

# The Market Report

## 2023 FAT STOCK SHOWS AT THRAPSTON

### Thrapston & District 113<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fat Stock Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

The sub zero temperatures did not diminish the enthusiasm of the exhibitors and large crowd of buyers, spectators, sponsors and other market goers who came to Thrapston Livestock Market on Saturday. We recognise the huge amount of work that goes into preparing livestock for the Fat Stock Shows and the commitment that this involves. We are grateful to the Judges who give up their time on the day and the Stewards who ensure the smooth running of the event. It would not be possible to run the Fat Stock Shows without the generous sponsorship and support from the Sponsors. For 2023 the Principal Sponsor of the Thrapston & District Fat Stock Show Society incorporating Northampton Christmas Prime Stock Club, was Lycetts Insurance Brokers and our thanks go to all those who also generously agreed to donate money and prizes to the Show. Special thanks also to photographer Adrian Legge and reporter Angela Calvert from the Farmers Guardian, both travelling some distance to attend.



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In the Cattle section, the Champion and Reserve Champion animals were shown by Will and Tash Burden of W R B Farming, topping at £2,159.40. The Champion sold to W H Thomas Farm Shop of Ecton. In our NEW Calf class, sixteen calves were entered seeing WJ Robinson taking 1st place with one of his British Blue heifers. In the Sheep section, Ann Wilson won both the Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Sheep with her Rouge lambs which sold to £250. In the Pig section, the Champion pig from Mr P Wilderspin sold for £200 to Joseph Morris Butchers.

We look forward to the Fat Stock Show Dinner on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Stanwick to celebrate the achievements of the many prize winners at the Show.

**Bedford Livestock Show Society - Michaelmas Show**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

The Bedford Society took a decision to host a new event in 2023 with a change from a Winter Show to a Michaelmas Show. The event was hugely successful in warm sunshine and included store stock classes. The Champion Cattle was won by K Ludgate. The Champion Sheep won by G R Fountaine. The Champion Pig was won by Padray Farms.

Again, our sincere thanks go to the exhibitors, the committee who organise the event, the Judges, Stewards and the Sponsors. For 2023 the main sponsor of the Michaelmas Show was Gallagher Developments and there were a large number of other sponsors and those who generously gave prizes. A very successful dinner was held at the Bedford Blues Rugby Club on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and it was great to see over 100 Young Farmers attend this event.

As well as being events which are enjoyable for those who participate and spectate, the Fat Stock Shows have raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years and the Bedford Show chose Sue Ryder St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, as their charity for 2023. The charity chosen by the Thrapston and District Fat Stock Show Society was Marie Curie, with over £1100 being raised on Saturday alone and further fundraising continuing at the Dinner on Friday.

The dates have been set for 2024 and we can confirm that the Bedford Michaelmas Show is on Saturday 21st September 2024. The Thrapston District Fatstock Show will take place on Saturday 30th November 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Partner*  
*Nicola Clayton-Bailey*





**Marie  
Curie**

# Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 7th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 8th December**

Thrapston Fat Stock Show Dinner

*see main advert for further information*

**Saturday 9th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Livestock Equipment Sale

**Thursday 14th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 16th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

*For further information on any of the sales  
please contact a member of the Market Team*

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## **REPORT FOR TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

### **Orange Sale – TB Restricted Store Cattle**

A sale of 75 cattle on behalf of Northen & Son.

Steers sold to £1390 to average £1136; Heifers sold to £1250 to average £901 and Bulls sold to £840. The overall average was £1049.

# THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Incorporating

NORTHAMPTON CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK CLUB

## Fat Stock Dinner

on

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

At The Stanwick Hotel, Stanwick – 7pm

*Tickets - £40 per person*

*Contact Beth Kitchener for Tickets – 01832 732241 / 07736 143630*

**9 Tickets Left**

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

### Prime Lambs

Another level trade with lighter lambs having a lift, meat is still the only way of selling to premiums prices. Lambs under 40kgs are still hard sold. SQQ 252.48p/kg. Guilford & Sons topped the pence per kilo with 40kg Texels to 171p/kg; C Stancombe topped the day overall with a 63kg Texel Mule lamb at £150, the rest of their run sold extremely well with a best meat well fed lambs seeing 52kgs to £130 and 45kgs to £117.

**Highlights** - AJ Geary saw a smart showing of Texels at 44kgs selling to £115 with WRB Farming and their Romney crosses selling to £109 for 43kgs; W Veal saw another best meat run of Texel crosses to £125 for 49kgs.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
271p	£95.00	271p	£95.00	271p	£95.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
266p	£117.00	236p	£97.00	252.2p	£108.53
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
259p	£130.00	240p	£115.00	250.7p	£122.33
Over 52kg					
245p	£150.00	229p	£120.00	237.9p	£137.33

### Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade remains constant with meat heavy ewes selling well, a bigger yarding of feeders forward that showed in the average at £65.82. AJ Geary topped the day at £130 for best meat Suffolk ewes, with Little Oxendon topping to £110 for a smart show of meated Suffolks; J Woodbridge & M Wallis saw the trade of the day with big frame lean meat Texel cross ewes reaching £104; A Hodson topped with a Blue Texel ram to £100 and good meat Mule ewes to £76. Lean meat types were in the £70's with feeders between £30 and £55 depending on breeding.

