

# The Market Report

## Professional Ponderings - May 2024

May seems to have crept up on us. We are now well into Spring 2024 and looking towards the summer months, which will hopefully bring us brighter and more promising weather! Typically, Spring has always been a busy time of year for the Agricultural Team, who are normally occupied with submitting Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) claims on behalf of clients before the May deadline. As BPS is gradually phased out between 2024-2027 with the replacement of de-linked payments, the Agricultural Team are no longer required to make BPS claims on behalf of clients from 2024 onwards, however exciting new instructions across all areas of our professional work means that we remain extremely busy and this shows no signs of slowing down.

In particular, we were pleased to have launched three exciting new properties to the market at the end of April:

- 114.90 acres (46.50 hectares) of commercial and productive grade 2 arable land at Thurleigh, Bedfordshire – available as a whole or in 2 lots and offered with a Guide Price of £1,200,000 for the Whole - [Bletsoes Sales Particulars - Land at Thurleigh.pdf](#)
- 298.32 acres (120.71 hectares) of commercial and productive arable land at Broughton, Cambridgeshire – available as whole or in 6 lots and offered with a Guide Price of £2,870,000 for the Whole - [Sales Particulars - Land at Broughton, Cambridgeshire.pdf](#)

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- 0.64 acres (0.26 hectares) of Paddock Land off Walgrave Road, Old, Northamptonshire, suitable for a variety of uses and may have longer-term development potential subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents – available as a whole and offered with a Guide Price of £75,000 - [Land off Walgrave Road - Sales Particulars.pdf](#)

Although these properties have only recently been launched, they have generated a significant number of enquiries from a range of prospective purchasers. The interest received demonstrates the continued confidence in the agricultural land market. The forthcoming general election, may of course bring uncertainty to some, but the fact remains that the market is showing no signs of slowing down and prices being paid for agricultural land remain at the same strong levels that were experienced in 2023. The key to achieving a successful sale of any property is working with an agent that you can trust, who understands the intricacies and nuances of the market at a 'local scale'. As a firm founded in 1881, we have been successfully selling and purchasing agricultural land and farms on behalf of clients for more than 140 years, and we combine excellent knowledge of the land market with a tailored and individual approach that takes into account the clients objectives in order to negotiate the best possible deal. If you would like to get in touch for an informal discussion about the sale or purchase of agricultural property, please do not hesitate to contact the Agricultural team on 01832 732241 to see how we can assist you.

In other news, there have been significant changes to Permitted Development Rights which will take effect from 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, and these ultimately look to make it 'easier' for farmers and landowners to develop without requiring a full planning application. In particular, changes to Class Q (conversion of agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses) include:

- An increase in the maximum number of dwellings from 5 to 10
- An increase in the combined maximum floorspace from 865 sq.m to 1,000 sq.m, although the maximum size of any dwelling is now 150 sq.m.
- The ability to extend beyond the curtilage of the agricultural building on any hard surface by up to 4m in any direction, which was present on or before 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- Buildings no longer in agricultural use may now also qualify for Class Q - buildings on an existing established agricultural unit and former agricultural buildings that were previously part of an established agricultural unit are now capable under the legislation of converting to dwellinghouses.

It is somewhat reassuring that the government are actively seeking to support farmers and landowners, and increasingly recognise the importance of farm diversification projects and the ability to utilise assets in order to generate investment for other areas of the farming business. The Agricultural Team work closely alongside our Planning and Development Team when assisting with the purchase and sale of agricultural property, as we recognise the importance of planning policy and the impact that this can have during the sales process and ultimately on values. It will be interesting to see how our clients will be able to benefit from these changes and we look forward to continuing to assist with a range of projects and schemes for new and retained clients.

*Alex Abrahams*  
*Graduate Rural Surveyor*



### **HARBOROUGH RURAL GRANT SCHEME**

Harborough District Council has been allocated funds from the Rural England Prosperity Find (REPF) to be spent between April 2023 and March 2025.

Eligible applicants can benefit from grants between £5,000-£20,000 to support their business to diversify, innovate and grow. The council is keen to support exciting projects that will help local businesses and the wider economy and community.

Applicants must be based in rural areas in the Harborough District which can be identified in the grant policy.

#### **The grant will cover four different themes:**

- Farm Business Diversification
- Innovation & Growth
- Green Technology/Infrastructure
- Rural Tourism

The application window will close on Friday 27th September 2024.

For more information please follow the link –

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/rural-grants>

### **LAND AVAILABLE**

Approximately 3.78 acres of grazing land available to rent in Old Weston.

