

# The Market Report

## Livestock Auctioneers Association Chairman – Alastair Brown

We are delighted that our Senior Auctioneer, Alastair Brown, was elected Chairman of the Livestock Auctioneers Association (LAA) on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Al's election to this role is recognition of his contribution to the industry and his involvement with the LAA over many years.



The Livestock Auctioneers Association (LAA)

[www.laa.co.uk](http://www.laa.co.uk) is the national organisation representing auctioneering firms who occupy the livestock auction markets of England and Wales. Its members handle the vast majority of all auction sales of farm livestock and in addition, members conduct non livestock sales such as plant and machinery, horticultural goods, furniture and fine arts, land and property. During Alastair's seven years at Bletsoes he has led the Market team in the expansion and strengthening of the auctioneering services undertaken by Bletsoes. 2022 has seen a huge range of auctions conducted by Bletsoes Market team, including farm dispersal and machinery sales in Warwickshire, Rutland, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

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The Livestock Auctioneers Association aims to develop the system of selling livestock through auction markets and encourage businesses to be efficient in the conduct of the sales, as well as ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare and meeting legislative and trade requirements. The LAA ensures the specialist representation of livestock auctioneers in negotiations and discussions with government, public authorities, national and international representatives and trade organisations.

The Chairman of the LAA is a prestigious and important role and the Partners of Bletsoes are very proud that Al has been elected to this two year post.

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## **Thrapston Forthcoming Events**

**Thursday 24th November**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 25th November**

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

**Saturday 26th November**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 1st December**

Thrapston Fat Stock Show

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 3rd December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Fur, Produce & Sundries

*For further information contact  
Alastair Brown or Jake Wagstaff*

## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

### 601 Prime Lambs

Trade represented the showing of lambs forward on the week. Many farmers were keen to draw with last weeks trade, and unfortunately some drew too hard with lambs under finished or lacking in weight. This seems to have been a national trend with a drop nationally in market prices on the whole. SQQ 232.55p/kg. Finished lambs continued to sell to premiums with JC & JS Helliwell topping to 270p/kg for Beltex cross lambs and £146 for the same style at 54kgs.

**Highlights** – lambs under 40kgs continue to look a fair trade with R & M Arrowsmith topping to £93 for 39kgs Suffolks and other vendors seeing similar prices for meat only; AK Wilson topped with Texel crosses at 45.5kgs to £110 with show of contending rogue lambs at 41.5kgs reaching £109.50; R Jackson penned a smart run of Texels also at 45.5kgs selling to £110; C Stancombe & Son topped their best finished Texel Mule lambs at £108.50 for 44kgs. The heavier lambs of the day saw highs from JP Watts and their Texel crosses topping at £140 for 61kgs; RA Bounds saw similar prices with their Continentals to £131 for 58.5kgs; IS & NK Johnson penned their first draw of the season with 55kg Texel Mules reaching £130; Corney & Sons topped their run with best finished Charollais at 51.5kgs selling to £126; DA Chapman saw a flyer with best shape Charollais at 48.5kgs selling to £126.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
238p	£93.00	221p	£80.00	229.4p	£87.30
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
264p	£110.00	217p	£88.00	232.9p	£100.43
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
260p	£126.00	215p	£105.00	236.8p	£114.72
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
270p	£146.00	146p	£84.00	228.9p	£124.61

### NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

## 109 Culls Ewes & Rams

Prices continued on the same level as recent weeks with the variation in ewes affecting the prices. All in average saw £70.98, ranging from £20 to £130 from R Jackson and their best end Texel ewes, with followers at £110; H Elsdon topped the rams for the day with a thumping Texel ram topping at £123.50; M Turner penned a smart run of Texels of the same stamp reaching £96 and £90; RA Bounds topped the Suffolks at £90; C Stancombe & Son topped the Mules with lean meat ewes to £75.

To	From	Average
£130.00	£20.00	£70.98

## THRAPSTON FAT STOCK SHOW 2022

**Thursday 1st December**

The day will soon be here!!

