

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 24th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep

Fur & Feather, Produce & Misc

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Drop & Go

(For everyone's safety)

Due to the latest Coronavirus lockdown regulations, we have been instructed by the Government to allow only buyers to attend markets. This is to reduce the number of people on the site at any one time for social distancing purposes and is being enforced until further notice.

Face coverings must be worn at all times inside the sale ring buildings. Please register for Track & Trace either in the office or with the QR code posters.

Local authorities and the police will be observing the premises and will enforce fines to anyone who is not complying and adhering to the rules.

Stay safe and read the simple rules. **Further details can be found on pages 2-3**

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Coronavirus

The latest rules and regulations could be here for a while, the sooner we adhere to the rules the sooner we will be rid of the virus and get back to some kind of normality.

Drop & Go - Prices are as good as we have seen them for a long time, with a national shortage of sheep and cattle. So leave your stock with us, if you are concerned about sale price, please put a reserve on your stock and leave the rest to us.

Buyers - If you are buying, face coverings must be worn by all who are on our site in the indoor sale rings. Everyone must wear a face covering, apart from those exempt with ill health issues that have a valid card, or staff that for health and safety reasons do not have to wear a covering.

Track & Trace - everyone entering the market must complete the track and trace forms or scan the NHS QR codes.

Social Distance - Please ensure that you keep your distance from people in the market. At least one metre, two is always better.

Hand Washing - Please use our facilities to wash or sanitise your hands regularly. The virus can stay on surfaces such as metal rails, door handles etc for up to 72 hours.

LAA - A word from the Livestock Auctioneers Association.

Chris Dodds Executive Secretary has been very busy having lengthy discussions with the UK Government who have finally returned with a position on the following sale types in England during the Lockdown.

On farm livestock sales – A sale of livestock conducted on behalf of one vendor on farm may take place during Lockdown.

Sale of Fodder – Please see below Defra's response to my question:

"In respect of your further query re auctions of silage, hay, animal feed etc. advice we have received is that it would be preferable for these sales to be held online if possible, but there is an exemption which allows for "Agricultural supplies shops" to remain open".

The LAA recommends that members take Defra's advice and conduct such sales through the use of Timed Auctions, or similar, during this lockdown.

LAA Members are reminded of:

1. Attendance at markets MUST be restricted to those conducting business and only 1 representative per business should be allowed to enter the site
2. Members are asked to re-introduce a "Drop and Go" policy where possible – The Government is encouraging businesses to continue, but where possible a Drop and Go policy should be implemented.
3. Market sales should be restricted to the sale of livestock – sales of machinery, poultry, fur & feather, furniture etc, etc should be postponed, or cancelled.
4. All on farm sales of machinery and/or non livestock goods should be postponed, or cancelled.
5. Members must ensure strict Social Distancing. Members are reminded that the wearing of face coverings is NOT a substitute for the need to maintain Social Distancing at all times.
6. Face coverings must be worn by everyone attending the site, within enclosed spaces (this includes market staff) – exemptions are permitted for anyone with a medical condition that allows a face covering not to be worn. All staff should wear a face covering except where it is deemed that the wearing of a face covering poses a Health and Safety risk and 2m Social Distancing at all times can be maintained.
7. Market canteens/catering facilities MUST only offer a takeaway service. Tables and chairs should be removed to prevent "gatherings" taking place in and around the takeaway service.
8. Members must continue to provide hand washing facilities.
9. Members must continue to keep a register of all attendees to their site.

I appreciate that I have not addressed the question of holding Christmas dressed poultry sales. I am advised that the current Lockdown is time limited and will finish on Wednesday 2nd December, which would then allow these sales to take place.

Chris Dodds - LAA Executive Secretary

REPORT FOR TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

200 Prime Sheep

A shortfall in supply has lifted lamb prices, which were up again today, prices reached 227.5p or £109.38 to gain an SQQ of 214p (up 13p on the week). Cull ewes sold to £90 and store lambs to £75. The big gamble at the moment is to sell or hold out and hope that Boris gets a BREXIT deal in six weeks. We should hopefully know sooner than that, which will make decision making easier. The concern is that there could be panic selling if no deal is met and prices would then be likely to fall.

A Polite Notice - if you have any sheep to sell, please book them in presale, so that we can encourage more buyers on the day.

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WhatsApp, Snapchat, Messenger.

There are so many ways to contact us, it would be great if everyone with stock to sell could do so. Let's work together and achieve the best possible price on the day for you.

