

# Bletsoes

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## The Market Report

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

#### Tuesday 26th May

Special Sale of Store Lambs & Feeding Ewes.  
Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

#### Tuesday 2nd June

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

*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*

**Vendors are to Drop & Go**

**Buyers Only around the Pens**

**COVID-19 KILLS**

**Keep your distance 2 Metres**

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 19TH MAY

### **211 New Season Lambs**

**35 Standards** - John Bourne & Son topped this section at 267.5p for 38kg lambs; M & L Parsley sold their 33 & 34kg lambs to 264p; also at 264p FG Belcher & Sons with some 39kg lambs; GC Hodges & Son sold a pen of 15 Suffolks to 263p. Top price per head went to FG Belcher & Sons with 39kg lambs at £102.96; and GC Hodges & Sons a few pence behind at £102.57.

To		From		Average	
267.5p	£102.96	263p	£87.12	264p	£101.10

**162 Mediums** - Topping the day and this section R & J Baldwyn with 42kg lambs at 270p; B Burrows & Sons sold their 40.5kg lambs to 267.5p; TR Tame & Son sold their 40.5kg lambs to 267p; AF & RF Slatter sold 40kg lambs to 266.5p; C Ridgway & Son sold 44kg lambs to 265.5p and 41kg lambs to 265p. Top price per head was £117.48 for R & J Baldwyn; and A Hitchman sold his 44kg lambs to £117.23.

To		From		Average	
270p	£117.48	255.5p	£104.00	264p	£109.48

**8 Heavies** - R & J Baldwyn realised top in this section too with 46kg lambs selling to 264.5p or £121.67; AF & RF Slatter sold their 46.5kg lambs to 261p or £121.37; and John Bourne & Son saw 256p for 47kg lambs or £120.32.

To		From		Average	
264.5p	£121.67	256p	£120.32	260p	£121.05

**6 Over 52kg** - Just one pen forward, way off the grid which weighed 54.5kg selling to 188p or £102.46.

To		From		Average	
188p	£102.46	188p	£102.46	188p	£102.46

### **92 Old Season Lambs**

**14 Standards** - Will Steele topped in the hogget section with 34kg hoggs selling to 208p; DJ Tomlin sold their 38kg Berricham hoggs to 203p; C Baseley sold 39kg lambs to 199.5p; and Ben Hemmings sold his 35kg hogg to 197p.

To		From		Average	
208p	£77.81	197p	£68.95	203p	£76.14

**52 Mediums** - 204p topped this category for A Hitchman with 43kg hogs; DJ Tomlin saw 203.5p for his 42.5kg hogs; Will Steele saw 199.5p for 41.5kg hogs; Kevin Elgar sold his 40kg hogs to 198.5p; Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd sold their 43kg hogs to 197p; and TP Hitchman sold 41.5kg hogs to 187p.

To		From		Average	
204p	£88.11	187p	£77.61	199.5p	£83.24

**25 Heavies** - Will Steele topped this section too with 49kg hogs at 200p or £98; DC Wiggins sold 48kg & 49kg Suffolks to 200p; and Ben Hemmings saw his 50.5kg hogs to 190p.

To		From		Average	
200p	£98.00	190p	£95.95	198.5p	£96.15

**1 Over 52kg** - A 58kg hogg from TP Hitchman sold for 160p or £92.80.

To		From		Average	
160p	£92.80	160p	£92.80	160p	£92.80

**Hoggs with Teeth** sold to £93 for DJ Tomlin with others to £87; and Will Steele saw his to £93 also.

### 36 Store Lambs

Still a few store lambs about selling to £63 for a pen of 19 from Kevin Elgar; and others from TP Hitchman sold to £60 from £50.

