

# The Market Report

## DECEMBER PONDERINGS

### Grant Schemes & Funding Opportunities

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) have launched the Slurry Infrastructure Grant, to provide help towards farm businesses upgrading their on-farm slurry storage. The grant is to fund works which will upgrade the Slurry Storage System to provide up to 6 months storage for the current demands of the farm business. Grants from £25,000 up to £250,000 are available based upon fixed contributions. Payments are made in arrears once you have completed the works. The grant is open from 6 December 2022 to 31 January 2023. Applications are via a two-stage approach with the initial application to assess your eligibility. Examples of the funding available:

- above-ground steel slurry stores - £31.50 per m<sup>3</sup>
- precast circular concrete slurry stores - £26.17 per m<sup>3</sup>
- earth bank lagoons without synthetic liner - £10.08 per m<sup>3</sup>
- earth bank lagoons with synthetic liner - £18.22 per m<sup>3</sup>
- Payments for concrete panel stores; slurry bags; pipes, pumps, reception pits, agitators and safety equipment.

As Basic Payments reduce and potentially leave a void within farm incomes, do consider a Countryside Stewardship agreement (if you haven't already). Applications will open again in early Spring. This will be the last opportunity to apply for Countryside Stewardship, as it will be replaced by Environmental Land

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Management Scheme (ELMS). Please contact a member of the Agricultural team if you would like to discuss the options and possible payments that would be available for your farm.

ELMS is still evolving and we await details of the funding opportunities that will be available. The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) was launched earlier this year as part of ELMS. SFI agreements last for 3 years and have the flexibility to be amended every 12 months in terms of increasing the level of standards or adding additional land. There are three standards (options): the arable and horticultural soils; grassland soils; moorland and rough grazing. Payment rates range from £22 - £58 per hectare dependant on the standard and level selected. If you would like to find out more or make an application, please contact Rob Russell.

### **Farm & Rural Land Agency**

Bletsoes have recently launched 12.5 acres of pasture and amenity land at Wilstead Hill, Haynes, Bedfordshire. If you would like further details, please contact Richard Spendlove. We are hoping to offer a range of properties throughout 2023, both on the open market and privately. If you are looking for property of any type, please do contact a member of the team to register your potential interest.

### **Seasons Greetings**

The team at Bletsoes would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2023 and seeing you at one of the Shows that we will be attending:

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Bedfordshire YFC Rally, Hulcote MK17 8BT
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Northamptonshire YFC Rally, Kelmarsh (tbc)
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Cereals, Thoresby Estate, Perlethorpe, Newark (NG22 9EQ)
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Blakesley Show, Maidford (NN12 8HH)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Gransden Show, Great Gransden SG19 3AW

Please do contact the Agricultural team directly on 01832 732241 to discuss any of the above or any other matters. We will be very pleased to speak to you.

**Richard Spendlove**  
**Rural Chartered Surveyor**



# Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 8th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 9th December**

Thrapston Fat Stock Dinner

*Please see main advert for more information*

**Saturday 10th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

**Thursday 15th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 17th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Wednesday 21st December**

Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*For further information contact  
Alastair Brown or Jake Wagstaff*

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

**Thrapston and District Fatstock Show** saw another fantastic turnout with 758 Prime Lambs and 168 Culls forward. The days judging was undertaken by Mr Patrick Mould of Padray Farms & Butchery. CW Webb & Partners took the Champion pen of the day with their 59kgs Charollais lambs selling to £208; F & SM Stamper took the place of Reserve Champion with 45kg Beltex lambs topping to £164.

### **Class 1 \*\*\*\***

- 1st AJ Geary with Beltex at 36.5kgs selling to £118.50
- 2nd F&SM Stamper with Texel crosses at 37.5kgs selling to £110
- 3rd C Crosby with Texels at 36kgs selling to £90

### **Class 2 \*\*\*\***

- 1st F & SM Stamper with Beltex at 45kgs selling to £164 (**Reserve Champion**)
- 2nd AJ Geary with Beltex at 43kgs selling to £127.50
- 3rd S Hubbard with Texels at 45kgs selling to £126

