

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 15th May
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 17th May
Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 22nd May
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 24th May
Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 29th May
Prime & Cull Sheep

*For further information on any of the sales
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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 8TH MAY

Prime Spring Lambs

This week we saw the return of the Show & Sale of Spring Lambs with a roaring success. Fewer entries forward than predicted a month ago but the season has been slower kicking off than expected. We intend to hold a Summer Show as well.

The Spring Show was kindly sponsored by Agricare, who are now based in the market on sale days and facilitated by Neil & Anna Pamplin along with Andrew Geary. The lambs were kindly judged by a regular buyer Mr C Griffiths. RW Barker & Son took first place on the day with a sterling pair of Texel lambs at 44.5kgs and selling to £185 or 416p/kg; second place was taken by the same home with their Dutch Spotted cross lambs at 42.5kgs selling to £168; B Howkins & Sons were placed third with their usual stamp of Texel Lleys at 41.5kgs and selling to £156.

SQQ 364.19p/kg. D & J Inman topped the lightest lambs of the day with Texel crosses to £121 for 35kgs; PT Harris & Son saw a smart run of Texel lambs forward with highs of £162 for 45kgs with their Charollais of the same stamp at 44.5kgs to £156; MJ & JA Pinny drew a best end showing of Charollais with 42kgs selling to £155 and Suffolk crosses at 43.5kgs to £154.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
346p	£121.00	311p	£115.00	329.6p	£118.67
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
416p	£185.00	299p	£133.00	352.7p	£150.11
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
327p	£170.00	309p	£156.00	320.5p	£161.33

328 Prime Hogs

A stronger showing forward this week with the majority over 52kgs, most hogs on the day were best meat with a few exceptions of leaner out of spec seeing a harder trade. Heavies are still harder sold than 42-48kgs with many at the same price per head regardless of the weight. SQQ 292.61p/kg. F & SM Stamper topped the day with 31kg Beltex hogs to 329p/kg and the other end of the scale at £182 for Texels at 81kgs; Guilford & Sons saw a smart trade for their Texel crosses with 39kgs to £117; SE & AR Johnson topped their Texels at £133.50 for 45kgs best finished hogs; Park End Farming saw a smart run of Texels to £131 for 43.5kgs;

DCR Daglish topped their Lleyh hogs at £130 for meat 42.5kgs; BW Costin & Sons continue to draw their usual stamp of Continental and Charollais with 42.5kgs at £127 with the other end of the scale at 63kgs to £159.50; Raveley Fen Farms stumped up best end Charollais at 79kgs flying to £168; SF & JH Wagstaff saw a best meat run of Texel Mules forward selling to £155 for 62.5kgs and their Suffolks at 62kgs to the same price; RW Spencer & Son saw a well grown run of Texel crosses with 59.5kgs to £150.

To		From		Average	
Lights (25.5-32kg)					
329p	£102.00	329p	£102.00	329p	£102.00
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
300p	£117.00	251p	£93.00	293.4p	£113.57
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
313p	£133.50	272p	£117.00	291.7p	£126.69
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
280p	£140.00	243p	£125.00	264.3p	£133.55
Over 52kg					
261p	£182.00	204p	£110.00	246.6p	£149.59

Cull Ewes & Rams

Another flyer this week with a trade that needs to be understood. Averaging £145.78. All hogs that have now cut teeth are sold in the culls. Stimson Co Ltd topped the day with best seen Charollais ewes in length, shape and meat flying to £251, with their Suffolk ewes to £193 and Texels at £188; WG Holman saw a special entry of monstrous thick Continental ewes selling to highs of £227, £201, £200 and £197; Hootens Farm Ltd penned a smart show of quality, with their Beltex rams to £200 and ewes to £174; JE Cox & Sons topped their Suffolks at £198 and £179 with Mules to £164; Raveley Fen Farms topped the Mules on the day at £167 for big framed thick meat. Heavy meat ewes sold to £170 plus with lighter frame meat types £135 plus. Leaner mid frame ewes saw £110 to £125. True longest term small frame feeders were around £80. Hogs with cut teeth sold from £110 to £140 depending on weight.

To	From	Average
£251.00	£61.00	£145.78

NOTICE

Please be respectful of the neighbours to Thrapston Market and park responsibly.

