

# The Market Report

## OCTOBER PONDERINGS

Looking back at the last few Ponderings produced by the Planning and Development Team, there seems to be one recurrent theme and that is “uncertainty”. That has never been more true than it is now, as we write these Ponderings in October 2022. The dawn of a new government has brought turmoil to the markets, and despite heralding new policies seeking to promote economic growth, there is the very real prospect that the opposite may happen. Rising mortgage rates are likely to make it even more difficult for first time buyers to enter the housing market and, despite increases to the threshold from which Stamp Duty Land Tax is paid, there are many predicting that house prices will begin to fall. Coupled with inflationary pressures on build costs, there will undoubtedly be pressure on the viability of larger development sites which have to carry a high infrastructure burden.

Set against this is continuing supply side constraint, with good quality sites in short supply and slow to come to the market. In the Planning and Development Team we are pleased to report that sites which we have brought to the market in 2022, either with planning permission or longer strategic potential, have found a good body of interest amongst housebuilders and promoters. Sites will often take a long time to come through the planning process and short term economic uncertainty can be offset against the longer term need to have an available supply of land for housing, for which demand remains unabated.

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Once more the planning system seems to be a major obstacle to delivery and we are finding that many planning authorities are under severe resource pressure and are unable to deal with applications efficiently and on time. This is clearly something that the government will have to address if they are to unlock their economic growth aspirations. One measure muted in the recent “Mini Budget” was the introduction of Investment Zones to help drive growth and deliver housing. Whilst none of the authorities in our immediate operating area have been mentioned as potential Investment Zones at this stage, that may change. Within designated Investment Zones, taxes may be lowered and planning restrictions will be minimised and streamlined. There is much more flesh to put on the bones and there will inevitably be tensions with a stated desire to maintain local support and deliver environmental gain, but the government’s intention is clear, in terms of the direction of growth that they wish to travel.

*Andrew Middleditch*  
*Planning & Development*



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## **Thrapston Forthcoming Events**

**Wednesday 12th October**  
Dispersal Sale of Poultry - 5.30pm

**Thursday 13th October**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 14th October**  
Farm Dispersal Sale - Horninghold, Leics

**Saturday 15th October**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs  
Fur & Sundries

**Thursday 20th October**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER

### 630 Prime Lambs

A more stylish entry forward this week with some real stand out entries of lambs. Export lambs took a lift with lighter lambs in demand, please ring the day prior to the sale to see if they are in demand next week. Best conformation lambs continue to reach premiums with heavy best meat still finding top end prices. SQQ 235.54p/kg seeing a 10.4p lift on the week. JP Watts topped the day with a sterling showing of Texel Beltex lambs at 44.5kgs selling to 270p/kg or £120. Raveley Fen Farms topped the day overall with 71kgs Continental crosses selling to £138 with classic type Charollais at £126.50 weighing 47kgs.

**Highlights** – the lighter lambs saw a high from AK Wilson with their Texels at £119 for 45kgs; DJ & AL Underwood topped their run with Texel lambs in the first pen selling to £118 for 46kgs with Texel Mule lambs at £114 for best finished 45kg; WF Knight & Son drew the goods with smart Continentals at 49.5kgs selling to £123.50 and 45kgs selling to £112 with followers at the same weight seeing £110 and 44.5kgs to £109.50 over several pens; F & SM Stamper penned the usual best end Beltex crosses with highs of £120 for 49.5kgs and lighter lambs at £110 for 45.5kgs and 44.5kgs to £109; IL Hudson penned a well fed run of Lleyn rams at 50kgs selling to £119 showing the better end of the breed conformation; SGC Hill topped the Suffolks for the day with crosses to £123 for 56.5kgs and £118.50 for 51kgs; SC Wells had a sterling entry of show winning Texels with 56kgs thumping to £132.

To		From		Average	
<b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>					
219p	£79.00	219p	£79.00	219p	£79.00
<b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b>					
270p	£120.00	213p	£90.00	235.6p	£102.84
<b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>					
269p	£126.50	212p	£100.00	231.1p	£111.49
<b>Over 52kg</b>					
236p	£138.00	156p	£105.00	217.2p	£121.16

### NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

## 182 Cull Ewes & Rams

Ewes saw a comparable lift on the week, with thick ewes on clear premiums. All in average saw £80.40 with a range of £10 to £150. IL Hudson topped the day with a sterling show of best conformation Continental ewes selling to £150 for a pen of nine; ND Howl topped the Suffolks for the day with a best end showing of meated ewes to £139; HA Fricker & Sons topped the leaner Texel Mules with smart big framed ewes selling to £131 and Suffolks to £129; SC Wells penned a strong show of big Continental crosses seeing the thickest to £130; W Veal drew trumps with a smart show of meat Continentals topping at £128; RC & JT Bailey saw similar highs for their Suffolks at £127; KS Lee topped the Mules for the day with big framed ewes to £86; alongside DA Chapman and their Welsh Mules of the same stance at the same price. Leaner types in the late £60's mid £70's. **Feeding ewes** - limited buyers nationally with the grass shortage, healthy ewes ranged from £35 to £50.