To	From	Average
£130.00	£30.00	£65.82

### PUPPIES FOR SALE



Boys

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Girls

## **SHEEP VENDORS**

### **New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13th December 2023.**

#### **Action Needed Now.....**

#### **What's changing?**

Changes in legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of the new rule is to comply with EU export requirements to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm biosecurity.

#### **Why is this changing?**

The Statutory Health Attestation is required from the 13 December 2023 to certify exports of POAO (Products of Animal Origin) to the EU. The EHCs (Export Health Certificates) require that the animals' farm of origin has undergone regular visits by a veterinary surgeon.

#### **What do producers need to do?**

Producers will be required to obtain a signed declaration from their vet that the visit has taken place. The veterinary attestation template can be found here: [veterinary attestation template](#). This should be signed and completed by the farm vet.

Obtaining a signed veterinary attestation must be done at least once over a 12-month period and can be combined with any other routine veterinary visit, including government supported initiatives such as the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway in England.

Farmers and vets must keep a copy of their completed declarations and the "unique reference number" created, for their records and to provide to their livestock auction market or meat processor.

Farms that are part of qualifying assurance schemes do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. Membership of these farm assurance schemes is accepted as evidence that a premises of origin meets the requirement for regular health visits from a vet.

The qualifying schemes are:

- Annual health and welfare review (England only)
- Quality Meat Scotland (QMS)
- Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb Scheme (FAWL) (Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd (WLBP))
- Red Tractor

Please contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803 for further information.

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

### **Thrapston Fat Stock Show**

#### **Finished Cattle**

Champion sold to £3.70/kg or £2090.50 for WRB Farming

Reserve Champion sold to £3.66/kg or £2159.40 for WRB Farming

Native Breed winner sold to £2.82/kg or £1494.60 for G R Fountaine & Son

Winners in the Unhalted class sold to £3.22/kg or £2077 for E Sansom & Son.

TH Bletsoe & Son sold their cattle to £2.84/kg or £1579.20

WA Yeomans & Son sold their entries to £2.95/kg or £1430

DG Short entered an over 30 month Charolais steer which sold to £2.62/kg or £1650 and a Hereford at £2.40/kg realising £1512.

#### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

First in an empty 13 year old cow from M & M Hutton sold to £980, and their 10 year old cow with a 2 month Limousin heifer calf sold to £1110.

Dorraville Farms saw their Blonde heifers sell to £830 and a 29 month Longhorn heifer sell to £700; F Lawton sold a 16 month Angus steer to £900 and two others 12-15 months sold to £820; TEW Farming sold 20 month Limousin steers to £1380 and £1400 and four 6-8 month Angus heifers to £535. Top price of the day in the stores, a 29 month Limousin heifer from J Bottesch sold to £1830.

#### **Calves**

Sold to £325 for a British Blue heifer from JEG James and their bulls to £255; Sunbeam Farms sold a British Blue bull calf to £305 with others to £285 from £280. Two Dexters, a bull and a heifer sold to £220 each.

#### **Pigs**

Prices sold to £200 for the Champion Pig from PR Wilderspin, selling to Joseph Morris Butchers, his others sold to £195 and £178; D Troisi sold his weaned pig to £80.

#### **Goats**

Sold to £70 for two Toggenburg doelings, and two Anglo Nubian doelings with Toggenburg Wethers selling to £50 from R Eastwood.

### **NOTICE**

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



## Prime, Store & Breeding Sheep

A fantastic day with the Thrapston Fat Stock Show, seeing 291 Prime Lambs including the show and 223 Store Sheep. The day was topped by Miss AK Wilson and her Rouge lambs with the overall Champion of the day at 61.5kgs selling to £250 or 407p/kg, the standard remained the same with the same vendor winning the Reserve Champion for more Rouge lambs at 57kgs and selling to £190 or 333p/kg.

After the Show the sale of all the Show lambs and commercial lambs saw a tremendous trade with an all in average SQQ at 291.9p/kg. F & SM Stamper topped the lightest lambs of the day with 38.5kg Beltex selling to £118 and 45kgs to £145, only to be out done by a single commercial lamb at 52kgs selling to £186; AJ Geary saw a best end showing of Beltex lambs with 38kg selling to £105 and 45kgs of the same stamp to £146; JB Elkington penned a sterling run of best meat Continentals with 37.5kg lambs to £113 and 45kgs to £141; SJ Hubbard topped the weight side of the day with 50kg Beltex crosses to £150 and 54.5kgs to £158; CW Webb & Partners saw a best end show of meat lambs with Texel crosses at 50kgs flying to £152, and topping the Suffolks for the day with 59kg big framed lambs topping at £152.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
306p	£118.00	256p	£96.00	280p	£106.40
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
324p	£146.00	233p	£93.00	294.1p	£129.19
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
358p	£186.00	220p	£106.00	270.7p	£132.37
Over 52kg					
407p	£250.00	209p	£122.00	269.6p	£150.28

**Store Lambs** - A tougher day overall in this section with longer term lambs harder to place, hopper types are still holding the trade but not quite as sharp as before. All in average £68.92. WG Childs & Sons topped the day overall with best end Charollais lambs selling to £95 with similar framed types at £87; C Major topped their run of smart Texels at £95 with their second pen at £85; Reynolds Farmers saw the best of the Suffolks with a smart headed longer term show selling to £87. The majority of Continental bred big frame lambs were seen at £80 plus with longer term lambs in the high £60's, smallest chancy lambs were seen sub £40.