Fencing required to make stock proof.

Please contact Verity Garlick at [verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk) for further details.

# Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 9th May**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 11th May**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 16th May**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 18th May**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 23rd May**  
Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 25th May**  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

*For further information on any of the sales  
please contact a member of the Market Team*

We look forward to you joining us for light refreshments at

**BEDFORDSHIRE**  
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Saturday 18th May 2024  
Manor Farm, Pertenhall  
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## NOTICE

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 2ND MAY

### Prime Lambs

The lamb trade is really starting to ramp up now with quality at serious premiums, SQQ 437p/kg. AJ Cony & Partners topped the day pence per kilo at 449p/kg for best end Continental and Suffolk lambs at 38kgs; BW Howkins & Sons topped the day overall with a quality showing of Lleyn Texels and Continentals to £179 for 41kgs, £172.50 for 39.5kgs and £171.50 for 38.5kgs. More are needed, meat is a must.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
449p	£171.50	423p	£154.50	438.6p	£165.56
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
437p	£179.00	436p	£172.50	436.6p	£175.69

### Prime Hogs

A varying trade with lean hogs not wanted. Meat sold to the usual best end levels, with the majority heavier highs and not reflecting in the 338.27p/kg SQQ. Hogs that have cut teeth were sold around £40 less than hogs that hadn't, therefore be mindful of this deduction and consider this when drawing hogs. Grange Farm topped the day pence per kilo with best end meat Texels to 396p/kg; JA & P Dickinson saw the top overall selling to £235 for 67.5kg Continentals with 61.5kgs at £228 and 57.5kgs to £208; Hootens Farm Ltd saw comparable highs with 58.5kgs Continentals to £215 and 56kgs to £203; P Wagstaff saw 48kgs to £170 and D Sansom topped to £166 for 52kgs.

To		From		Average	
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
396p	£178.00	327p	£144.00	338.3p	£148.50
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
354p	£170.00	272p	£140.00	305.1p	£152.75
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
371p	£235.00	222p	£122.00	334.9p	£189.22

### **B&R Jones Farming**

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[www.brjonesfarming.uk](http://www.brjonesfarming.uk)

## Cull Ewes & Rams

Trade continues to lift with another strong average of £130.12, not truly reflected by the later draw of ewes now forward. PA McDonald topped the day with lean meat Continental ewes at £189, with followers to £173, £171 and £161; A Pearson & Son saw the trade of the day with Charollais rams selling to £177, £167 and £159; Lloyd & Walton had a flyer with big framed Mule ewes to £152.50; JE Cox & Sons topped their run with Suffolks to £176.50 and Texels to £155 for lean meat. Any ewes with meat sold at £120 plus with true feeders and native types in the £70's.

To	From	Average
£189.00	£55.00	£130.12

### NOTICE

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

### FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

Land off Walgrave Road, Old, Northamptonshire  
0.64 acres (0.26 hectares) of Paddock Land, Village location,  
Suitable for a variety of uses and may have longer-term development potential  
subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents.

Contact Alex Abrahams - 01832 732241

### 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 8th June 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

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 [Andrea@fcn.org.uk](mailto:Andrea@fcn.org.uk)

## Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:	
Grant to Improve Productivity	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improve Slurry Management	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	Those invited to make a full application have until 30 June 2025
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.
Harborough Rural Grant Scheme	Applications close 27 <sup>th</sup> September

Contact the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241 for more information.

## REPORT FOR SATURDAY 4TH MAY

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

Empty cows sold to £1320 for Padray Farms; SE Johnson sold a Simmental to £1300; D Player sold cows to £570 from £270. Bulls sold to £1750 for a Limousin from DR Spencer and £1400 for a Longhorn from TEW Farming, who also sold a 5 month Hereford steer to £890. Yearling Belted Galloways sold to £365, CG Holt sold Angus steers to £1200 and heifers to £1000; JA & P Dickinson sold Angus steers to £1080 and Limousin steers to £1400; R Munns sold Lincoln Red steers to £1460; SE Johnson sold Limousin steers to £1550 from £1420; TJ Tye sold a Charolais steer to £1290 and a Limousin heifer to £1220; Padray Farms sold Limousin heifers to £1500; PA Wilford sold Hereford steers to £1770; R Truss sold Lincoln Red heifers to £1400; DR Spencer sold Charolais steers to £1260 and heifers to £1045; J & D Bavington sold a Limousin heifer to £1010; AJ Day & Son sold Charolais steers to £1580 and a 35 month Hereford heifer to £1665.

