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## The Market Report

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020**

**Tuesday 28th July**

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

**Wednesday 5th August at Approx 2.30pm**

Field Sale of Store Lambs

**\*\* Entry Forms are Available Now \*\***

*Please forward your entries by Monday 27th July  
to be included in the catalogue*

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 21ST JULY

**1045 Prime Sheep** forward and a lift in trade for the lambs again this week, selling to 231p or £111.51. Cull Ewes took a bit of a dive this week, with plenty everywhere swamping the trade, and not telling the auctioneer that you are bringing them in, puts everyone on the back foot. We do keep asking you, please let us know what you have to market before the sale, so that we can fully accommodate or advise, no matter if it's only a few. 300 Cull ewes did average £71.26 which is not too bad for an animal which has come to the end of its life.

### **627 Spring Lambs**

**92 Standards** – Prices reached £82.31 or 219.5p for a pen of 37.5kg lambs from Hadley Farms Ltd; Brian & Louise Pile sold their 38kg Continental lambs to £81.32 or 214p; Mark Taylor sold his 38kg lambs to £77.90; M Furlong sold 38.5kg lambs to £77; E Taylor sold 36kg lambs to 206.5p; GF Heath & Son sold 36kg lambs to 205.5p; Jonathon Page sold his 35kg lambs to 203.5p; RS Hawkins sold his 37kg lambs to 203p; K & M Farming Partnership saw 202.5p for their 36.5kg lambs; and Mandy Gasson sold her 37.5kg lambs to 200p.

| To     |        | From |        | Average |        |
|--------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 219.5p | £82.31 | 197p | £70.21 | 204p    | £74.72 |

**410 Mediums** – John North topped this section with some really smart Texel lambs weighing 44kg selling to 231p or £102.35; Charles Vernon-Miller was just a penny behind at 230p weighing 41kg; and at the same price Hadley Farms Ltd with some Texels weighing 42kg. It is always good to see Stratford regulars back in the market, Roy & Pam Stone sold their 41kg lambs to 226p; and realising the same with 45kg Texel lambs coming to £101.70 from C Clews; JW Higgins sold his 42.5kg lambs to 220p; Pip Careless also sold lambs to 220p with heavier lambs at 44.5kg; A Summers sold a pen of ten 39.5kg lambs to 219p; and Tim Withers sold his 40kg lambs to 216.5p.

| To   |         | From |        | Average |        |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 231p | £102.35 | 190p | £79.40 | 208.2p  | £86.86 |

**124 Heavies** – Pip Careless gained top price in this category with his 46kg Charollais selling to 225p or £103.50, with others at 217p; David Moore sold his lambs to 211.5p weighing 46.5kg which realised £98.35; JW Higgins saw his 46kg lambs to 210p or £96.60; Townsend Farms sold their 46kg lambs to 209.5p; L Beames sold a pen of seventeen 46kg Suffolks to 204p; JE Lea & Son

sold 48kg lambs to 204p or £97.92; Roy & Pam Stone also saw 204p for their 50kg lambs; and A North & Sons sold their 46kg and 49kg lambs to 202 and 200p.

| To   |         | From |        | Average |        |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 225p | £103.50 | 185p | £92.12 | 206.6p  | £97.48 |

**1 Over 52kg** – Just one lamb forward in this weight range from Roy & Pam Stone, 59kg at 189p topping the day at £111.51.

| To   |         | From |         | Average |         |
|------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 189p | £111.51 | 189p | £111.51 | 189p    | £111.51 |

### 55 Store Lambs

A very good trade at the moment. RS Hawkins entered another 49 store lambs which sold to £69.50 from £64.50; and Jonathon Page sold six 30kg Charollais not quite good enough for the fat to £60. At £2 per kilo, with no levies to pay, perhaps best sold now. NEXT WEEK over 150 store lambs promised, if you have any to market please contact Alastair.

| To     | From   | Average |
|--------|--------|---------|
| £69.50 | £60.00 | £65.53  |

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### 363 Cull Ewes, Hoggs & Rams

A massive entry again at Stratford, with many not booked in presale again, which didn't allow us to contact further buyers, and it was therefore left to three buyers. But as a commodity that has come to the end of its working life, what a bonus, with prices this high to enable you to restock with younger Theaves this coming Autumn.

With an influx of sheep everywhere, the pressure is on and fields are full around the country waiting for these sheep to be processed for the festival. I am afraid that prices would have been £10-£20 back for the best and £5 less for the plainer sorts, from last week's trade. (Never follow a good trade!!)

Prices topped at £94.50 for a pen of Texels from Jamie & Melissa Ironmonger; B Burrows & Sons sold their Texels to £90 and Suffolks also to £90; David Moore saw £80 for his Charollais. Mules and plainer sorts looked the best sold, topping at £84 for a pen of 13 from SP & GK Smith; Jamie Ironmonger saw £82.50 for his; PG Paxton sold his to £80.50; and Mick Hall had a pen of 16 at £80.

Some hoggs forward sold to £80 for Texels from F Hadley; Will Steele showed 35 Easycare rams and wethers which sold to £70 from £56.

| To     | From   | Average |
|--------|--------|---------|
| £94.50 | £11.00 | £71.26  |



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