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 10TH MAY

132 Store & Breeding Cattle

Feeding Cows - IS & NK Johnson topped the day with Charolais Limousin cows at £1900 for big framed stretch, with Limousin Jerseys to £600; EG Dodson & Son saw their Aberdeen Angus heifer at 36 months to £1480.

Cows & Calves - EG Dodson & Son saw another smart entry of outfits this week with younger cows and month old registered Angus calves at foot, their Salers at 5½ years and heifer calves sold to £2280 while Aberdeen Angus heifers at 2½ years sold to £2050.

Steers & Heifers - CP Hankins & Son saw a fresh entry of Hereford and Shorthorn steers forward at 9 months topping to £1000; AJ Saunders & Son saw their 12 month Hereford steers top at £1250; CG Holt penned a smart run of registered sire Angus heifers at 18 months sell to £1220 for good growing on sorts; AL Lamb & Son continued their run of best end Saler heifers seeing forward condition at 20 months selling to £2300 with followers at £2290 and £2200; TEW Farming had a best end show of Aberdeen Angus steers at 14 months well grown and forward flesh selling to £2300, £2200 and £1950; DJ Kerslake was welcomed for the first time with a quality run of Shorthorn cattle in good condition with steers at 14 months big framed topping to £2130 with young runs of the same stamp at 12 months realising £1820, their heifers in equal condition topped at £1690 for 14 months with followers at £1480; JP Watts drew another consignment of Limousins this week seeing their steers forward with highs of £2050 for big framed 23 month cattle; DR Spencer topped the day overall with a quality run seeing their Charolais Simmental steers at 23 months top to £2420, their younger Limousins at 12 months topped to £1980.

Calves - WA Infield & Son saw their Holstein Friesian bull calves at 23 days selling to £110.

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.

382 Store & Breeding Sheep

Ewe & Lambs - Another stand on week with the trade averaging £120.36. A Olorenshaw topped the day with best end North Country Mule hogs and single Blue Texel lambs selling to £162 twice and £160; P Wagstaff saw a smart show of Texel ewes with full mouth and single lambs topping to £146; R Wagstaff saw their broken mouth Beltex ewes and single lambs top at £142; T Durno penned a best end run of Dutch Spotted hogs and single Charollais lambs selling to £138 a life; J Robb continued their flock dispersal seeing full mouth Suffolk ewes and strong single lambs at £132 a life with doubles to £118; Lakeside Farm topped the Scotch Half Breds with 6t ewes and single Suffolk lambs selling to £130 a life; C & SR Johnson topped the full mouth Mules with single Texels at £105 a life and twins of the same stamp to £294 an outfit. All outfits sold above £80 a life.

Cade Lambs - A bigger showing this week with P Wagstaff topping with Texel lambs to £40; FH Pullin & Sons saw their Southdown Mule lambs all sold at £10.

Store Lambs - A smaller entry at this stage in the season averaging £88.73. RH Gunnett topped the day at £136 for big frame Suffolks; M Mahoney saw their Charollais crosses part meat at £131; R Martin topped the native breeds with meat Herdwick rams to £108; M Mansell saw Lleyne lambs to £106 with Hebridean ram lambs at £40 and ewe lambs at £17.

Feeding Ewes - A best end trade this week with a strong showing of well bred feeding ewes averaging £133.33. A Pratt topped the day at £174 for Charollais ewes with Continental followers at £166, £161 and £155; RWG Hankins & Son saw a flyer with Charollais crosses to £167 and Welsh Mules big framed and meat at £156; CA Freeman topped their Texel ewes to £158 with a smart showing of Beltex at £149; RH Gunnett topped the Suffolks at £145; LA Burton saw their Lleyne ewes to £138; J Todd topped their Herdwick rams at £105; with M Mansell selling Hebridean rams to £59.

NOTICE

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

NOTICE

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

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 10TH MAY

Westlake Machinery Sale

An amazing sale once again for Mark Weston, with over 1100 Lots going under the hammer. A great team of buyers travelled many miles including from Ireland to support the sale.