*Sponsorship Packages are still Available*

*The Schedule of Classes & Entry Forms  
are available Online & in the Market Office*

*TB Exempt Cattle*

*Sheep & Pigs*

*Roots*

***New Special Classes to Include:***

*Best Decorated Christmas Cake*

*Best Homemade Christmas Wreath*

*Best Shaped Christmas Tree (max 6')*

Please forward your entries as soon as possible  
for Lotting & Cataloguing purposes

Catalogue Available Soon

Contact Beth Kitchener 01832 732241

**There is NO Bedford Show this year**

**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

**BREEDING & STORE CATTLE**

**J L Hammond - TB4**

**A Dispersal Sale of a Suckler Herd of Cattle, due to a Change in Farming Policy and a loss of grazing**

11 Aberdeen Angus x Heifers 20-24 Months

*They have run with a Pedigree Aberdeen Angus bull since July*

11 Aberdeen Angus x Heifer 20-24 Months

*Sold Empty*

30 Cows with Calves will be offered for sale by Auction in early December further details will be available soon.

**J Cheney & Son**

3 Hereford In-Calf Cows 4-5 Years

*All PD'd In-calf to Simmental or Hereford – Due January*

**C E Hancock & Son**

24 Store Cattle 15-25 Months

**S A C Holgate**

31 Store Cattle 17-27 Months

**J Bottesch - TB4**

4 Limousin Heifers 18-20 Months

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**Mrs R Creasey**

8 Ryeland Store Lambs

4 Ryeland Shearling Rams

4 Ryeland Feeding Ewes

**NOTICE**

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

**NOTICE**

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

## ANGLIAN WATER GRANTS

For those that are in or closely surrounding the Anglian Water Catchment area there are two grants available to farmers. Firstly the Farm Innovation Grant, a grant designed at protecting raw water quality, by reducing soil erosion and pollutants getting into the watercourse. There is no set criteria for this grant, and anything to protect water from nutrients, pesticides, pathogen or soil loss will be considered. This could consist of Direct Drills, Buffer Strips, precision machinery or variable rate software, together with many other options.

### About the Grant

- Max £7500 per holding
- Competitive Grant scored against; Location, Delivery, Cost Justification and connectivity to drinking water.
- Closing date 30th November 2022

Secondly The Farmer Training Grant is available to raise knowledge of farming practices linked to potential raw water quality improvements. The grant is available to one person per farm business on a first come first served basis. The grant will cover up to 50% of the training/event cost, with a limit of £500.

- 50% of training or event costs up to £500
- First Come First Served basis
- Closing date 30th November 2022

If you would like any further information, please do get in contact with Rob Russell or another member of the Agricultural Team

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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Cows & Calves** sold to £1200 for a 10 year old Hereford cow with a 1 month heifer calf at foot from HM & NJ How; M Turner sold an empty Simmental cow to £1100; M & M Hutton sold an empty Bazidaise cow to £1140; ATC Lepper & Son entered two empty Hereford cows which sold to £760; AB Spackman sold an empty Angus cow to £700; and KJ Ransome sold an Angus cow to £640. Two Simmental **Bulls** from NP & MJ Russell sold to £900 for a 13 month and an over 16 month sold to £800.

**Stores:** J Andrew & Son sold their Charolais to £1110 for a 20 month steer and their 16-28 month Charolais sold to £640; JP Watts sold a 20 month Limousin steer to £1050; RA Bounds sold Hereford steers 19-21 months to £1010 and their heifers to £900; Eastern Farms sold 14-19 month Charolais heifers to £1065; H Houghton & Son sold 2 year old British Blue steers to £1000 and heifers to £870; Corney & Sons Ltd sold Limousin heifers to £950; M Turner sold 16 month Limousin steers to £870, 17 month Hereford steers to £820 and heifers to £740; J Bottesch sold 18 month Limousin steers to £1170; KJ Ransome sold a 25 month Angus steer to £1145; B Wagstaff sold 12 month Black & White steers to £600; AB Spackman sold a 20 month Angus steer to £1040; J Caden sold 7-19 month Charolais steers to £1040 from £900; JI Holmes sold 15-17 month Angus steers to £790 and heifers to £640; J & D Bavington sold an 18 month Limousin steer to £970; ATC Lepper & Son sold an 18 month Limousin steer to £930, 19-23 month British Blue steers to £850, Limousin steers to £840 and Blue heifers to £700; J Howkins & Son sold their selection of over 30 month steers to include Blues, Herefords and Angus to £1340 from £1000 and younger sorts 25-29 months to £1030 from £960.

