

The Market Report

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 1st February

Thrapston Market - Monthly Fur & Feather Sale
& Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 4th February

Stratford Market - Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

150 Lots expected, to include:-

Major Sheep Handling Equipment,
Fencing & Other Farming Equipment

Contact The Auctions Team for Further Information.

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY

693 Prime Sheep, Cull Ewes & Rams, Store Lambs & Breeding Ewes

693 Sheep forward today at Stratford, with an SQQ of 214p and a top of 230p and £106.28, Cull Ewes sold to £125, Store Lambs to £94 and In-Lamb Ewes to £183.

Plenty of light lambs on the market at the moment, which are not realising a lot per head for the time they have been kept, but they are finished and need to go, before they are too fat for the customer and consumer.

It is nice to see an increasing number of local vendors at Stratford, trying a different market and all leaving Stratford satisfied with their returns. We have only small queues to get your sheep into their pens, all done within the morning, leaving you to see your sheep being sold and yet still have the afternoon to finish off jobs. We pay for all of the weight, including wool and mud! No deductions and guarantee payment.

Many people have commented how disappointed they are to see sniping comments in competitor market reports, particularly given where the author trained. That is unnecessary and unhelpful, as are predictions concerning a slump in trade on social media sites. As auctioneers, we stand for what we believe "sell live and thrive". We try to do the job correctly. There is a place for deadweight, but specifications can bamboozle many. Therefore, as livestock auctioneers, we should be working together against these centres. We all strive to ensure that, through competitive bidding, our clients receive the best results on the day for their hard work, throughout the year. If you have any comments, we are on the end of the telephone. We would be glad to hear from you.

29 Lights - Topping at 222p for six 31.5kg Texel lambs from JD Hatton; TG Groves closely followed at 221p for 30.5kg lambs; R Peachy saw 220p for his 28.5kg lambs; AJ Webster sold 29kg lambs to 218p; and Mick Hall, with the heaviest lambs at 32kg, saw a price of 217p.

To		From		Average	
222p	£69.93	217p	£62.70	219.26p	£67.03

201 Standards - Top price of the day went to P & M Miller Ltd at 230p, with Texel lambs weighing 36kg; Francesca Hadley and Mick Hall saw 218p for their 35kg and 34kg lambs; Hadley Farms sold 37kg lambs to £217p and a kilo less at 216p; a number of vendors saw 215p for their lambs, to include Pip Careless for 37kg lambs; Alan Berks for 38kg lambs; Mike Gibbs with 35kg lambs; and Will Gabb with lambs weighing 39kg.

To		From		Average	
230p	£83.85	209p	£73.50	213.8p	£78.98

165 Mediums - Charles Vernon-Miller saw a top of 228p for his smart 44kg lambs, which realised over £100; Mick Hall sold his 40kg and 41kg lambs to 215p; at the same price, lambs from JD Hatton and WE Budd & Son; Will Gabb sold 40.5kg lambs to 214.5p; and three other vendors topping at 214p were Will Haines with 45.5kg lambs; Charles Vernon-Miller with 45kg lambs; and Will Gabb with 39.5kg-40kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
228p	£100.32	207p	£83.84	213.07p	£88.68

55 Heavies - Prices topped at 207.5p for Sue Collett's 47kg Hampshire lambs, with their Texel x lambs topping at 207p weighing the same; Will Haines sold 48kg lambs to 204p; heavier lambs sold to 198p from Celia Plunkett weighing 50kg and 197p for 52kg lambs; Mick Hall sold 51.5kg Suffolk lambs to 196p; and at the same weight from Will Haines selling to 194p.

To		From		Average	
207.5p	£102.44	194p	£97.29	200.26p	£99.26

6 Over 52kg - Just one pen weighing 54.5kg, selling to 195p or £106.28 from Celia Plunkett.

To		From		Average	
195p	£106.28	195p	£106.28	195p	£106.28

On Tuesdays at the market, Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, will be in attendance at the market for a chat, if you need to talk
www.woodsidesmethodist.org.uk

180 Cull Ewes & Rams

Texel rams took the top price this week, with a Texel from P & M Miller, which sold to £125; and Roger Brookhouse entered 3 Charollais rams, which sold to £85.

