contact David Morgan 01536 522949.

SHOWS AND EVENTS 2009

The show season is on us once again. Henry H Bletsoe & Son will be attending the following shows, please drop in for a drink and a chat:

Cereals	Weds 10 & Thurs 11 June, Vine Farm, Wendy
Blakesley Show	Saturday 1 August, Blakesley, Towcester
Gransden Show	Saturday 26 September, Great Gransden

For a full list of forthcoming sales and events, please visit our web site at www.bletsoes.co.uk