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The Market Report

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

Tuesday 21st April

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep

Tuesday 28th April

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Our Sales are Subject to Inspection.

Please adhere to all rules & regulations regarding the running of our sales to ensure we keep them running.

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 14TH APRIL

A surprisingly better trade than expected today at Stratford with an increase of buying power by 100%. Briefly - Old Season Lambs sold to 220p or £101.18, New Season Lambs sold to 271p or £113.82, Cull Ewes sold to £91 and Rams to £74 and an entry of Store Lambs sold to £79.50

10 New Season Lambs (50+ expected next week)

Selling well to around £100 at the moment and with the good weather the lambs will no doubt finish very fast and many all at once. Trade is currently dictating a preference for lighter lambs, with heavier lambs only realising a similar price, so if you are creep feeding them, save the cost and sell those lambs at 38-43kg, if they have finish.

7 Mediums - sold to 271p or £113.82 for Edward Brain for 42kg lambs; with others to £97.44 or 232p weighing 42kg from LP Vaughan.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|---------|
| 271p | £113.82 | 232p | £97.44 | 249p | £104.46 |

3 Heavies - sold to 240p or £110.40 for Edward Brain's 46kg lambs.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 240p | £110.40 | 240p | £110.40 | 240p | £110.40 |

97 Old Season Lambs

A slight lift this week with a shortage of numbers due to the Easter Holidays.

6 Lights - DJ & M Edwards entered six 31.5kg Easy Care lambs which sold to 206p.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 206p | £64.89 | 206p | £64.89 | 206p | £64.89 |

7 Standards - One of the top prices on the day, Rob Hutchings saw 220p for his 36kg lambs; and DJ & M Edwards sold another pen of Easy Care lambs to realise 215p.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 220p | £79.55 | 215p | £79.20 | 216.5p | £79.45 |

28 Mediums - Mark Taylor took joint top price today with his 41.5kg lambs selling to 220p; L Stroud & Son sold a pen of thirteen 42.5kg lambs to 219p with his 43kg lambs to 218p.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 220p | £93.74 | 218p | £91.30 | 219p | £93.00 |

55 Heavies - Taking top price in this section too Rob Hutchings, selling his 46kg lambs to 216p. James Underhill saw his 47.5kg Cheviots sell to 213p, which was top price of the day at £101.18, his others weighing 49.5kg to 199p, with his Scotch Mules weighing 48kg selling to 190p. L Stroud & Son saw 206p for his 47kg Charollais lambs and his 51kg lambs sold to 187p.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 216p | £101.18 | 187p | £91.20 | 200p | £96.65 |

1 Over 52kg - A 54kg hogget from Rob Hutchings sold to 181p or £97.74.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 181p | £97.74 | 181p | £97.74 | 181p | £97.74 |

77 Cull Ewes & Rams

The decision was made this week to put the hoggs with teeth in the ewe section, as the carcasses have to be split like the ewes, and this is the obvious place for them, rather than them be severely downgraded in the clean hogget section.

L Stroud & Son topped at £91 with a pen of hoggets that had pushed their teeth up. Ewes sold to £85 for 2 Charollais from Dancer Brothers; Edward Brain sold Texels to £80; L Stroud & Son sold Suffolks to £77 from £72; John Bourne's Suffolks sold to £71.50. Mules sold to £76 from H Smith & Sons; L Stroud & Son sold theirs to £70 along with Dancer Brothers; GC Hodges & Son saw £63 for their Mules. Rams sold to £74 for Rob Hutchings; and Dancer Brothers saw £61 for their two Charollais.

| To | From | Average |
|--------|--------|---------|
| £91.00 | £29.00 | £65.11 |

COLLIE PUPPIES FOR SALE

Working Parents, Ready 18th April.

1 Dog £175 & 1 Bitch £200.

Contact John 07854 653175 or Oli 07854 548521.

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.

34 Store Lambs

A very mixed bag of lambs forward, to include a pen of good but very lean Charollais x lambs, a pen of Soay x 2 year+ Rams and an Easy Care lamb that was sold for life with no comebacks.

Even so buyers for all and still a good trade for the time of year. Top price went to a pen of 12 Charollais x lambs from L Stroud & Son at £79.50; Mark Taylor saw £78 for his lambs; C Lockton sold Suffolk x lambs to £68 and £63; H Smith & Sons sold theirs to £58 from £50; David Pratley sold his 7 Soay rams to £15; and buyers gambled £5 for DJ & M Edwards Easy Care lamb.

Still buyers wanting store lambs. If you're planning to get cleared up before all the grass goes and leaves nothing for your breeding stock, please contact Alastair with your entries.

| To | From | Average |
|--------|-------|---------|
| £79.50 | £5.00 | £58.24 |

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 18th March.

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

CADE LAMBS

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



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further
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 14th 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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