To	From	Average
£150.00	£10.00	£80.40

## THRAPSTON FAT STOCK SHOW 2022

**Thursday 1st December**

This year there have been some changes, watch this space for further details and updates regarding the Show.

*Sponsorship Packages are Available*

*The Schedule of Classes & Entry Forms will be available soon.*

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New Fun Classes*

Contact Beth Kitchener 01832 732241

## NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

## SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

### BREEDING & STORE CATTLE

#### R Howes - Dispersal Sale

24 Cows with Calves

3 In-Calf Cows

5 Store Heifers

*Separate catalogue available*

#### J Patrick

1 Dexter Cow - *Empty*

7 Years

#### C E Hancock & Son

28 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

#### S A C Holgate

46 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

#### F & S M Stamper - TB4 - Farm Assured

14 Limousin x Heifers

18-24 Months

*Suckler Bred, Home Bred*

#### F M Belcher

1 Limousin x British Blue Steer

24 Months

### CALVES

#### J E G James

1 British Blue Bull

All 3-4 Weeks

3 British Blue Heifers

4 Angus Bulls & Heifers

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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

### **Store Cattle**

Prices topped at £1540 for Charolais steers from F & SM Stamper, who took an average of £1300 for fourteen Limousin steers 13-20 months; Miss LA Burton entered four Limousin steers which sold to £1100 for a 20 month, £1010 for a 15 month, £1000 for a 16 month and £770 for a 12 month steer; TN Thomson sold two 18 month Hereford steers which sold to £800 from £720, his 10 year old Longhorn cow sold to £1010 and a 40 month Hereford cow sold to £1290; R Martin sold his homebred 28 month Charolais steer to £1130, his other Limousin dairy bred steers 24 months sold to £870, his 15 month Angus steers sold to £805 and £770 with a 12 month selling to £500; Charles Hopperton sold his entry of 18-20 month Limousin steers to £1300 from £1100 to average £1256; Peter Groome Partnership sold his store cattle to £1310 for an 18 month Charolais, younger sorts sold to £1280 and 15 month Limousin steers sold to £985 to average £1100.

**Cows & Calves** sold to £1460 for a 10 year old Limousin with a 3 month Limousin bull calf at foot with other lesser and older cows £1050 to £1160.

Don't forget this week a dispersal sale of Cows & Calves from Richard Howes.

### **Pigs**

Four pigs forward from Letchworth Garden City sold to £124 from £90 to average £110.50.

### **Goats**

Fourteen empty Toggenburg Nannies entered by Patrick Fraser sold to £105 to average £100.93.

### **Calves & Weanlings**

Seven calves from J & S Arrowsmith came forward with prices topping at £295 from £230 for 6 month Angus heifers, £280, £250 and £220 for 6 month Hereford bulls, a month old Blue bull sold to £110 and a month old Hereford bull sold to £110.

### **143 Store Lambs**

A stronger showing on the whole this week. All in average £68.20. JH Jones & Sons topped the day with the usual smart run of Charollais cross lambs to £85.50 with two pens at £82 and followers to £78. WRB Farming topped their run with Scotch Half Bred cross Suffolks reaching £75 for lambs in forward condition; M Neath saw the same trade with Continental crosses selling to £75 for a smart run; AC Downing penned a well bred pen of Continental crosses selling to £70.

## **184 Ewe Lambs**

A flying trade to kick start the final Breeding Sale of the year! All in average saw £97.15. SJ Hubbard topped the ewe lambs with tremendous Texel crosses reaching £121. The breed in demand though shone through at the Suffolk Mule crosses with GC Morris & Son topping to £120 and £116, with their final pen at £105; H Houghton & Son saw their first draw of the year with a big framed penning of Suffolks selling to £111; WRB Farming penned a strong show of pure Suffolks topping to £110; HA Fricker & Sons continued the class of Suffolk lambs forward with highs of £110 and £108, the same vendor saw Texel crosses top at £91.