### **Class 3 \*\*\*\***

- 1st CW Webb & Partners Charollais at 59kgs selling to £208 (**Champion**)
- 2nd CW Webb & Partners with Continentals at 52.5kgs selling to £136
- 3rd AJ Geary with Beltex at 49.5kgs selling to £146

### **Best Pen of 3 from a Novice Exhibitionist**

- 1st S Hubbard with Beltex at 47kgs selling to £135
- 2nd CJ Whitehead & Son with Texels at 42kgs selling to £116
- 3rd Sofia Grange with Texels at 41kgs selling to £101

### **Best Pen of 6 Lambs**

- 1st S Hubbard with Texels at 47kgs selling to £129.50
- 2nd M Turner with 51kg Texels selling to £145
- 3rd CW Webb & Partners with Texel crosses at 55.5kgs selling to £137

### **Best Pen of 3 Native Breeds**

- 1st CW Webb & Partners with Suffolks at 54kgs selling to £131
- 2nd SJ Leedham with Suffolks at 55kgs selling to £128
- 3rd NP & MJ Russell with 49kg Rylands selling to £115

Trade on the day saw a fantastic turnout for the show lambs with three more active accounts in the alleys. The commercials saw a stickier trade with prices looking to have come back at the end of the week. Lambs under 41kgs hard sold but export

lambs with best conformation saw a trade of their own. Finished lambs continue to make the prices with lean lambs paying the penalties. SQQ 250.65p/kg.

**Commercial Highlights** - PM Bonner topped the lighter lambs with their usual standard of Texels selling to £92 for 36kgs; with C Major seeing the same best end lambs at 36.5kgs sell to £90; Guilford & Sons topped their showing with smart Texels at 43.5kgs top to £125. Heavier types saw E Brooks and their Blue Texel lambs at 49kgs fly to £130; Pentelow Farms topped their run with smart shape Texels at 49kgs topping to £127; John Gowling & Sons drew a fantastic run of best Charollais and Continental lambs at 51kgs reaching £125 with their 49kgs to £124; R & M Arrowsmith topped the Suffolks with lambs at 50kgs selling to £124; CJ Whitehead & Son saw another quality run of Texel crosses at 48kgs top to £123; TA Stubbs topped the commercials for the day with a proper entry of Charollais seeing a pen of 60kgs lambs at £154 and 55.5kgs to £149.

| To                             |         | From |         | Average |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 325p                           | £118.50 | 190p | £74.00  | 233.5p  | £86.75  |
| <b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b> |         |      |         |         |         |
| 364p                           | £164.00 | 221p | £90.00  | 253.6p  | £108.11 |
| <b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>   |         |      |         |         |         |
| 295p                           | £146.00 | 218p | £103.50 | 247.3p  | £119.38 |
| <b>Over 52kg</b>               |         |      |         |         |         |
| 353p                           | £208.00 | 207p | £120.00 | 244.5p  | £134.57 |

### 168 Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade seems to have comparably lifted on the week with one of the best shows in recent times, meat ewes saw clear premiums with big leaner meat types coming up trumps in comparison. All in average saw £85.19. PM Bonner topped the day with a serious showing of quality seeing best shape Texel ewes reach £175 with smaller frame same style ewes at £165; E Brooks topped their run with a Blue Texel ram to £140; TA Stubbs saw their thick Continental ewes to £140 for the same stamp of goods; ED Jones topped at £135 for extreme Beltex ewes; JR Smith & Son penned a fantastic run of Continental ewes seeing leaner types top at £134; Little Oxendon Farms had the best of the Suffolks with monstrous ewes to £131; John Gowling & Sons topped the Mules for the day with big framed good meat ewes to £90.

| To      | From   | Average |
|---------|--------|---------|
| £175.00 | £45.00 | £85.19  |

## **Cattle Classes**

**Champion Beast** sold to 312p/kg weighing 510kg from WA Yeomans & Son, they also took **Reserve Champion** which sold to 300p/kg weighing 525kg. Other heavier steers from EF Wootton & Son sold to 270p/kg weighing 590kg with their heaviest grossing £1755.60; DG Short sold his to 249p/kg weighing 680kg; and **Native Breed** class winners from HM & NJ How sold to 260p/kg weighing 480kg for a Hereford.

