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The Market Report

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

Tuesday 2nd June

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs

Tuesday 9th June

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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

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 26TH MAY

650 Head in the shed today saw a reduced lamb trade, but a very similar trade for the cull ewes and a better trade with the ewes and lambs. More sheep are needed each week, if you have some to market please contact Auctioneers Alastair or Jake for updates or to book your sheep in prior to the sale .

374 New Season Lambs

16 Standards - Mick Hall topped this section with 38kg lambs selling to 228p or £86.94; John Bourne & Son saw a top of 218p or £82.84 for their 38kg lambs; and Baylis Farming sold their 36.5kg lambs to 217p.

To		From		Average	
228p	£86.64	217p	£79.21	218p	£81.71

349 Mediums - Edward Brain & Sons Ltd sold their 41.5kg lambs to 238p topping pence per kg of the day; G & R Duckett sold their 43.5kg lambs to £100.05 or 230p; Tim Withers sold his 40kg lambs to 229p; B Burrows & Sons sold their 40.5kg lambs to 227p; Mark Greenaway sold his 39.5kg lambs to 226p; C Ridgway & Son and John Peebles realised 225p for 42kg lambs; and TR Tame & Son also sold their 41.5kg lambs to 225p.

To		From		Average	
238p	£100.05	215p	£86.51	222p	£92.19

9 Heavies - Will Spencer sold his 47kg lambs to £101.05 or 215p; and John Bourne & Son sold a pen of 48kg lambs to 207.5p or £99.60.

To		From		Average	
215p	£101.05	207.5p	£99.60	210p	£100.08

75 Old Season Lambs

It's getting to the time of year when processors are switching to New Season lambs, therefore each week the Old Season lambs are reducing in price. Perhaps not selling them now and keeping them out to grass may be an option as the trade for hogs with teeth may increase when the next festival takes place in July. Or just sell them now so that there is more grass for this seasons' crop?

18 Mediums - DJ Tomlin topped this section with his 40.5kg Berrichon hogs selling to £76.95; W Blencowe sold 43.5kg hogs to £73.95; and T Young sold his 41.5kg hogs to £71.38.

To		From		Average	
190p	£76.95	170p	£71.38	180p	£75.02

21 Heavies - K & M Farming Partnership sold 50kg hogs to £89.50; W Blencowe sold 47.5kg hogs to £84.55; and DC Wiggins saw £83.50 for his 50kg Suffolks.

To		From		Average	
179p	£89.50	110p	£50.60	159p	£75.87

35 Over 52kg - W Blencowe sold 53.5kg hogs to £88.28, 59kg hogs to £86.14; and Richard McNally sold his 57kg hogs to £78.09.

To		From		Average	
165p	£88.28	137p	£78.09	154p	£85.86

Hoggets with Teeth - DC Wiggins saw £68.50 for a 50kg Suffolk; and DJ Tomlin sold his to £75 (55kg) from £68 (43kg).

20 Store Lambs

Both New and Old season lambs forward today, with New Season lambs selling to £57 from C Lockton; and Old Season to £57 for W Blencowe; and £56 from SD Harrison.

To		From		Average	
£75.00		£56.00		£65.67	

99 Ewes & Lambs & In-Lamb Ewes

A good entry and plenty of demand, D Gabb entered 35 Mule ewes with 54 lambs at foot selling to £59 per life from £57; and a ewe lamb with a single sold to £58 per life for SD Harrison. Some ewes that had been running with a ram sold to £60 for AJ Webster.

To		From		Average	
£60.00		£57.00		£57.90	

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100 Cull Ewes & Rams

Another good trade, with 5 buyers in attendance for 100 head, which caused a brisk trade for all qualities forward. Topping at £95 for 2 Charollais from T Young; R & J Baldwyn saw £90 for a Texel; WJ Barnett & Son sold their Suffolks to £90; SD Harrison sold a pen of 7 Texel x ewes to £89; Edward Brain & Sons Ltd sold their Texels to £88.50; B Burrows & Sons sold Suffolks to £81; Griffiths Partnership saw £80 for their 5 ewes. Mules sold to £70 for K & M Farming and Baylis Farming, with others to £67; D Gabb saw £68.50 for his Mules.

Rams sold to £88 for Baylis Farming; DC Wiggins saw £87 for his Suffolks; and Richard Burrow sold a Badger Face ram to £74.

To	From	Average
£95.00	£35.00	£72.38



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

Update 27th 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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