### **345 Store & Breeding Sheep**

**Ewes & Lambs** - quality prevails with best end ewes making the trade, older ewes sold well but hit a level on trade. PG Kettle saw a show stopping Pedigree White Ryland theave with a ewe lamb at foot sell for £230 a life or £460 the outfit; I Birden saw a flyer with Dutch ewe lambs and Dutch single lambs at foot sell to £164 a life with their ewe lambs and doubles at foot sell to £110 a life; K Shaw saw another strong show of six Zwartble theaves with eleven Dutch lambs at foot selling to £99 a life; P Macintosh saw a best end showing of Jacob double theaves and Continental lambs sell to £80 a life with broken mouthed Continental ewes and Texel lambs to £108 a life; RRG Gardner saw an excellent trade with sixteen flock ages Hebridean ewes with twenty-four lambs at foot sell to £38 a life.

**Store Lambs** - a surprising day with trade taking another lift to average £107.31. PG Kettle topped with Hampshires to £180; J Todd saw the trade of the day for Herdwick rams selling to £165; G & T Farming penned a smart run of mid frame part meat Suffolk crosses with the best end topping at £155 and followers to £153 and £130. Any better bred lambs or part meat sold at £120 plus. Small framed hard done or native types around £60.

### **FOR SALE**

Quantity of second hand telegraph poles, various sizes from 6M to 11M,  
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**Feeding Ewes** - weight and meat continue to drive the trade D Whitcher-Christmas topped with Southdown ewes to £150; G & T Farming saw Suffolk crosses to £149 for best meat; LM Anderson saw their Blue Texels to £140; JA & PJ Wright saw a flyer with meat big framed Mules to £137; JR & J Bradford topped their entry with big framed Jacob ewes to £135; LA Burton penned a true show of Lleyn cross feeders seeing a high of £116, looking well sold but the lesser ewes were a flyer at £97.50.

### **Pigs**

Another unbelievable week for Performing Pets, topping the day with Pinky and Perky the micro pigs at £110 each; JC Agriculture saw a strong trade for White guilts topping to £88 with Tamworth boars to £50; K Ives saw best meat Saddleback boars to £85.

### **Goats**

Varying goods forward, T Cushion topped with Boer Wethers to £105. Aged Toggenburg Nannie's with two kids sold to £50 a life; Woodview topped with Pygmy Wethers at £65.

### **Equine & Alpacas**

Gelded Donkeys sold to £500, a Dark Bay Thoroughbred filly sold to £800. Two male Alpacas sold to £320, others sold to £150 from £110.

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 15th June**

Farm Dispersal Sale - Banbury, Oxfordshire

*Further details in due course*

#### **NOTICE**

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

## SATURDAY 11TH MAY

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### Webb Hatherley Livestock

6 Friesian Steers 6-8 Months

#### K S Lee

5 Angus Steers & Heifers 8-14 Months

3 Charolais Steers & Heifers 10-12 Months

4 Limousin Steers & Heifers 12-14 Months

1 Limousin Heifer 24 Months

#### C E Hancock & Son

19 Store Cattle 15-25 Months

#### A L Lamb & Son

3 Saler Heifers 16 Months

#### S A C Holgate

29 Store Cattle 17-27 Months

#### J A & P J Wright

5 Limousin Heifers 24 Months

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### N Pamplin

1 Pedigree Suffolk Theave with Ewe Lamb at Foot

1 Pedigree Suffolk 6tooth with Ewe Lamb at Foot

1 Pedigree Suffolk 6tooth with a Ram & Ewe Lamb at Foot

*All been drenched with a white wormed, mineral drenched and Klik'd on 5/5/24*

#### A Pittom

2 Store Lambs

### GOATS

#### A Pittom

3 Saanen x Nannies with 6 Kids 2, 4 & 6 Years

1 Toggenburg Nanny with 2 Doelings 4 Years

1 Anglo Nubian x Red Boer Billy 1 Year

*Kids are 9 Weeks old and Sired by Red Boer*

### 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.



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### Advertising Charges

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week
+ VAT	

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Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> May to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

# Bletsoes

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## Land at Broughton Cambridgeshire

In all about 298.32 acres (120.71 hectares)  
Predominantly commercial arable land.

For Sale as a Whole or in 6 Lots



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# Bletsoes

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## Arable Land Thurleigh, Bedfordshire

In all about 114.90 acres (46.50 hectares)  
For Sale as a Whole or in 2 Lots



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# Northants YFC County Rally



**Saturday 25th May 2024**

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