## **Pig Classes**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize was awarded to RJ Clark with two pigs selling to £80, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize pigs went to K Ives and sold for £80 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize pigs from D Torisi sold to £80.

## **Specimen Roots Classes**

With the shortage of fodder this year, entries were good. After all the judging they were auctioned off for the Charity, with Hay bales selling to £20, Straw to £13, Fodder Beet to £5, Stubble Turnips to £4 and Kale to £1.

## **Special Classes - Wreaths & Christmas Trees**

New classes for this year and well received by all. Quite a number of fantastic wreaths turned up for the show in all shapes and sizes. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Jo Wagstaff which sold for £75 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize wreath from C Reader sold to £80. Only one 5' Christmas Tree was forward which sold to £30.

The total made for charity on the day was over £1130, with over £515 being raised on the Guess the Weight Competition, our thanks go to Mr Patrick for the loan of the beast. Thank you to all the vendors who entered and turned out on the day. Next year the Show will be held on Saturday 2nd December!

**Young Farmers Stock Judging Competition** - It was great to see so many young farmers in the market on Fat Stock Show day and the results were:

### **Cattle**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Baseley 91/100 Towcester YFC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Summers 90/100 Towcester YFC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Calvin Hawkins 85/100 Thrapston YFC

### **Sheep**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rob Harvey 84/100 Towcester YFC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abi Sanderson 81/100 Grendon YFC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Calvin Hawkins 80/100 Thrapston

### **Overall Winners**

- Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Calvin Hawkins 165/200 Thrapston & Abi Sanderson 165/200 Grendon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Harvey 157/200 Towcester

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**BREEDING & STORE CATTLE**

**Mrs Daghish - TB4**

1 British Friesian Empty Cow  
4 British Friesian Steers

3 Years  
22 Months

**D Blunt**

5 South Devon x Steers

10-11 Months

**C E Hancock & Son**

20 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

**S E Bailey**

2 Aberdeen Angus Heifers  
1 Saler Heifer  
1 Simmental Steer  
1 Hereford Heifer

24 Months  
23 Months  
25 Months  
29 Months

**CALVES**

**H G Robinson & Son – TB4**

3 British Blue Bulls  
2 British Blue Heifers  
1 Aberdeen Angus Bull

All 3-4 Weeks

**A G Burton - TB4**

3 Aberdeen Angus Bulls  
4 Aberdeen Angus Heifers  
5 Friesian Bulls  
1 Friesian Heifer (Freemartin)

All 3-5 Weeks

**STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

**J F Fountain & Son**

70 Store Lambs

**Mr Baker**

11 Texel x Store Lambs

**FOR SALE**

12 Month old Pietrain Boar  
Contact Mick Hall 07957 915251 (Ref: Bletsoes)

**NOTICE**

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

## **SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

### **HAY, STRAW & FODDER**

- Lot 1**     **50 x Mini Hesston 4 String 2021 Wheat Straw**  
*Stored Undercover*  
*Loading Facilities for Large Lorries & Assistance with Loading*  
*Great Staughton, Cambs (H426)*
- Lot 2**     **200 x Quadrant Bales of 2021 Wheat Straw**  
*Stored Undercover*  
*Loading Facilities for Large Lorries & Assistance with Loading*  
*Wappenbury, Leamington Spa (W1225)*
- Lot 3**     **40 x 4' Round Bales of 2022 Barley Straw**  
**Lot 4**     **30 x 120 x 70 x 8' Bales of 2021 Wheat Straw**  
**Lot 5**     **30 x 120 x 70 x 8' Bales of 2021 Barley Straw**  
*Stored Undercover*  
*Loading Facilities for Large Lorries & Assistance with Loading*  
*Sawtry, Cambs (R103)*
- Lot 6**     **250 x 120 x 90 Bales of Barley Straw**  
*Stored Undercover*  
*Loading Facilities for Large Lorries & Assistance with Loading*  
*Ravensden, Beds (F522)*
- Lot 7**     **10 x 5' Bales of 2021 Meadow Grass Haylage**  
**Lot 8**     **20 x 4' Bales of 2021 Meadow Grass Haylage**  
*Extra Wrapped for Horse Use*  
*Stored Undercover*  
*Witney, Oxon (H1539)*
- Lot 9**     **200 x Conventional Bales of Hay**  
**Lot 10**    **200 x Conventional Bales of Wheat Straw**  
*Sample will be in the Market*  
*Sawtry, Beds (p256)*

### **NOTICE**

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

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.

