

## The Market Report

### BREAKING NEWS

Under NEW and revised guidance from DEFRA, the Government have confirmed that we are now permitted to sell Ewes & Lambs once again in Livestock Markets, under strict rules and regulations relating to the Coronavirus.

We will therefore be holding a Ewe & Lamb sale every week at Stratford. **SELLERS** must contact us with entries presale and **BUYERS** must register to buy in order to ensure the appropriate and required social distancing that everyone must observe.

The sale will be held after the sale of prime sheep and this will enable the prime sheep buyers to disperse, leaving more room for social distancing and keeping you and your families safe.

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

**404 Prime Sheep** entered today saw a more challenging trade from what we have seen. The lighter lambs seemed harder to move with many being slightly short of meat, but a surprise on the heavier sheep, as in many places they seemed to have slipped another £5 per head but our Stratford trade seemed less affected.

Trade for the ewes as quoted in previous reports has come back, the Ramadan festival starts on Thursday and therefore the demand of sheep meat selling to that trade has consequently fallen. Those observing Ramadan should not eat during daylight hours. It is anticipated that the trade should pick up in a few weeks.

### **44 New Season Lambs**

**15 Standards** – E Brain & Sons Ltd sold 39kg lambs to £90.87; Celia Plunkett sold 39kg lambs to £90.87 and TR Tame & Son sold 36kg lambs to £83.16.

To		From		Average	
233p	£90.87	231p	£83.16	233p	£90.36

**28 Mediums** – E Brain & Sons Ltd sold 41kg lambs to £98.40; Celia Plunkett sold her 41.5kg lambs to £98.36; and TR Tame & Son sold 40kg lambs to £92.

To		From		Average	
240p	£88.40	224p	£91.84	235.5p	£96.05

**1 Heavies** – E Brain & Sons Ltd sold 49kg lambs to £107.80.

To		From		Average	
220p	£107.80	220p	£107.80	220p	£107.80

### **185 Old Season Lambs**

**1 Lights** – PG Kane sold a 29kg lamb to £40.60.

To		From		Average	
140p	£40.60	140p	£40.60	140p	£40.60

**32 Standards** – Bruce Minett sold 38.5kg lambs to £77; PG Kane sold 38kg Easycare lambs to £58.14.

To		From		Average	
200p	£77.00	153p	£56.00	186.5p	£70.79

**43 Mediums** – Bruce Minett sold his 41.5kg lambs to £83; GF Heath & Son sold 44kg lambs to £80.08; Ben Hemmings sold 44.5kg lambs to £77.88; R & EM Prentice sold 42.5kg lambs to £72.25; PG Kane sold 45kg lambs to £72; John Bourne & Son sold 41kg lambs to £71.75; Lambs End Ltd sold their 44kg lambs to £70.40; FH Loggin & Sons sold their 41kg Zwartable x lamb to £69.70.

To		From		Average	
200p	£83.00	160p	£69.70	180p	£77.19

**65 Heavies** – Vernon Phipps sold 48kg lambs to £96; Mark Greenaway sold 51.5kg lambs to £92.70; SD Harrison sold their 46kg lambs to £87.40; R & EM Prentice sold 48kg lambs to £86.40; Lambs End Ltd sold a 49kg lambs to £73.50; and GF Heath & Son sold their 49kg lambs to £73.50.

To		From		Average	
200p	£96.00	146p	£67.89	183p	£87.68

**44 Over 52kg** – Mark Greenaway sold 55kg lambs to £96.25; Elizabeth Phipps sold 55kg lambs to £93.50; Vernon Phipps sold 53.5kg lambs to £90.95; R & EM Prentice sold 56kg lambs to £84; FH Loggin & Sons sold 67kg Zwartable lambs to £83.75.

To		From		Average	
175p	£96.25	125p	£83.75	158.5p	£90.12

### 116 Cull Ewes & Rams

A North & Sons topped the day at £93 for 3 Texels; C Ridgway & Son sold their Suffolks to £80; David Moore also saw £80 for his Suffolk; Lambs End Ltd saw £80 for a Texel. Mules sold to £78 for MR & BE Baylis; FH Loggin & Sons sold 5 Zwartable ewes to £75, other Mules from A North & Sons sold to £75; TR Tame & Son saw £75 for a Suffolk and Celia Plunkett sold her Suffolks to £75.

To		From		Average	
£93.00		£12.00		£53.68	

### 49 Store Lambs

Probably trade of the day, Rollo Deutsch sold about 40 store lambs which sold to £73 from £60 to average £69.64. PG Kane entered a pen of Easycare ram lambs which sold to £40 and John Bourne & Son sold their long-term lambs to £38.

To		From		Average	
£73.00		£38.00		£63.43	

## **PRIVATE SALES**

In the Stratford Area - Please contact Alastair for further details.

90 Aberfield Beullah Ewes Full & Broken Mouth  
with 180% Charollais x Lambs at foot, born from 18<sup>th</sup> March.

40 Lleyan x Full Mouth Ewes with 175% Texel Lambs at Foot.

## **FOR SALE**

2005 20' Twin Axle AW Livestock Trailer  
Complete with Aluminium Sheep Decks  
£8250 ono - 07970 184954 Richard Baldwin

## **SHEEP DOG PUPPIES FOR SALE**

¼ Kelpie ¾ Collie, 4 Dogs & 2 Bitches.  
Both Parents Working with Cattle & Sheep. Ready in 2 Weeks £250.  
Stratford upon Avon Area. Contact Brian 07815 005115.

## **COLLIE PUPPIES FOR SALE**

Working Parents, Ready 18th April.  
1 Dog £175 & 1 Bitch £200.  
Contact John 07854 653175 or Oli 07854 548521.

## **CADE LAMBS**

Large or Small Quantities available off the farm, Texel Cross.  
Contact Chris 07721 717655. Located Nr Milton Keynes



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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 14<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, however we are not permitted to sell any breeding stock through the sale ring. 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. Most of the pens are outside in the open with good ventilation, please ensure 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. We are 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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