£21000	2012 Claas 540 Tractor	£2000	I/W Horse Box
£20000	1976 MF 1200 Tractor	£1850	Council Ford Tractor
£16000	2010 JCB 2cx Sitemaster	£1800	Hyd Multisaw
£15500	1999 JCB Fastrac 2135	£1600	Nuffield Universal 3 Tractor
£13200	Komatsu Pc138us Excavator	£1600	International T.6 Crawler
£12000	1980 Muir Hill	£1550	Howard Rotaspreader
£7000	1993 Ford 7740 Tractor & Loader	£1500	Talex Grass Rake
£5000	2013 Ford Transit Tipper	£1500	Iveco Horse Lorry
£3600	1978 John Deere 3130 Tractor	£1350	I/W T/A Builders Trailer
£3000	Fordson Major Tractor	£1300	Kodiak Quad Bike
£3000	1984 Belarus 560d Tractor	£1200	Council Tractor with Loader & Compressor
£2700	International Td 6 Crawler	£1050	Teagle Topper
£2400	1976 Ford 4100 Tractor		

We will no doubt see you next year for a similar but bigger sale.

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY SALE - IMPORTANT NOTICE

When delivering your items please ensure you report to the mobile office prior to unloading and obtain your computer number, this is to be clearly displayed on your lots prior to leaving the site. Reserves and payments will not be processed if unidentifiable.

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Friday 30th May at 10.30am

For Entry Forms please visit our website
Or Contact the Main Office on 01832 732241

Important, entries must be returned by
Tuesday 20th May to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

**FREE HEALTH ADVICE FOR FARMERS
TO CONTINUE AT THRAPSTON MARKET**

Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be offering health screening, information, and advice to farming families at Saturday markets. Their nurses will be based in the Bletsoes mobile unit, next to the market office.

The nurses will next be in attendance on Saturday 31st May 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.

This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects including stress management, bereavement and dementia

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Collaborative approaches for sustainable herbicide use and clean water

You're invited!

Join us on **Wednesday, 28th May 2025** for an informative morning event and farm walk at Brixworth Farming Co. This local, cross-sector collaboration will spotlight herbicide use and the associated risks to raw water. The event brings together a range of expertise to share practical, landscape-level strategies for strengthening herbicide stewardship - helping to ensure clean and plentiful water for all.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 28th May 2025
- **Time:** 08:00–12:00, meeting, farm walk and lunch
- **Location:** Brixworth Farming Co, Park Farm, Spratton Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9DS
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Topics and discussion areas include:

- Stewardship – the key to clean water and product efficacy.
- Landscape scale risk management planning to reduce connectivity to water.
- Results from field trials - efficacy, companion cropping and rotations.
- Precision techniques and technology to minimise soil movement and losses to water.
- Selecting the right Adjuvant.
- Reducing risks from yards.
- Rotations and cultivation practices to improve water quality (incl. soil infiltration demo).
- The effect of roots for crop health and clean water (crops, cover crops and weeds!).
- Innovations and Technology.
- Navigating risk factors – site, soil and weather.
- Update on Anglian Water's Farm Innovation Grant

Key speakers: **Joe Martin**, Field Technical Manager, Corteva Agriscience; **Kim Hemmings**, Catchment Advisor, Anglian Water; **David Felce**, farmer at Midloe Grange Farm, St Neots LEAF Demonstration Farm since 2000, former Syngenta Spray Operator of the Year, Farmers Weekly Countryside Farmer of the Year, NRoSO trainer since 2005, Agrii Technical Advisor 2015-2023.

This event is open to local farmers and agronomists. BASIS/NRoSO Points available.

RSVP to Kim Hemmings by 23 May 2025 by phone or email. 07811 593009 / khemmings@anglianwater.co.uk



FOR SALE

BY PRIVATE TREATY AS A WHOLE



Land at Top Green, Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire

The land is situated in the attractive village of Upper Broughton, in the county of Leicestershire, approximately 7 miles away from Melton Mowbray. The land extends to approximately 3.78 acres (1.53 hectares). The land benefits from a rural but accessible location and is approximately 2 miles from the A46, which leads to central Leicester and Junction 21a of the M1 motorway.

The property slopes steeply southeast and is bounded by residential properties along part of the southern boundary. The property is classified as Grade 3 according to the Agricultural Land Classification and forms part of unmanaged grassland and part scrub/woodland. The property is surrounded by mature hedgerows.



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Guide Price: £95,000