To	From	Average
£125.00	£50.00	£84.75

Ewes sold to £103 for Suffolks from F & J Clarke & Son; Will Gabb saw £97 for his Suffolk; Celia Plunkett entered a pen of nine Suffolks to top at £95; Texels sold to £95 for P & M Miller; and £93 for Charles Vernon-Miller. Mules topped at £90 for GC Hodges & Son; C Beaseley topped at £90 for his ewes; and Roger Brookhouse also realised £90 for his Charollais; while other Mules from Hospital Farm sold to £86.

To	From	Average
£103.00	£22.00	£68.67

It was good to see some old faces return to Stratford. If you have some culls to sell, we seem to have the trade to match anyone. Like the sheep, follow the ones who know where to go. If you have some to market, please contact Alastair.

26 In-Lamb Ewes

A disappointing entry, with the trade good for lambs and cull ewes at the moment. Vendors are choosing to do the work themselves and reap the rewards, hoping for excellent prices in the new season sales.

Prices topped at £183 for some pure bred In-Lambs Texels from L Hammon and others entered 2 pens of flock aged Welsh Ewes, which sold to £55 from £40 and were scanned with singles.

31 Store Lambs

Store lambs sold to £94 for a single Charollais lamb from Rollo Deutsch; seven from R Wixey sold to £70; Ram lambs sold to £45.50 from GA Finlay; Adam Finlay saw £42.50 for his pen of twelve long term lambs; and RS Matthews sold his 2 Ram lambs to £40.50.

We have plenty of buyers looking for store lambs. If you have some to market, please contact Alastair who can then inform the buyers.

Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

Tuesday 4th February

Entries to Include :-

3m Logic Weed Wiper
20 Metal Sheep Troughs
Walk Through Sheep Foot Bath
Game Rack to fit Polaris Ranger
Wooden Fence Panels
Rolls of Roofing Felt
Sheep Foot Bath
Drop Bottom Skips
Poldenvale Sheep Hurdles



Ritchie Combi Clamp
Including - 3 Way Drafter,
Weigh Cells & Run Up Ramp



Harrington Turnover
Sheep Crate
(including Mudge Shearing
Machine Bracket)

Further entries required and anticipated. Please contact the Auctioneers to enable us to advertise your entries in advance.

Special Entry of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 11th February

15 Purebred Texel Theaves - Not Had Lambs
*Scanned 200%, due 1st April to Beltex Ram,
Hept Vac P, Wormed & Fluked*

PRODUCE, SUNDRIES, PLANTS, HATCHINGS EGGS, FRESH VEGETABLES & POULTRY

643 lots on show this week at Stratford, with all sections having a great boost in vendors and entries. The sale commences at 10am, in the following order: Plants, Produce, Eggs, Poultry and then Sundries.

Plants

Numbers are on the up, with a break in the clouds. Flowering plants starting to come into their own, with double Primroses at 26p, Cyclamen at 28p, Primroses at 34p with Hyacinths at £1.55 for the lot. Planted tubs and Hanging Baskets peaked at £3.00, and large Ceramic Pots sold to £12.00. Wood featured with the usual vendors, bags of Dried Logs came to £4.80 and Kindling nets at £4.60.

Produce

Vegetables saw a high, with entries including Cauliflowers to £1.20, Savoy Cabbages to 60p, Carrots and Onions to 50p, Leeks to 80p and bags of Potatoes up to £3.20. The usual feed bread peaked out £4.10. Game Birds on offer this week, saw Pheasant braces at 90p and Pigeon braces at 40p, a special entry of oven ready Pheasants, stuffed with sausage and wrapped in bacon, saw £4.60.

