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The Market Report

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

Tuesday 25th February

Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 3rd March

Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

Saturday 7th March

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Sale of In-Lamb Sheep & Sheep with Lambs at Foot
Fur, Feather & Miscellaneous Items

Saturday 21st March

At Thrapston Livestock Market

Sale of Ewes with Lambs at Foot
Mid Month - Fur, Feather & Miscellaneous Items

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

560 Prime Sheep, Cull Ewes & Rams, Store Lambs & Breeding Sheep

560 Sheep entered today, which saw another increased trade, with prices selling to 251p or £115.43, to take an SQQ of 236p (up 7p from last week). What is not always recognised at Stratford is the entry we have on offer, we had only three 'U' grade hoggets forward and over 1/3 of the entry was made up of Easy Care types, selling from 225p to 233p. We certainly have no problem selling these types of sheep in our market, but readers need to know the quality on offer, quoted by other markets, when making comparisons in SQQ averages.

Similar entries in the Ewe section, with lesser ewes forward than reported in other markets; but even so, the best topping at £127 to take an average of £81.68.

Breeding Sheep also dearer, topping at £204 and Store Lambs sold to £107.50. What a day, what a sales centre! Come and try for yourself.

140 Standards - Mick Hall topped this category at 239p with Charollais x lambs weighing 34kg; new customers to Stratford, M & L Parsley, topped at 238p for lambs weighing 37kg; Pip Careless sold his 37kg lambs to 236.5p; FG Belcher & Sons sold their 38.5kg lambs to 235.5p; Will Gabb topped at 235p for 37.5kg lambs; WW Steele saw 234p for 38kg Easy Care lambs; and Fisher-Pinfield sold their 37.5kg Easy Care lambs to 233p.

Top price per head went to FG Belcher & Sons, with four 38.5kg lambs selling to £90.67; and WW Steele with 38kg lambs selling to £88.92.

To		From		Average	
239p	£90.67	230p	£74.75	233.5p	£84.66

143 Mediums - Top of the day at 251p was Celia Plunkett, with her last round up of hoggets for the season; next top saw four Texels from Lambs End weighing 39.5kg, selling to 245p; Will Gabb saw 241p for his 40kg lambs; WR Haines sold 41.5kg and 43kg lambs to 240p; and Mick Hall saw 239p for his 42.5kg Suffolks.

Pete Smith sold a pen of 44.5kg Suffolks to 239p; S & J Lambert realised 238p for 42.5kg lambs; and in the top prices again, M & L Parsley at 238p for 44.5kg lambs.

Top price per head sold to £106.36 for Pete Smith's lambs; and M & L Parsley sold their 44.5kg lambs to £105.91.

To		From		Average	
251p	£106.36	231p	£92.40	238.65p	£98.92

31 Heavies - Celia Plunkett stole the top spot in the heavy section, with 47.5kg lambs to 243p or £115.43 and 46kg lambs to 237p or £112.10; WR Haines saw 236p for 47.5kg lambs; and FG Belcher & Sons sold their 46kg lambs to 235p.

To		From		Average	
243p	£115.43	235p	£108.10	236.72p	£110.91

153 Cull Ewes & Rams

Top price today saw £127 for a Suffolk from R & J Baldwin; next top sold to £121 for G Hawkins & Sons, who have not been seen in the market for 4 years - welcome back! Richard Burrow sold his Texel ewe to £121; another vendor not seen for 4 years, C Grieve, topped at £116 with others to £100 (we hope to see you again sooner than last time); Celia Plunkett saw £108 for her Suffolk; and PG Kane sold his ewes to £97. Top price Mules from Hospital Farm, sold to £94; and G Hawkins & Sons saw their Mules sell to £93.50.

To		From		Average	
£127.00		£24.00		£81.68	

Rams sold to £98 for a Charollais from Roger Righton; and Lambs End saw their Texel sell to £96. More are needed each week, please contact us if you have some to market.

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78 Store Lambs

Well, what a trade!!! Topping at £107.50 for Texel x Mule hogs from W Bartlett & Son, with others to £100; Jonathon Page saw £88 for his Charollais; M & L Parsley saw £83.50 for their entry of store lambs; Roger Righton sold lambs to top at £79; FG Belcher & Sons saw £78 for a pen of 4 tooth Soay Rams; SJ Matthews sold a Texel x lamb to £75.50; and RM Phillips sold six lambs to top at £73.50.