To		From		Average	
£63.00		£50.00		£72.22	

### 137 Cull Ewes & Rams

Selling to £103 for a pen from John North; next saw an entry from J Wiggins at £101.50; Mark Greenaway's Suffolks sold to £99; H Jackson saw his Suffolks to £99; C Ridgway & Son sold their ewes to £98.50; Anabel Murphy sold a Mule to £98; Andrew Taylor saw £97 for his 5 Texels; S Cannon sold ewes to £95; Mules from John North sold to £80.50; a pen of 14 Mules from SP & GK Smith sold to £80; CW Cowper & Sons saw £80 for their Mules; G & R Duckett sold Mules to £78.50. Some new buyers in town wanting ewes, if you have some we have excellent demand for them.

To		From		Average	
£103.00		£33.00		£78.52	

**\*\*\*\*\*NEXT WEEK\*\*\*\*\***

A FINAL Round-up for the Season

**Tuesday 26th May**

A Special Collective Sale of Store Lambs & Feeding Ewes.

*Sell your unfinished lambs before they push up their teeth.*

*Grass fever is about and buyers are looking for all types of sheep for grazing.*

*Don't deprive your next crop of sheep with a shortage of grass,  
let someone else finish them for you, and get the money in your pocket.*

*Please contact us so that we can inform the buyers.*

**THESE WORKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**

**ROAD CLOSURE**

Please note the B4632 road from Stratford Upon Avon will be closed  
from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Please leave enough time to travel the short diversion.

A quicker route to the market is from the roundabout take the A3400 Shipston  
Road, turn for Wimpstone, travel through Wimpstone taking the next turning  
signed Admington / Quinton. At Quinton village turn right before the College  
Arms travel down this road until the T-junction turn right and the market is on  
the right.

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Up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

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

## **Bletsoes Procedures for Markets & Sales in respect of the Covid-19 Restrictions**

Update 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

As the situation with Coronavirus develops, we regularly receive updated guidance from DEFRA via the Livestock Auctioneers Association, regarding the running of the livestock market and other sales. We are pleased that DEFRA has recognised the importance of livestock markets continuing to operate as an important part of the food supply chain. We are following the advice of DEFRA and adding our own additional measures to do all we can to provide a good service to all our clients and users of the markets, whilst taking reasonable precautions.

We are delighted that we are able to continue to offer a service to the farming community and remain open for business. Until further notice, the sales on Thursday and Saturday at Thrapston and on Tuesday at Stratford will continue for sheep, cattle, pigs, goats and calves.

The following applies to all sales:

1. We are operating a “**drop & go**” policy in respect of all livestock. Sellers must remain in their vehicles and allow market staff to unload livestock and pass any relevant paperwork through the vehicle window.
2. We will restrict the attendance within the market to as few as possible:
  - Only those that are **buying or working in the market** should attend
  - A register of all Buyers attending each market has to be maintained.
  - If you wish to attend Market as a Buyer, please register in advance with Al & Jake, in order that your attendance is registered and so that you can be allocated a space to stand around the cattle ring for Saturday sales.
  - Any person over the age of 70 should not attend sales
  - Any person that is knowingly ill, showing symptoms of the virus, or has an underlying health issue should not attend sales
  - Children should not attend sales
  - Any lady that is knowingly pregnant should not attend sales
3. The market canteen will remain closed, for the foreseeable future.

4. All non-essential food chain supply sales, such as the Fur & Feather, Machinery, Shrub & Plant sales, etc. are cancelled until further notice.
5. We have arranged suitable hand washing facilities – in the gents wc and ladies wc.
6. We will limit numbers in the market office. so that any queue is outside in the open and you should maintain 2 metres distancing, in any queue.
7. All of the pens are inside though with good ventilation, please ensure that you **observe 2 metres distancing at all times.**
8. If you wish to arrange collection of stock from the farm, please speak to Al or Jake, who will be pleased to organise this with you.
9. In addition to now being able to sell breeding stock, we are also operating a **Private Sale Register**, which can be found on our website, in respect of Store Cattle, Bulling Heifers, Breeding Sheep, Ewes with Lambs at foot as well as Fodder, all for sale by Private Treaty.

Please follow the current government guidance on how to reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus:

## **DO**


- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## **AVOID**

- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

We look forward to helping you through these uncertain times. Any concerns or queries please speak to Al or Jake. Please take sensible precautions and keep safe.

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