### **Calves**

AG Burton sold a Welsh Black bull to £140, Angus bulls to £120, Black & White bulls to £40; WJ Robinson sold Blue bulls to £310, heifers to £220, Angus bulls to £200; JEG James sold Blue bulls to £220 and Angus bulls to £150; J & S Arrowsmith sold Angus stirks to £325; FH Pullin & Son sold Black & White bulls to £45.

### **Pigs**

C Purse sold weaned pigs to £50; HJ Brooks & Sons sold theirs to £42; DJ Frost sold theirs to £24; Fineseasons sold theirs to £10; Mrs D Morris sold to £20 and two KuneKune pigs sold to £1.

## Goats

A 4 year old Nanny goat sold to £75 and 10 month kids sold to £35 from SH & RS Whinney.

## 196 Store & Breeding Sheep

**Store lambs** - Momentum continues to build in the store lambs with another top end average of £74.56. Short term lamb trade has lifted alongside the longest term lambs still looking off the clock dear. S Gawthroup topped the day with a smart showing of Texel lambs selling to £103.50 in forward condition with ram lambs of the same style reaching £97; Letchworth Garden City had a tidy show of meated Charollais at £95; JH Jones & Son drew a run of fifty Charollais cross lambs with the tightest skins topping to £83 followed by £75.50 and £72.50; J Lepper drew a run of Charollais crosses with one buyer taking the whole run at £79.50! FC Lester & Son drew the usual goods with well bred smaller Suffolk lambs reaching £75; H Houghton & Son saw similar goods at £74.50. Very little were seen sub £60 regardless of the longevity.

**Feeding ewes** - Prices continue along the same path with an average of £54.82. S Gawthroup topped to £105 for best end Suffolk ewes, with Letchworth Garden City topping at £73 for thick Charollais ewes. Leaner ewes were seen at mid £50's with end of life feeders still around £40.

# THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Incorporating

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

## Fat Stock Dinner

on

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm

*Tickets - £40 per person / £30 Young Farmers*

*Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630*



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## COLLECTIVE SALES OF HAY, STRAW & FODDER

### 2022

### Next Sale

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

In the main cattle sale ring at 11am

All types of Hay, Straw, Silage & Haylage required.  
Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

For Entry Forms & Catalogues, visit [www.bletsoes.co.uk](http://www.bletsoes.co.uk)

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# Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
at 5pm*

**To be held at Thrapston Livestock Market**

A large, golden-brown roasted turkey is the central focus, surrounded by fresh green herbs and small red tomatoes. The turkey is presented on a white platter.

Entries are invited to include  
all types of oven ready birds and meats.

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,  
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants. Long Legged & Feathered Poultry  
sections will also be available.

**Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office**



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## Wool and Wellness Campaign

### Knitters Needed!!

As part of a nationwide campaign between the Farming Community Network (FCN) and British Wool, **Bletsoes** want to support the FCN and raise awareness of the importance of good mental health in farming, particularly in the winter months.

**Bletsoes** are supporting the campaign by providing the British wool and pattern. Are you able to help by volunteering to knit a hat which we will then give out to farmers at our Thrapston Christmas Fatstock Show on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022** or on other market days this winter.

Three simple steps:

- Knit your hat out of British Wool
- Sew the FCN Helpline label into the hat
- Gift the hat to our Thrapston Office, for Bletsoes to distribute in the market.

**Bletsoes** have sourced a supply of British Wool which we will provide on a 'first come, first served basis' together with a pattern, ball of British wool and the FCN Helpline label. Please telephone Sarah Haines on 01832 732241 to request the wool, pattern and label.

This is a nationwide campaign, and you are welcome to support it by following this link <https://fcn.org.uk/wool-and-wellness/> and you can download the Wool and Wellness pattern, order the wool and label and then gift your hat to a farmer/friend in your local area.

This is a great cause and we hope you will join us in supporting it.

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