

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 6th February**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 8th February**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs  
Sale of Pet Food & Sundries

**Thursday 13th February**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 15th February**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 20th February**

Prime & Cull Sheep

*For further information on any of the sales  
Please contact a member of the Market Team*

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

***Please Up-date your VAN number.  
It may impact the price of your sheep.***

### **Prime Hogs**

**Lights** - 31.5kg hogs sold to 300p or 94.50 for Hootens Farm Ltd.

To		From		Average	
300p	£94.50	300p	£94.50	300p	£94.50

**Standards** - Topping at £145 or 377p for 38.5kg hogs from A J Geary; MR Peters & Son sold 39kg hogs to £133 or 341p; RW Spencer & Son sold to £125 or 321p for 39kg hogs; CW Webb & Partners sold 35.5kg hogs to 110p or 310p; DJ & AL Underwood sold 37kg hogs to £111 or 300p; RJ & WR Crosse, Hitchin sold 37.5kg hogs to £110 or 293p; *Southdown* hogs weighing 33kg sold to £92.50 or 280p for P Goldsworthy.

To		From		Average	
377p	£145.00	276p	£92.50	303p	£113.22

**Mediums** - The prices reached £139 for 45kg hogs from PJ Browning; £138 for 44kg hogs from RW Spencer & Son; £137 for 45.5kg hogs from AJ Geary; and £136 for 45kg hogs from Park End Farming Ltd. Pence per kilo reached 323p for 40kg hogs from D Sansom; 320p for 41.5kg hogs from AJ Geary; 314p for RW Spencer & Son; and 311p for MR Peters & Son.

To		From		Average	
323p	£139.00	244p	£100.00	300.2p	£128.75

**Heavies** - Prices reached £163 for 48kg hogs from Cartwright Farms with others at £158 and £157; R Truss sold his to £156 for 50kg hogs; O Asplen sold to £154 for 50.5kg hogs; RJ & WR Crosse sold to £150; and Park End Farming Ltd sold to £146.50 with 49kg hogs. Pence per kilo sold to 343p for Cartwright Farms with others to 340p and 327p; Park End Farming sold to 317p; and R Truss to 309p.

To		From		Average	
343p	£163.00	260p	£125.00	308.6p	£149.73

**Over 52kg** - Prices reached £170 or 315p for 54kg hogs from C J White with their others to £165; Park End Farming sold hogs to £162 or 287p; and R Truss sold to £154.

To		From		Average	
315p	£170.00	256p	£142.00	279.9p	£159.19

## Cull Ewes & Rams

Prices reached £169 for ewes from Morgan-Pell Livestock; E Sansom & Son sold ewes to £164; R Truss sold ewes to £143; RJ & WR Crosse sold ewes to £140. Mules sold to £129 for E Sansom & Son; Suffolks sold to £123 for CW Webb & Partners.

To	From	Average
£169.00	£60.00	£122.20

### NOTICE

We are sorry to announce that John Tibbits of Top Lodge, Kelmarsh passed away on Saturday 25th January at the age of 97. John was a regular vendor to Thrapston Market on a Thursday with his sheep. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 19th February at 1pm at Arthingworth Church.

### GRASS KEEP AVAILABLE

Approximately 30 acres of winter grass keep for sheep grazing only.

Located in Hargrave, Northamptonshire.

For more information contact George Pullin:

07487 526887 or [george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:george.pullin@bletsoes.co.uk)

Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

[eddie.smith@talk21.com](mailto:eddie.smith@talk21.com)

### NOTICE

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

### NOTICE

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

# **REPORT FOR FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY**

## **Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale**

A busy start to the year with plenty of lots on offer and a massive crowd to sell too. A great clearance overall, the machinery was especially in high demand with a 22 year old JCB Loadall selling to £12,000, all the trailers sold well over the vendors expectations.

Sales will be held on the last Friday of each month up to November in 2025. If you have any items to sell, advertising pays, please contact us for further details regarding marketing your items.

### **Top prices achieved**

£12,000.00	JCB 526 Loadall
£8,000.00	Sumo GLS & Sumo Seeder
£4,800.00	New Holland Proted 660 Tedder
£2,800.00	Workshop Trailer
£2,700.00	Ifor Williams Livestock Trailer
£2,650.00	Ifor Williams Tri-Axle Trailer
£2,200.00	Ifor Williams Tipper Trailer
£1,900.00	Kongsilde Vibro Flex
£1,800.00	Nugent Stock Trailer
£1,800.00	Ferri Reco Hedgecutter
£1,500.00	Honda Quad Bike
£1,450.00	Polaris Quad Bike
£1,450.00	Cattle Crush
£1,400.00	2006 Landrover Freelander
£1,300.00	Box Trailer & Ramps
£1,100.00	20' Shipping Container
£1,000.00	Lighting Tower
£880.00	Diesel Bowser
£750.00	Indespension Plant Trailer
£650.00	Calf Pens
£650.00	Grain Trailer
£600.00	Logic Snacker
£500.00	Bale Trailer
£500.00	Smoking Shelter
£450.00	Compact Rotavator
£400.00	Wessex Paddock Sweeper