Plenty of bidders all wanting hogs to finish. If you have some, why not let someone else have the hard work of finishing them and let your grass have a chance for this year's crop? Contact us if you have some to market.

15 Breeding Sheep

Another smart entry of Texel theaves this week from Leticia Hammon, which sold for £20 more than her entry last week. Robert Leach purchased the Texels in lamb, due in April to a Beltex, for £204.

NEXT WEEK

An entry of 30+ Swaledale ewes due to a lack of grass, approximately 3 years old, not in lamb due to the rams they were running with proved infertile.

A chance to run them on for breeding or for further fattening, maybe an option cheaper than buying store lambs?

HAY & STRAW SALES

Private Treaty and by Auction

We have weekly sales of conventional bales of Hay for sale at approximately 10.30am.

We also have 50 Quadrant Bales of Meadow Hay at Leamington Spa, for sale by private treaty.

Please contact our auctioneers for further information.

If you have some to sell, please contact us ASAP.



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PRODUCE, SUNDRIES, PLANTS, HATCHINGS EGGS, FRESH VEGETABLES & POULTRY

Another blistering sale this week at Stratford, with vast increases in the numbers of plants and poultry and quality throughout all sections. The sale commenced at 10am, with the order of sale as follows:-

Plants

Top draw of plants on sale this week, with Hyacinths coming to £1.00, Dwarf Daffodils 75p, Cyclamen 35p and Primroses 30p. Planted pots were in abundance, with buyers on high form reaching £5.00 per pot. A large entry of potted Shrubs, which saw up to £1.00, with Brooms at 60p. At the other end of the scale, bags of Compost topped out at £3.80, followed by a storming trade for a much increased entry of Logs at £4.80.

Produce

Quality prevailed again this week, with the weekly bags of Potatoes climbing to £3.80, other highlights included 'horse' Carrots at 30p a net, trays of Leeks at £1.20 and Apples up to £1.00. This weeks feed bread came to £4.00.

Eggs

A sterling entry once again this week, with demand still high. Trays of Hen eggs topped out at £3.30, Duck eggs topped at £5.00 and entries of a dozen Quail eggs sold to 95p. Specialist entries saw a dozen Lavender Pekin eggs come to £5.20.

Poultry

A better showing than recent weeks in quantity, with Cockerels coming to £2.00 and Runner Drakes to 50p. A boosted entry this week saw high numbers of rabbits entered, with a Chocolate Rex Buck peaking at £3.40.

Sundries

This week saw an entry of small bales of hay, which we intend on seeing every week, with sales of any number being sold. Prices peaked at £3.00 per bale. Quality prevailed once again, with top notch items such as Chainsaw Bar Oil coming to £12.50 and a new Chain and Bar to £44.00. Other highlights include an Inverter Generator at £21.00, Drainage Rods at £12.50 and Galvanised Poultry Feeders to £5.40.

Fur & Feather	Prices
Chocolate Rex Buck	£3.40
Black Otter Rex Buck	£2.40
Cockerels	£2.00
Blue Rex Buck	£2.00
Orange Rex Buck	£2.00
Lop Buck	£2.00
Dutch Buck	£2.00
Miscellaneous / Sundries	Prices
Chain Oil Bar & Chain	£44.00
Power Craft Generator	£21.00
Chainsaw	£18.00
2 Cleaning Rod Sets	£12.50
5L Chain Oil	£12.50
Toy Kitchen	£10.00
Wood x 3	£6.50
Feeder	£5.40
Chop Saw	£5.00

Plants & Shrubs	Prices
Garden Ornament	£6.50
Planted Pot	£5.00
Logs	£4.80
Compost	£3.60
Primrose & Daffodils	£2.00
Shrubs	£2.00
Hyacinths	£1.00
Fresh Produce	Prices
Bread	£4.00
Potatoes	£3.80
Mixed Corn	£3.00
Stock Carrots	£3.00
Leeks	£1.20
Apples	£1.00
Hatching Eggs	Prices
Doz Lavender Pekin	£5.20
Tray Duck Eggs	£5.00
Tray Hen Eggs	£3.30

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Please call in to see Chris for an initial, no obligation consultation. To avoid disappointment, please book an appointment with Chris between the hours of 8am and 4pm on a Market Day.

You can contact Stratford office on 01789 722 677, or Chris directly on chris.templar@bletsoes.co.uk or 07595 488 417.

We look forward to assisting you throughout the year ahead.



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