**Feeding Ewes** - A continuing trend with frames and part meat holding the trade, all in average £52.51. P Zwetsloot topped the day with Charollais ewes to £114 for best shape; S Lee saw a high of £95 for Continental thick ewes; J Davis topped the native breeds with Herdwick ewes to £62. Mid frame part meat were seen in the high £70's, smaller frame native types were sold at around £59.

**Young Farmers Stock Judging Competition** - It was great to see so many Young Farmers in the market on Fat Stock Show day and the results were:

**Sheep:**

**1st** - Paige Childs

**2nd** - Ross Burgess & Charlotte Ward

**3rd** - Alistair Ross & Hannah Collett

**4th** - Caleb Fox

**5th** - Connie Reeves

**6th** - Thomas Bird

**7th** - Max Ellis

**8th** - Sophie Smith

**Beef:**

**1st** - Connie Reeves

**2nd** - Dan Baseley

**3rd** - Max Ellis & Sophie Smith

**4th** - Paige Childs

**5th** - Alistair Ross

**6th** - Logan Read

**7th** - Jake Summers

**8th** - Caleb Fox

**9th** - Thomas Summers

**Overall:**

**1st** - Connie Reeves

**2nd** - Paige Childs

**3rd** - Alistair Ross

**NOTICE**

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

## SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### Webb Hatherley Livestock

##### **29 Steers, Bulls & Heifers**

6-10 Months

4 AA Steers, 1 AA Bulls, 5 AA Heifers  
3 Hereford Steers, 4 Hereford Heifers  
4 British Friesian Steers, 2 British Friesian Bulls  
2 Beef Shorthorn Heifers  
3 Jersey x Bulls, 1 Jersey x Steer

#### C E Hancock & Son

21 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

### GOATS

#### B Gee

3 Wether Goats

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### W Aves & Son

120 Continental & Suffolk x Ewes - *Flock Age*  
*Not seen the ram*

#### B Gee

2 Pedigree Blue Texel Rams - Proven 2 & 3 Years  
14 Texel In-Lamb Ewes  
3 Suffolk In-Lamb Ewes  
4 Charollais In-Lamb Ewes  
2 Jacob In-Lamb Ewes

## SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

### STORE AND BREEDING CATTLE

#### N C & S Sheppard

6 Shorthorn Steers  
*Suckler Bred*

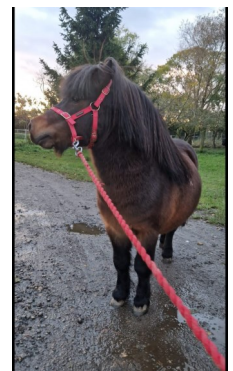
10–18 Months

## SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY

### HORSES

#### C Sutton

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## Thrapston Collective Livestock Equipment Sale

To be sold in the Market  
on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

*Approx 12.30pm - to be Sold after the Cattle*

### Entries to Include

**Alligator** Pro 250 Mobile Sheep Handling Yard – 30 Hurdles, 6 Sheeted Hurdles, Forcing Gate, 3' Gate, Spreaders for Race.

Quantity of Lamb, Sheep & Cattle Feed Troughs

Cattle & Sheep Creep Feeders

A Selection of Sheep Hurdles & Pen Attachments

12' **Ifor Williams** Trailer with Decks & Cattle Gate



### NO Entries Taken on the Day

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# Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
at 5pm*

**To be held at Thrapston Livestock Market**

A large, golden-brown roasted turkey is the central focus, surrounded by fresh green herbs and red cherry tomatoes. The turkey is positioned in the center of the page, with text overlaid on it.

Entries are invited to include  
all types of oven ready birds and meats.

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,  
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants. Long Legged & Other Poultry  
sections will also be available.

**Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office**



## THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET SMALLHOLDER SALES 2024

January 6<sup>th</sup>

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup>

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup>

Start: Sundries at 9.30am,  
Eggs, Produce, Caged Birds & Fur at 10.00am

For Further Information, Entries & Cage Reservations  
please contact a member of the Market Team – 01832 732241

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## THRAPSTON COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALES 2024

Last **Friday** of the Month

January 26<sup>th</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

March – *no sale*

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 31<sup>st</sup>

June 28<sup>th</sup>

July 26<sup>th</sup>

August 30<sup>th</sup>

September 27<sup>th</sup>

October 25<sup>th</sup>

November 29<sup>th</sup>

Entry Forms are Available Online or in the Market Office.  
Please forward your entries 10 days prior to the sale date.

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