

# The Market Report

## Stratford Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday 22nd February

Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

### Saturday 26th February

Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

### Tuesday 1st March

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

### Friday 12th March

Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

*For further information regarding any of the sales  
please contact the Market Team*

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Things looked grey through the thick clouds and the rain certainly dampened the trade today, heavy hogs were the hardest hit, lighter hogs were in a little more demand. A shortfall in numbers this week, kept away by the bad weather, saw prices topping at 262p or £120 for the hogs, taking the SQQ to 258p. Store hogs still on strong demand selling to £96, Ewe hogs to £101, Cull ewes sold very well on the day to £101, In-Lamb North Country Mule theaves sold to £190 and the trade of the day went to Ewes with Lambs at foot selling to £210 an outfit.

Keep selling sheep, it's a gamble to keep them on a falling trade, feed costs will overcome the profit margin if they are kept when they are finished. Contact us with your entries.

### **Hoggets**

**Standards** – Selling to 260p for 38kg hogs from DM & A Andrews; RM Phillips & Partner sold to 258.5p for 38kg Charollais crosses; Mark Taylor saw 257p for his 39kg hogs; and R Hall & Sons sold theirs to 250p weighing 38 & 37.5kg. Top price per head sold to £100.23 for Mark Taylor.

To		From		Average	
260p	£100.23	250p	£93.75	255.7p	£97.47

**Mediums** – Optimum weights this week topped the day at 262p for GF Heath & Son with 44kg Charollais; RM Phillips & Partner sold 42.5kg hogs to 26.5p; and R Hall & Sons sold Suffolks to 259.5p weighing 42kg. Top price per head sold to £115.28 for GF Heath & Son.

To		From		Average	
262p	£115.28	259.5p	£108.99	260.7p	£111.49

**Heavies** – It was good to see P & M Careless back at Stratford, but what a day to return! Selling to 250p for 48kg Charollais and 246p for 48.5kg Suffolks; B Hemmings sold 50.5kg hogs to 230p; and GF Heath & Son sold 50.5kg Suffolks to 228p. Top price of the day per head sold to £120 for P & M Careless.

To		From		Average	
250p	£120.00	228p	£115.14	237.3p	£117.76

**Over 52kg** – A couple forward this week, Suffolks weighing 59.5kg sold to 185p or £110.08 from GF Heath & Son.

To		From		Average	
185p	£110.08	185p	£110.08	185p	£110.08

**Store Hogs** – Still in demand even with the slump in finished prices, topping at £96 for Charollais from RM Phillips & Partner; MJ & M Cole saw theirs top at £90; Peter Dowding sold a pen of twelve hogs to £87. Very long term investments sold to £66 from £39 for H Jackson.

To	From	Average
£96.00	£39.00	£65.70

**Cull Ewes & Rams** – Selling to £101 for a Charollais x from C Lockton; MJ & M Cole sold theirs to £100; PG Kane & Son saw Texels sell to £100 from £85; Mules sold to £81 for MJ & M Cole; and DC Wiggins sold Suffolks to £71.

To	From	Average
£101.00	£10.00	£81.38

**Breeding Sheep** – Best prices of the day, even on a really wet day looking to turn ewes and lambs out. M & Z Farming sold Mules with twin lambs at foot to £210 the outfit or £70 a life for broken mouth ewes, and their others sold to £69.50 from £67.50 per life. More are coming in the next few weeks, if you have some please contact us, so that we can inform the buyers.

To	From	Average
£70.00 <i>a life</i>	£67.50 <i>a life</i>	£69.13 <i>a life</i>

**In-Lamb** North Country Mules scanned with doubles from LS Hammon sold to £190. Fifteen Suffolk **Ewe Lambs** from J Albutt sold to £100 and another dozen to £96.

Please keep your eye on the trade, an influx of sheep could make things worse, keep in contact with your Auctioneers for forecasts and predictions. We can then inform potential buyers prior to the sale, so that we can maximise your returns.



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

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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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If you have taken on new land since 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it is worthwhile checking whether you need to transfer the land into your RPA registered business, if you intend to claim BPS on the land. The deadline to transfer land between businesses has been set as 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

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