## **834 Breeding Theaves & Ewes**

Many saw this sale as the final Breeding Sale of the area and year with the last ability to buy replacements. A sharper trade on the whole with a full compliment of buyers pen side! Pentelow Farms topped the day with their North Country Mule theaves selling to £165 over several pens with the followers to £160; SP & GK Smith saw another sterling entry of North Country Mule theaves forward with their top end seeing £150! L Blackman & Son drew the crowds with their special entry of Cheviot cross theaves, topping to £160 for two pens and £158 for one, the same vendor saw a run of equal power Texel crosses top to £158; DW Gurney & Son topped the Suffolk crosses on the day with a striking run of power selling to £140.

HA Fricker & Sons held their flock dispersal on the day with a fine example of a commercial flock, comprising of North Country Mules, Texel and Suffolk crosses. The flock on the whole topped to full mouth. The Suffolks saw highs of £112 in the ewes with the theaves reaching £100, Texel cross theaves topped to £130 and the ewes saw £110, the North Country Mule ewes were all older ewes with highs of £118 over several pens and followers to £115 and £110.

Joseph Rochford Gardens also held their flock dispersal with a tremendous run of young Texel theaves ewes selling to £105 with their Mule ewes of equal power but older selling to £98.

## **Rams**

Sold to 460gns for a Texel shearling from P & M Miller; A Cook sold their Charollais rams to 400gns; GL Gent & Son sold their rams to 420gns from 300gns. The Non MV were harder to find new homes at premium prices, though top price did reach 300gns for a Suffolk from WRB Farming, then 280gns, 260gns, 250gns from 240gns for Texel shearlings from AJ Smith Farming.



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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm**

at Thrapston Livestock Market

## **A Dispersal Sale of Poultry**

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3 x Trios of **Golden Pheasants**  
1 x Trio of **Lady Amherst**  
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1 x Pair of **Cheer Pheasants**  
2 x Pairs of **Reeves Pheasants**  
4 x Quartets of **White Pheasants**  
3 x Trios of **White Pheasants**  
1 x **Elliot** Cock Pheasant  
1 x **Swinhoe** Hen Pheasant  
1 x **Blue Eared** Cock Pheasant  
9 x Quartets of **Lavender Pekins**

11 x Trios of **Partridge Pekins**  
2 x Trios of **Appenzeller** Chickens  
11 x Mixed Colour **Pekin** Hens  
30+ **Light Sussex** Chickens  
1 x Trio of **Araucana** Chickens  
9 x **Sablepoot** Chickens  
1 x Pair of **Dutch Bantams**  
1 x Trio of **Silkie**s  
20 x **Turkeys**  
18 x **Guinea Fowl**  
60+ **Laying Hens**  
2 x **Peacocks**  
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**on behalf of R Richards**

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## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am

at Home Farm, Horninghold,  
Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 8DQ

## A Genuine Farm Dispersal Sale



### Briefly to Include:

2005 **JOHN DEERE** 3420 Teleporter, 2000 **NEW HOLLAND** TM165  
4WD Tractor with Front Linkage, **MITSHUBISHI** L200 Pick-up, **HONDA**  
4x4 Quad Bike, **SPEARHEAD** Excel 645T Hedge Cutter, **MARSHALL**  
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**on behalf of J & K Holmes**

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11.00am**

at Kings Farm, High Street,  
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## **A Genuine Farm Dispersal Sale**



### **Briefly to include:**

2016 **MASSEY FERGUSON** 5470 Dyna-4 Tractor

2010 **MASSEY FERGUSON** 5445 Dyna-4 Tractor

1993 **MATBRO** Ts260 Turbo, 2021 **BW** Grain Bucket,

2017 **EASTERBY** Grain Trailer 10t, 2010 **EASTERBY** Grain Trailer 10t,

7t **FOSTER** Loadmaster Grain Trailer, 2015 12m **TEAM** Sprayer,

2016 3m **WEAVING** Shortdisc, 1997 **RECO SULKY** 6m Folding Suffolk

Coulter Drill, **DOWDESWELL** DP8 2+1+1, 3m **MASCHIO** Power Harrow,

A quantity of Grain Equipment to include Augers & Dryers

A quantity of Workshop Tools & Effects

**on behalf of J Unwin**

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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 10.30am**

at White House Farm, Bourton,  
Buckingham. MK18 7DT

## **A Genuine Farm Dispersal Sale**



### **Comprising of:**

1986 **INTERNATIONAL CASE** 1494 Tractor,  
2003 **ZETOR** 6341 4WD Tractor, 1999 **SAME** 80 Special 4WD Tractor,  
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**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**

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Important, entries must be returned by  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October to be included in the catalogue

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## An Auction



Horse Tack & Equine  
Sundries

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm**

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

Entries by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
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