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The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10th November

Special Sale of Store Lambs, Prime, Cull & Store Sheep

Fur & Feather, Produce & Misc

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to lockdown restrictions

Tuesday 17th November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep

We are delighted we are able to continue to offer a service to the farming community and remain open for business. Until further notice, our sheep sales on Tuesday at Stratford will continue as normal.

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

Face coverings are a mandatory requirement, and **MUST** be worn by all customers attending our markets. In order to communicate effectively not all staff are required to wear face coverings. Appropriate social distancing should continue to be observed.

Our Sales are Subject to Inspection. Please adhere to all rules & regulations regarding the running of our auction sales to ensure we can keep them operating. Keep your distance. Please wash your hands. Spaces have been marked in the rings for buyers.

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NOVEMBER PROFESSIONAL PONDERINGS

With many of our arable farming clients battling with the rain to get drilled up, and our livestock farming clients busy sorting the last of their stock following what seems to have been a good year for sheep and, more recently, a good cattle trade, it is certainly a busy period for everyone seeking to get set for the Winter. The Auctions team are as busy as ever, organising sales for the coming months and are already planning ahead for next year's sales. All our upcoming events and sales will be detailed on our website, in due course.

Considering Restructuring and a possible Sale?

If you are considering the possibility of selling land or property over the next year, the team at Bletsoes are here to help. We would encourage you to speak to a member of the Agricultural Team as soon as possible!

Farmland is traditionally launched on to the market in the Spring, when the hedges and trees are greening up, the land looks 'well', the evenings are lighter, and the weather conditions are (hopefully) more favourable. The Spring tends to also be (dare we say it) a quieter period in the farming calendar (for arable farmers at least) and in our experience, farmland sold in the Spring tends to perform better.

With all sales there is a significant amount of preparation which is required, prior to launching land and property on to the market, and indeed you may need time to consider the various implications of selling land and property with regard to the farming business and family members generally, particularly if land and property is held within a trust, partnership or is owned jointly.

When considering a sale, it is paramount that you engage with not only your land agent, but also your tax advisor/accountant and solicitor, and this all takes time and involves additional consideration, which may influence your decisions in respect of any sale significantly.



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further
Up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

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

Starting the sale process and the preparatory work associated with a sale as early as possible, places you in the best possible position to be able to maximise the value of your asset. For example, if you have farm buildings which have potential for conversion, selling with a consent for change of use will increase the value of the property and would likely result in greater values being achieved. Consulting early, means planning advice can be sought from our Planning and Development Team, with the necessary planning applications being submitted so as to allow timely marketing with a consent.

If you are considering a potential sale of your property, whether it be in anticipation of a Spring launch or a more short term or longer term approach, or wish to discuss any of the above in any further detail, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Agricultural Team, who would be happy to assist in visiting the property and presenting their thoughts on the best marketing approach and strategy for your property.

Daisy Miles
Chartered Surveyor



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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



REPORT FOR TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

254 Prime Lambs Trade has found some real strength again with a big jump nationally this week. However trade in Stratford was through the roof with an SQQ of 205.15p/kg, and lambs topping at 220p/kg.

68 Standards (32.1-39kgs) - Top of the day was seen by Hadley Farms Ltd with their 38.50kg Texel lambs coming to 220p/kg. WS Stanley was close behind with lambs at 212.5p/kg for 37kg Texels. DJ Tomlin and T Young both saw their Charollais lambs at 36kgs come to 210p/kg.

To		From		Average	
220p	£84.70	198p	£67.83	206p	£76.55

136 Mediums (39.1-45.5kgs) - WS Stanley saw the top again with 40 kg Texels at 212p/kg. Hadley Farms Ltd also saw 212p/kg for their 43kg Texels. NK Butcher had a well finished entry of continental lambs in, seeing 210p/kg for Charollais cross lambs at 45kgs. DC Wiggins saw 207.5p/kg for 43.5kg Charollais, as did T Swift for their Texels at 42.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
212p	£94.50	190p	£79.80	204.7p	£88.40

50 Heavies (45.6-52kgs) - NK Butcher topped the section with his continental lambs at 46kg seeing 208.5p/kg. R Wixey saw 201.5p/kg for their 46.5kg Charollais. DC Wiggins made 201p/kg for their 47.5kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
208.5p	£99.50	187p	£93.70	201.5p	£96.34

Trade is looking strong going forward. Get in touch to book stock in and make the most of the current trade. Jake Wagstaff - 07487 526803.

112 Store Lambs

Stores still seem a tremendous trade for the time of year, with no sign of a fall off - caused by recent uncertainties. Lambs averaged £59.94 on the day, seeing a top of £80 for big framed Suffolk lambs from P Taylor. J Albutt was not far behind with Charollais at £75.50. B Burrows & Sons saw some of the day's best trade with long term lambs coming to £69 for Charollais cross lambs.

12 Ewe Lambs

The day featured a run of pure Texel ewe lambs from P & M Miller Ltd topping at £102.50 on the day for some real strength.

67 Cull Ewes

Strong culls are in short supply, with an average of £64.22 over a wide range of ewes. Trade topped at £90 for strong Texels from Hadley Farms Ltd, with S Keyte & Sons seeing a strong trade of £80 for Lleysns. MJ & M Cole saw the best of the mules sold to £73.

To	From	Average
£90.00	£16.00	£64.22

Fur, Feather & Miscellaneous

Unfortunately, this will be our last sale, until at least early December. There were plenty of buyers in all sections and we finished in fine form, with the last 2 lots of a busy day at £54 and £38 for an old cast iron stove and a child's quad bike.

In the plant section, we had trays of pansies to £1.60, primroses 70p per pot, planted tubs £2.20, old planters £15, wicker baskets £10.50 and bags of logs £3.80.

A good show of produce saw bags of potatoes to £3, a duck box meal £9.50, partridge £8 and pheasant £9. Trays of mixed veg £4, cauliflower £1.70, bags of cooking apples £2 and eating apples £6.

Eggs were in short supply. Most trays were £4 up to £5, trays of duck eggs sold to £4.50. There was a very varied entry of poultry. Old English birds sold to £5, Appleyard ducks £7, Muscovy ducks £9, Call ducks £10 and drakes £4. Quail got to £2.

In the miscellaneous section, we saw far more lots and some good lots as well. A set of garden furniture made £15, a good socket set £45 and another £26. Electric fencer units £20, 12 volt batteries £28 and a piano stool £16. A very genuine old rocking horse £100, fishing tackle £12, poultry crate £10, petrol hedge cutters £18, Dewalt drill set £28 and a strimmer £22.

Hopefully we will be back in December. Keep in touch.

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

Warwickshire - Tax Planning Advice

On Tuesdays at the market, Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, will be in attendance at the market for a chat, if you need to talk.
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A SPECIAL SALE OF STORE LAMBS

Tuesday 10th November

The final round up of Store lambs of the year.

Buyers are keen to purchase all types of store lambs, to feed for next year's hogget season, with Brexit looming, why not sell before the world collapses!
If you have some to market, please contact Alastair with your entries.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are deeply saddened to announce the death of Norman Pile of Splash Leys Farm, Avon Dassett.

He died peacefully in his sleep on the morning of 27th October aged 97, at Cherry Tree Lodge Nursing Home, Leamington Spa, which had been his home for the past 9 years.

There will be a private family Cremation.

Norman was a very respected livestock producer and a staunch supporter of livestock markets.

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