## HAY, STRAW & FODDER

100 x 4' Round Bales of 2024 Hay - *McHale Baler - Chopped. Stored Undercover Suitable for Horses, Cattle & Sheep. Available in quantities to suit.*

30 x 4' Round Bales of Whole Crop Wheat Silage

Assist & Loading Facilities.

Located Orton, Northamptonshire. Contact Richard 07795 170864

30 x Quadrant Bales of Barley Straw

Stored Undercover

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Shutlanger, Northants. Contact Robert 07762 164552

100 x Baron Packs of Meadow Hay

100 x Baron Packs of Wheat & Barley Straw

Baron packs are 21 conventional bales.

Stored Undercover

Assist & Loading Facilities.

Delivery can be arranged at cost.

Located: Hay-Oundle / Straw-Farcet. Contact Craig 07742 078144

200T of Fodder Beet

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Wimblington, Cambs. Contact Ian 07976 605522

Fodder Beet

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Cransley, Northants. Contact John 07774 269403

300 x Claas Quadrant Bales of Wheat Straw

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Newborough, Peterborough. Contact Robert 07791 036662

300 x 4' Round Net Wrapped Bales of Hay

Stored Undercover

Assist & Loading Facilities.

Located Stoke Goldington, Bucks. Contact David 01908 551423

100 x Big Bales (8'x4') Good Quality Barley Straw

Stored Undercover

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Lyddington, Rutland. Contact Peter 07802 264361

## REPORT FOR SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

6-13 month dairy bred stores sold to £740 for a Norwegian Red steer, heifers to £485, 6-7 months Holstein bulls sold to £350 shown by R Booth; 20 month Angus steers sold to £1380 from R Munns; JD Holland sold 4 month Angus heifers to £700, bulls to £640 and steers to £650; H Houghton & Son sold sixteen Blue steers and heifers 23-28 months to £1860 for steers and £1790 for heifers; NP & MJ Russell sold Simmental heifers to £2100 and £1900; MA Hunt sold a 21 month Beef Shorthorn heifer to £1250 and a 19 month Simmental heifer to £1120; R Jones & Son sold 24 month Hereford steers to £1600 from £1490; TJ Tye sold 20 month heifers to £1590 from £1440; GWM Farms sold a 33 month Hereford heifer to £1260 and a 27 month Angus to £1250; J Towers sold 10-13 month Beef Shorthorn heifers to £1260 from £880; J & D Bavington sold 23 month Limousin steers to £1320 and a 29 month Angus steer to £840.

### **Calves**

British Blues sold to £310 for bulls and £300 for heifers all from JEG James; one other from NB Brunt sold to £150 for a Blue x bull.

### **Pigs**

Berkshire pigs sold to £95 for Courtenhall Farms and micro pigs sold to £25 for N Jordan.

### **Goats**

Sold to £250 for Pygmy Nannies from PG Duffin & Son; Toggenburg Nannies in-kid sold to £105 for NB Brunt and Pedigree Boers sold to £95.

### **Store & Breeding Sheep**

Pedigree Suffolk **In-lamb Ewes** sold to £300 for M Fenemore; Morgan-Pell Livestock sold seventeen Continental ewes, scanned with triplets to £280 to average £240; A Dorset ewe with two lambs sold to £270 or £90 a life from L Smith.

**Store Lambs** sold to £156 for AC Downing; M Bowden sold theirs to £101; James Griffin Farming sold stores to £99; B Connor sold store to £124; Miss R Morris sold to £102; R King to £79.50 from £27; JEJ Harrison & Son sold to £92.50 from £27; W Veal sold stores to £145, £140 from £100; J Pringle sold stores to £140; CJ Harris sold his to £124; AJ Geary sold his to £115; NP & MJ Russell sold theirs to £100 from £92. Woodbridge & Wallace sold ewe lambs to £152 and store lambs to £134; H Houghton & Son sold their pen of stores to £94.

**Feeding Ewes & Rams** sold to £158 for a Charollais Ram from J Pringle and their ewes to £127; M Bowden sold to £128; B Connor sold ewes to £129; P & J Green sold Suffolk ewes to £129 from £72 for Mules; AJ Geary sold ewes to £111; S Tunncliffe sold ewes to £130 from £50.