Eggs

Top entry this week, seeing a fantastic number of Free Range Hen and Duck eggs. Hen eggs peaked at £3.60, with Pullet eggs not far off at £1.60. Duck eggs once again topped the section at £6.80 a tray this week. Goose eggs are sold singly, peaking at £1.30 each. Quails hit a high of the recent weeks at 60p. More specialist entries saw a dozen White Silkies coming to £1.40.

Poultry

Great numbers on show again this week, with laying hens featuring highly. White Stars topped to £2.60 and Hylines to £1.40, a single Maran hen reached £3.00, a quartet of Buff Pekins came to £3.00pb and a trio of Runner Ducks came to £2.40pb. Highlight of the day saw 2 Maran Cock-erels reach £13.00 per bird.

Sundries

An excellent show of class items on offer once again, with something for everyone. A strong entry of tools this week, highlights including a Guild Hammer drill at £7.50, a bench Pillar Drill at £28.00, an air powered Nail Gun at £9.50 and a sliding Mitre Saw at £18.00, but the crowds were drawn to the Clarke MIG Welder, topping out at a hard fought £58.00. Other items of note saw a Brass Oil Lamp at £7.00, Electric Fencing Units at £11.00 and 7 large Flower Vases at £20.00.

Fur & Feather	Prices
Maran Cockerels	£13.00
Trio Sussex Bantams	£9.60
Maran Bantam Pullets	£3.20
Maran Hen	£3.00
Buff Pekins Hens	£3.00
White Laying Hens	£2.60
Runner Ducks	£2.40
Miscellanea/ Sundries	Prices
Clarke Welder & Bottle	£58.00
Pillar Drill	£28.00
Strimmer	£24.00
7 Vases	£20.00
Sliding Mitre Saw	£18.00
Socket Saw	£16.00
Electric Fence Units	£11.00
Globe	£11.00
Leather Trousers	£10.00

Plants & Shrubs	Prices
2 Ceramic Pots	£12.00
Compost	£3.80
Planted Tub	£3.00
Hanging Basket	£3.00
Plastic Flower Pots	£2.00
Hyacinths	£1.55
Mini Iris	£1.20
Fresh Produce	Prices
Stuffed Pheasants	£4.60
Stock Bread	£4.10
Potatoes	£3.20
Cauliflower	£1.20
Cabbage	£1.10
Brace Pheasants	90p
Hatching Eggs	Prices
Tray Duck Eggs	£6.80
Tray Hen Eggs	£3.60
Tray Pullet Eggs	£1.60

**For further information on this section, please contact
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FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

English Springer Spaniel Puppies.

1 Black & White Dog & 1 Liver & White Dog.

KC Registered, Farm Reared, From Working Parents, Vaccinated,
Microchipped, Tail Docked, Excellent with Children, Ready Now.

Contact Ian Howe 07976 029283

NEW **'Drop In' Service**

Chris Templar will now be offering a 'drop in' clinic on a market day for all of your land and property issues. Chris is an Agricultural Valuer and Chartered Surveyor, who specialises in:

- Farm Agency – Sales and Lettings
- Agricultural Tenancy matters including rent negotiations and surrenders
- Setting up and management of Contract Farming Arrangements
- Basic Payment Scheme including brokerage of Entitlements
- Environmental Stewardship and RDPE grant schemes
- Valuations of Agricultural Property
- Compulsory Purchase and Utilities including Telecoms Masts
- Option and Promotion Agreements
- Development Land Sales
- Strategic Land Promotion
- Planning Applications, Appeals and Planning Agreements
- Agricultural Planning and Diversification
- Renewable Energy Projects and Schemes

Please call in to see Chris for an initial, no obligation consultation.

To avoid disappointment, please book an appointment with Chris between the hours of 8am and 4pm on a Market Day.

You can contact Stratford office on 01789 722 677, or Chris directly on chris.templar@bletsoes.co.uk or 07595 488 417.

We look forward to assisting you throughout the year ahead.



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