

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 17th 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 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 10TH NOVEMBER

360 Prime Sheep

Another good entry for Stratford, well over 700 forward. Nationally prices a little less than last week and Stratford followed the trend with 360 lambs forward seeing an SQQ of 200p to top at 219.5p or £101.75. 250 store lambs forward sold to £78.50 to average £66.59 and 110 cull ewes sold to £80 to average £62.90. Fifteen registered buyers today with at least four other bidders going away empty handed, keep the numbers coming, trade is as good as anywhere in comparison. Please contact Alastair with your entries.

2 Lights – Selling to 200p for a pair of 32kg Texel lambs from G Benfield.

To		From		Average	
200p	£64.00	200p	£64.00	200p	£64.00

104 Standards – Rosie Timms topped the day in this section with her 33.5kg Texel x lambs selling to 219.5p; T Young sold their pen of thirteen 35kg lambs to 207.5p; RM Phillips & Partners saw 204p for their 34kg lambs; R Righton sold their 37.5kg lambs to 204p; Graham Wealsby sold eight Suffolks weighing 36.5kg to 202.5p; other Suffolks from SR Tustian & Son weighing 38.5kg sold to 200p.

To		From		Average	
219.5p	£77.00	193p	£68.95	201.5p	£73.92

207 Mediums – Rosie Timms also topped this section with 42kg lambs selling to 215.5p; Townsend Farms sold their 42kg lambs to 204.5p; GF Heath & Son sold their 42kg lambs to 204p; also at 204p G James with a pen of 41kg lambs, with others slightly heavier at 44.5kg to 203.5p; MJ & IJ Gibbs sold 45kg lambs to 203p and their 41.5kg realised the same price; at 202.5p WE Budd & Son sold their 42.5kg lambs; matched by SR Tustian & Son with 44kg Suffolk lambs; JE Lea & Son saw 202p for their pen of eleven 45kg Charollais lambs.

To		From		Average	
215.5p	£91.35	193p	£79.38	200.7p	£85.69



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

40 Heavies – SR Tustian & Son topped this category with four Suffolks at 200.5p weighing 47.5kg; at the same weight G James sold his to 200p along with RM Phillips with 46.5kg lambs and J Page with 47kg lambs; JE Lea & Son saw 199p for their 47kg Charollais lambs along with MJ Gillet & Partners at the same price and weight for Suffolks; E Brain & Sons Ltd sold a single Texel lamb weighing 48.5kg to 194p.

To		From		Average	
200.5p	£95.24	160p	£80.00	195.5p	£92.88

7 Over 52kg – E Brain & Sons Ltd with a lamb weighing 53kg topped pence per kg at 187p or £99.11; RL Stone sold their five 52.5kg lambs to the same price to realise £98.18; and top of the day per head went to Graham Wealsby at £101.75 for his 55kg Suffolk.

To		From		Average	
187p	£101.75	185p	£98.18	186.7p	£98.82

250 Store Lambs

A special sale of store lambs brought numbers and buyers. Topping at £78.50 for Charollais lambs from Townsend Farms; Peter Dowding sold his 51 store lambs to £74 to average over £70; AR & PR Whitmill sold their Suffolks to £74; WE Budd & Son sold their Charollais to £74; Graham Wealsby sold his Suffolks to £70; SD Harrison saw his entry of 33 lambs sell to £70; AM Gasson topped at £67.50 for her pen; and DJ Tomlin sold his Berrichon store lambs to £66.

If you have some to market please contact Alastair, there are plenty of confident buyers looking in to the future for lambs to eat their abundance of grass and roots to market next year, when we will be selling to the world, trade deal or no trade deal!

To	From	Average
£78.50	£14.00	£66.59

FOR SALE

70 Broken Mouth Mules
Correct in the Udder. In the Buckingham Area
Contact Jake or Al

110 Cull Ewes & Rams

A good entry still for this time of year, which is being assisted by the good trade for the quality that is on offer. Topping at £80 for a Suffolk from RL Stone; DC Pratley sold their entry to £77; WE Budd & Son sold a pen of five Continental ewes to £76; SR Tustian & Son sold their three to £75. Mules sold to £74 for R Righton; CJ & L Vernon-Miller sold three Beltex ewes to £73.50 and one other at £71. A well-used Texel ram sold to £53 for E Brain & Sons Ltd. Keep them coming while the demand is on. Contact Alastair with your entries presale.

To	From	Average
£80.00	£39.00	£62.90

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

FCN is working with the Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group to ensure support to farmers continues uninterrupted. FCN has set up a new County Group for Beds & Cambs, and calls to Beds & Cambs 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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A FEW OF THE CURRENT JOBS BEING DEALT WITH BY **BLETSOES**

Cheshire – Advising on a claim against the Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board

Warwickshire – Advising clients in connection with HS2

Oxfordshire – Advising in connection with an application for a tenancy on a 700 acre farm

Northamptonshire – Marketing a site for 75 dwellings, planning consent obtained through a Promotion Agreement

Cambridgeshire – Negotiating with a plc housebuilder in relation to a site with planning consent for 59 dwellings, secured through an Option Agreement

Leicestershire – Negotiating a Promotion Agreement on 39 acres of land

Hertfordshire – Advising landowner in connection with a scheme for 1100 houses, promoted through an Option and Collaboration Agreement

Bedfordshire – Advising landowners in connection with new settlement proposals within the Oxford-Cambridge Arc


Worcestershire - Management of agricultural property

Northamptonshire – Preparing Particulars of Agricultural Land to be launched for sale Spring 2021

Cambridgeshire – Negotiating Surrender of Agricultural tenancies

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