4 Super Lights - light but perfectly formed weighing just 22.5kg selling to 150p for P Smith.

To		From		Average	
150p	£33.75	150p	£33.75	150p	£33.75

69 Standards - Topping the day at 227.5p for 35.5kg Texel lambs from Hadley Farms Ltd with other pens at 38kg realising 226.5p; DJ Tomlin sold 33.5kg Berrichon lambs to 220p; JE Andrews sold 36.5kg lambs to 215p; and R Hall & Sons saw 211p for their 33.5kg lambs. Top price per head went to Hadley Farms Ltd at £86.07 for 38kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
227.5p	£86.07	207p	£70.69	216.5p	£78.29



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

94 Mediums - Charles Vernon-Miller topped this section, pence per kg, with three 41kg lambs at 225.5p; Pip Careless sold his 42.5kg lambs to 215.5p; RJ White realised 214p for 40kg lambs; JE Bury sold 41.5kg lambs to 214p and 43.5kg lambs to 213p; 45kg Suffolks from JE Andrews sold to 213.5p; A Berks sold his 42kg lambs to 212p and Netherby Farming sold their 45.5kg lambs to 211.5p. Top price per head went to Netherby Farming at £96.23 for 45.5kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
225.5p	£96.23	208p	£83.20	212.6p	£87.54

20 Heavies - JE Andrews realised top price, pence per kg, in this category with 46kg lambs selling to 213.5p; A Berks also sold 46kg lambs which reached 212.5p; and GSF Wealsby sold 48kg Suffolks to 207.5p. Top price per head went to GSF Wealsby at £99.60 for 48kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
213.5p	£99.60	207.5p	£97.75	209.9p	£98.84

13 Over 52kg - GSF Wealsby topped this weight category with 52.5kg Suffolks at 197p; A Berks sold his 62.5kg lambs to 175p; and Netherby Farming sold 60.5kg lambs to 162.5p. Top price per head and of the day went to A Berks at £109.38 for 62.5kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
197p	£109.38	162.5p	£98.31	174.1p	£101.59

34 Store Lambs

Only a handful forward with the special sale last week, but more have been promised in the weeks to come and another special sale will be held Tuesday 8th December. Please call us with your entries for this sale, as a clear up before Christmas.

Prices today sold to £75 for a Charollais from JE Andrews; RJ White sold their pen of lambs to £71; C Baseley saw £69 for their pen of lambs; C & CM Ironmonger sold Suffolks to £67 from £64; GSF Wealsby sold Suffolks to £65; and Peter Dowding sold four ram lambs to £47.

To		From		Average	
£75.00		£47.00		£65.35	

49 Cull Ewes, Wethers & Rams

Top price at £90 went to a Suffolk from DH & BD Minett who also entered two pens of wethers which sold to £79 and £78; H Smith & Sons sold a Texel to £80; JE Andrews sold a Charollais x ewe to £70; Mules sold to £70 for H Smith & Sons; and R Hall & Sons saw theirs to £68; DH & BD Minett sold their Mules to £65; and J Albutt sold his to £64. Rams sold to £79.50 for a Texel and an Easycare to £70.50 for PG Kane & Son.

To	From	Average
£90.00	£5.00	£62.31

FOR SALE BY AUCTION

Tuesday 24th November

(after the sale of sheep)

BATEMAN Sheep Roll over Crate and Lamb Weigh Scales
On behalf of J A Longford & Sons

Also for Sale by Private Treaty
3 Tonnes of Sugar Beet Nuts in 25kg bags
Contact Tim 07770 276124

NOTICE

No Sales of Produce, Fur & Feather, etc until further notice.

Dependent upon the restrictions after 2nd December, we do hope to conduct the annual Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale, as normal as possible, with social distancing and observing COVID rules laid down by the Government, to keep everyone safe from the virus.

We are being guided by the LAA and Government so we await further advice. Please could vendors contact us with their possible entries, (as soon as possible) to assist with the running of the sale.

SPECIAL SALE OF STORE LAMBS

Tuesday 8th December

Please contact us with your entries

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Helpline is open 7am-11pm every day of the year.

FCN is working with the Beds & Cams Rural Support Group to ensure support to farmers continues uninterrupted. FCN has set up a new County Group for Beds & Cams, and calls to Beds & Cams Rural Support Group should now be directed to FCN's Helpline instead:

03000 111 999



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 need to talk.

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