

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 14th 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 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 AI has been elected to this two year post.

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 29th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Thursday 1st December

Thrapston Fat Stock Show

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 6th December

Stratford Fat Stock Show

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

Tuesday 13th December

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales
please contact the Market Team*

REPORT FOR TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

11 Lights – Sold to 240p for 32kg lambs from KR Evans; 237p for 32kg lambs from Kingsmoor Farm Ltd; 233p for 31kg lambs from A & KM Byrd. Top price per head £76.80 for KR Evans; £75.84 for Kingsmoor Farm Ltd; and £72.23 for A & KM Byrd.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 240p | £76.80 | 228p | £68.40 | 234.3p | £73.07 |

105 Standards – Sold to 247p for 38kg lambs from J & M Ironmonger; 240p for 34kg for TO Withers; 239p for 37.5kg lambs from RM Phillips & Partners; 235.5p for 39kg lambs from RJ White; 235p for 38kg lambs from A & KM Byrd; 235p for 36kg lambs from Kingsmoor Farm Ltd; 235p for 37.5kg lambs from RW Kerby; and 233.5p for 38kg lambs from WJ Barnett & Son. Top price per head £93.86 for J & M Ironmonger; £93.02 for RM Phillips & Partners; and £91.85 for RJ White.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 247p | £93.86 | 229p | £80.04 | 235.8p | £88.34 |

108 Mediums – Sold to 246p for 43.5kg lambs from G Benfield; 243p for 42kg lambs from R Righton; 241.5p for 40kg lambs from Kingsmoor Farms Ltd; 239.5p for 40kg lambs from J & M Ironmonger; 239.5p for 42.5kg lambs from ET Mawby; 239.5p for 40kg lambs from Len Hawes; 238.5p for 42kg lambs from TJ Hyatt; 238p for 42kg lambs from Mark Taylor; and 237.5p for 39.5kg lambs from RM Phillips & Partners. Top price per head £107.01 for G Benfield; £105.69 for J & M Ironmonger; £102.06 for R Righton; and £101.79 for ET Mawby.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 246p | £107.01 | 228p | £90.65 | 235.5p | £95.99 |

48 Heavies – Sold to 259p for 47kg lambs from DM & A Andrews; 242.5p for 47.5kg lambs from D Shortt; 242.5p for 47kg lambs from J & M Ironmonger; 240p for 46.5kg lambs from TJ Hyatt; and 238p for 47kg lambs from A & KM Byrd. Top price per head £121.73 for DM & A Andrews; £119.74 for TJ Hyatt; and £115.68 for D Shortt.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 259p | £121.73 | 232.5p | £111.60 | 239.9p | £115.69 |



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

140 Store Lambs

Sold to £88 for AR & PR Whitmill; £87 for WJ Barnett & Son; £84 for T Young; £79 for AW Wheeler; £78 for R Peach; £75 for J & M Ironmonger; and £74.50 for T Young.

| To | From | Average |
|--------|--------|---------|
| £88.00 | £44.00 | £73.17 |

173 Cull Ewes & Rams

Sold to £129 for CJ & L Vernon-Miller; £119 for B Stew; £113 for R Righton; £107 for G Benfield. Mules sold to £96 for R Righton.

| To | From | Average |
|---------|--------|---------|
| £129.00 | £19.00 | £72.91 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6th December
Stratford Fat Stock Show
See poster for further details

Tuesday 20th December
Christmas Sale of Dressed Poultry

*Further information will be available in the coming weeks.
Please contact the Market Team*

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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FARM ASSURANCE ACCREDITATION & SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE

For those that are Farm Assured or looking to go Farm Assured, in order to gain the accreditation, all future Farm Assurance inspections will require a Soil Management Plan for each individual field. In order to undertake a Soil Management Plan, you need:

- field identification;
- the characteristics of the field and soil;
- whether the field is prone to soil erosion;
- management issues, (which might include matters such as compaction);
- management proposals to reduce the risk such as establishing grass buffer strips; and
- note any soil issues that arise during the year final review, such as run-off or erosion.

The link that this new requirement for the Farm Assurance has with the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is that under the Sustainable Farming Incentive Soil Standards, it is also a requirement to have a Soil Management Plan. For those that are thinking about dipping their toe into the Sustainable Farming Incentive, it means that by complying with your obligations under Farm Assurance you will already be undertaking some of the measures that are needed to fulfil the SFI, and overall reducing the workload to be eligible for the SFI.

If you would like any further information on this new requirement under the Farm Assurance or Sustainable Farming Incentive, please do get in contact with Rob Russell or another member of the Agricultural Team.

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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 Stratford Christmas Fatstock Show on **Tuesday 6th 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.

#WoolAndWellness

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Christmas Prime Stock Show & Sale

*Tuesday 6th December at 10.30am,
Judging at 10am*

Classes:

- 1 - Best Pen of 3 Continental Lambs**
- 2 - Best Pen of 3 Native Bred Lambs**
- 3 – Best Single or Pen of Cull Ewes**
- 4 – Champion & Reserve Champion**

Prize Cards & Prize Money will be awarded to the top 3 places

Please forward your entries to Alastair as soon as possible.

Bletsoes

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Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Tuesday 20th December
at 12 noon*

To be held at Stratford Livestock Market

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

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants.

Long Legged & Other Poultry sections will also be available.

Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office