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## REPORT FOR SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

Aberdeen Angus **heifers** with Angus heifer **calves at foot** from JL Hammond sold to £950. Limousin **In-calf cows** sold to £1620. Empty Continental **cows** from JC & JS Helliwell sold to £1310.

**Store cattle** - K Ives sold a 13 month Dexter steer to £110; J Wilkinson sold a 59 month Dexter cow to £200 and a 6 month Dexter heifer to £80; JC Agriculture Ltd sold a 17 month Angus steer to £605 and Dexter steers to £300; M & M Hutton sold their Continental steers 7-9 months to £620; PJ Browning sold a 20 month Blue steer to £1200 and a Beef Shorthorn steer to £990; HM & NJ How sold a Freemartin Hereford to £780; D Troisi sold 20 month Longhorn steers to £1050 from £1000; RA Bounds sold Hereford steers to £1080 and heifers to £980; Eastern Farms Ltd sold Angus steers to £950, Simmental steers to £940 and heifers to £980; JC & JS Helliwell sold a 32 month Limousin heifer to £1200, a 28 month Limousin heifer to £1190 and an 18 month to £990.

### **Calves**

Prices topped at £285 for a 6 month Angus bull calf from J & S Arrowsmith; JEG James sold British Blue bull calves to £210; and FH Pullin & Son sold Holstein bull calves to £45.

### **Pigs**

Pigs sold to £30 for 6 week old piglets from Mrs B Burrows; other younger piglets straight from the sow from B Cranwell sold to £2 from £1 and their sow sold to £5.

### **Goats**

Only entries from SC Ambrose came forward, which sold to £82 for Doelings and £52 for Wethers.

#### **FOR SALE**

Pedigree Registered Swiss Valais Blacknose Shearling Ram.  
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#### **FOR SALE**

Ifor Williams 12' Twin Axle Livestock Trailer with sheep decks.  
Used but in good condition. £600 ono.  
Contact Robert 07762 164552

## 276 Store & Breeding Sheep

A mixed showing forward this week with all grades in the alleys. Best end lambs saw a similar trade to prime sales with the longest term looking the dearest in comparison. All in average saw £70.86 for the lambs and topping to £115 for Maydencroft Farm Partnership for smart Charollais lambs in forward condition; WG Childs & Sons saw the same results with smart Texels to £114.50 and Charollais at £110; I Smith topped the Suffolks for the day with lambs to £102; NP & MJ Russell saw a flyer with smart tight skinned Continentals at £85; CP Hankins & Son saw comparable highs with Texel crosses to £84.50. Healthy long term lambs were seen from £68 to £75 with the very smallest still £55 plus.

**Feeding ewes** topped from J & S Livestock with Cheviot crosses to £137 and Hampshires to £120. Smallest Hebrideans aged ewes sold from £24 to £39.

### 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.



Souster Youth is a charity based in Thrapston which works in local schools to support the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of young people. The team also work closely with churches, youth workers and community organisations to help youth ministry flourish in East Northamptonshire.

The team is based at the old Methodist Church on Market Road, Thrapston.

Souster Youth relies on fundraising and the generosity of donors and grant bodies to continue it's good work in our area. Thank you for your support!

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# THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

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## Fat Stock Dinner

on

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

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



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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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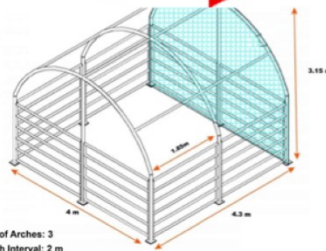
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# Winter Drinks at Lampport Hall

There will be drinks and nibbles and an auction in aid of  
the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

**Thursday 15th December**  
**7pm - 9pm**

**Lampport Hall,  
Lampport,  
Northampton,  
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**Tickets £15**



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# Bletsoes

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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**



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**

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- RICS Red Book Valuations
- Claims for Compensation, Subsidies and Grants
- Agricultural Tenancies – AHA & FBT
- Planning and Diversification schemes

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