### **Ponies**

Two donkeys, one with a foal sold to £620 and the other in foal to £500. Miniature fillies sold to £490 from £450, colts to £100; a 2 year old filly sold to £400 and yearling colts, a grey and a chestnut sold to £140.

### **Poultry & Sundries**

With the January blues fading there was plenty of optimism at the February Smallholders Sale with buyers keen to spend. Another packed yard for the Sundries and something for everyone, a small Anvil with a stand sold for £300; A collection of Brass Pig money boxes hard fought over making £161; Sheep equipment ever popular, 3 x electric fence wire reels and 4 x posts to £140 a lot from £100; 10 x hay baskets £120 a lot; Race gates £100 each; 4 x sheep hurdles £93 a lot; Troughs £25; Gun Cabinet £55; Pig Boot Scraper £60; Wheelbarrows to £120 from £5; Calving Jack £20; A Selection of new gates, £80 for 15ft, £40 for 12ft. £20 for 9ft; Poultry coops to £35; Lifting Chains to £55 from £30. A selection of bare root trees and hedging plants proved popular, Silver Birch to £35 each; Scarlett Hawthorn to £31 each from £25; Gold Contorted Willow £35; Conifers to £40; Hedging Whips to £32 for 50 from £18.

A good seasonal entry of Hatching Eggs saw demand for cream Legbars selling to £13 from £7; Rhode Island Reds sold to £13; Gold Silkies to £12; Copper Blacks & Isabella Brahmas to £11; the others sold from £2-£10. Quail eggs sold to £1 a tray.

A smaller entry of poultry but a fantastic trade throughout. Topping at £55 a bird for a pair of Tufted Ducks; Mandarin Ducks close behind at £36 each; Muscovy's to £22 from £18; Exchequer Leghorns proving popular to £21 a bird; Ko Shamos £32 from £22 per bird. Plenty of demand for cockerels seeing them fought over to top at £32 a bird. A bronze Turkey stag £40.

Next Sale 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Remember to book your cages!

### **NOTICE**

Please be respectful of the neighbours to Thrapston Market and park responsibly.

**SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**R Booth - TB4**

6 Hereford & Angus Steers & Heifers  
4 Friesian Steers

8-10 Months  
11 Months

**C E Hancock & Son**

14 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

**S A C Holgate**

23 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

**CALVES**

**Sunbeam Farms - TB4**

2 British Blue Bulls  
3 British Blue Heifers  
2 Angus Bulls  
2 Angus Heifers

All 4-8 Weeks

**PIGS**

**B Cranwell**

8 Middle White x Large White Weaners  
1 Duroc x Pietrain Finished Boar  
1 Duroc x Pietrain Boar

10 Weeks  
5 Months  
5 Months

**GOATS**

**M A Truslow & Partners**

1 Pygmy x Golden Guernsey Billy

12 Months

**S H & R S Whinney**

2 Saanen Wether Kids

8 Months

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**S H & R S Whinney**

6 Store Lambs

**SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**S G C Hill - Farm Assured**

10 Charolais x Steers  
*Suckler Bred, Homebred*

12 Months

**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.

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## THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

## SALE OF PET FOOD & SUNDRIES

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
February – 12NOON

Market Road, Thrapston, Northamptonshire. NN14 4JU

For Further Information please contact 01832 732241



# Renew your VAN Number

EU legislation requires a Veterinary Attestation Number (VAN) or Farm Assurance status to sell livestock for slaughter for export outside of the UK.

VAN numbers expire every 12 months  
**Don't forget to renew.**

Speak to your local Veterinary Practise to renew.

Share your new VAN number  
with your mart.

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## An Auction



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 1.00pm**

*At Thrapston Livestock Market  
Market Road, Thrapston. NN14 4JU*

Entries by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**NO** entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener 07736 143630

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## The Rural Communities Cancer Project

Research shows people in rural communities often have more advanced cancer when they are diagnosed and are 5% less likely to survive than people in urban areas. Farmers often won't get checked until the last minute, and migrant / seasonal workers can face extra barriers in accessing care. We need your help to change this.

Help us to **Nip it in the Bud** by supporting our campaign.

### How can you support the **#NipItInTheBud** campaign?

- Download our campaign toolkit
- Share graphics on social media using the hashtag **#NipItInTheBud**
- Raise awareness of Macmillan Cancer Support and other help available
- Put our posters up in your communities, businesses and places of work
- Invite FCN to deliver cancer awareness presentations / training
- Include information about the campaign in newsletters etc.
- Help us to give a voice to people who have experienced cancer in farming and rural communities
- Share your story or experience
- Become an FCN FarmWell volunteer in your community

*Take our survey to help us understand barriers our rural communities face*



Visit [fcn.org.uk/cancersupport](https://fcn.org.uk/cancersupport) for more information on who to contact in your region or email: [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk)



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