

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 12th October**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 14th October**

Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams  
Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Thursday 19th October**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Thursday 20th October**

Westlake Machinery Sale - 10.30am

**Saturday 21st October**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs  
One Vendor Poultry Sale - 12.30pm

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

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## **REPORT FOR THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

### **550 Prime Lambs**

Trade held steady again this week with an SQQ at 245.25p/kg. Best end lambs are continuing to fetch premiums for both meat and weight. Store lambs would be better sold on a Saturday. L Blackman & Sons topped the day with a tremendous run of Beltex and Charollais, seeing lambs top to 273p/kg for 41.5kgs with their 44kgs to £112. PM Bonner topped the day overall with an unmatched show of Texels to £160 for 68kgs and £137 for 57kgs.

**Highlights** - George Thompson Farms saw a smart run of Continental lambs forward, with their 50kgs selling to £133 and 45kgs to £115 for several pens of the same stamp; MHF Ltd saw a smart best end show of Texels with their heavy 48kgs selling to £140; AK Wilson saw some of the best trade on the day with Texel cross lambs selling to £145 for 59kgs, their 50.5kgs to £130 and their 49.5kgs to £129; JI Holmes saw the same trade with best end Texels at 49kgs to £130.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
250p	£92.50	250p	£92.50	250p	£92.50
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
273p	£115.00	233p	£94.50	245.2p	£106.48
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
266p	£133.00	230p	£110.00	248.5p	£120.02
Over 52kg					
249p	£160.00	233p	£130.00	241.6p	£137.30

### **110 Cull Ewes & Rams**

A harder week for selling with the ewe trade more uneasy. Leaner types were hard sold with meat still selling well. On the whole the average reflects the ewes forward with many farmers coming to their final draw. Average £61.73. RC & JT Bailey topped the day with a pen full of best meat Suffolk ewes selling to £117.50; DB Standing & Son Ltd saw the best of the Texels with smart meat ewes to £111; H Stacey saw a similar trade with lean meat ewes to £94. Meat ewes were in the £80's for better bred ewes, feeding types in the high £60's.

To	From	Average
£117.50	£20.00	£61.73

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## Thrapston Collective Sheep Equipment Sale

In Conjunction with the Breeding Sale  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

*To be Sold after the Sheep*

### Entries to Include

**Alligator** Sheep Handler; 20 6' Hurdles, 2 Guillotine Hurdles, 6' Two way Sprung Loaded Forcing Gate, Anti-backing Gate & 3 Pen Supports.

10 x 10' **Poldenvale** Sheeted Hurdles

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### NO Entries Taken on the Day

Please contact us with your entries

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## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER**

### **Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Cows & Calves** – The entry was made up of a Dispersal from Arthur Adams, his Charolais cows with Aberdeen Angus calves at foot sold to £2750 from £2550, Aberdeen Angus cows with Angus calves at foot sold to £1850 and his older 10-13 year old Hereford cows with calves at foot sold to £1560, to average £1820. His Aberdeen Angus stock bull sold to £1620.

**Store Cattle – Steers** sold to £1490 for Charles Hopperton with a 19 month Angus steer, with others to £1320; RG Percival sold his 19 month Angus steers to £1435 and a Lincoln Red to £1240; a bunch of 21 month Hereford steers from I Walpole sold to £1030. **Heifers** sold to £1050 for an 18 month Hereford; JTG & PA Harris sold three 16 month South Devon heifers to £880 and 12 month heifers to £660; AR Adams sold an 8 month Angus heifer to £680; and R Booth sold a 22 month Hereford to £600. **Bulls** sold to £650 for two 11 month Herefords from C Harrell.

### **Calves**

Two weaned calves sold to £340 for a 7 month Hereford bull and £310 for a 6 month British Friesian; WJ Robinson sold 4 week old British Blue bulls to £270 from £255, a Holstein Friesian bull to £50 and his heifers to £260 from £250; JEG James sold British Blue bulls to £250 and heifers to £260, their Aberdeen Angus heifers sold to £150.

### **Pigs**

Sold to £70 for NED the black boar from T Bateley and their other white weaned pigs sold to £60 and £55. Weaned Berkshire pigs from C Cardell sold to £30 from £25; J Welsby sold Micro Pigs to £50 from £5.

### **Goats**

Pygmy x goats sold to £110 and £105 for Doelings and a Nanny at £90 from W Eckersley; P Dunn sold a Boer Nanny with 2 kids at foot to £255; Baggot Wethers sold to £68 from £58 for RW Eastwood.

### **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.

## 421 Store & Breeding Sheep

Another fantastic trade this week with all sections looking a stronger trade, buyers were in abundance with more sheep needed to fill orders.

**Breeding Sheep** - Rawnie Elliot topped the day with Dutch Spotted shearling rams to £250, with their grade 4 Dutch Spotted ewe lambs topping to £140; I Benton saw a sterling trade for Llanwenog theaves topping to £127 with shearling rams at £210; J Macdonald saw a smart show of compact Suffolk theaves selling to £170; C Banks sold a best shape Texel ram at £160.

**Store Lambs** - power sold to a best end trade with the longest term lambs looking the dearest on the day. An all in average saw £71.33. A Walker topped the day with Valais Black Nose wether lambs to £130; Peter Groome saw the best entry forward with tremendous length and shape Texel lambs selling to £130, £109 and £98; P Childs topped their run with part meat Continentals at £91; M Grange saw a well grown run of Texel Easycares with a high of £89 following at £84. The vast majority were seen in the high £70's with long term lambs at £65 to £70. Soay ram lambs sold for £6.

**Feeding Ewes** - a trade unmatched nationwide with ewes averaging £69.33. W Bishop topped with Continental crosses to £120, with Mule ewes to £95; FW Smith & Son topped the Texels on the day at £118 for smart meat ewes; K Toone saw the best end trade with Jacob ewes to £110; P & J Green topped the rams with Herdwicks to £90. Any ewes of frame or meat were seen in the £70's with native breeds around £60 to £65. The very longest term were still £45 plus.

### **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 21st October 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)



## Smallholders Sale

Another very busy Saturday Smallholders sale with a large number of entries once again. We started with the **Sundries** with prices reaching £110 for a tamper, five calf coats sold to £55 with a bright pink double dog show pen achieving £50. A plastic rabbit hutch made £50 and an old Wicksteed cast horse galloped to £45. Dog cages topped at £40 and calf pen fronts to £40. **Produce** followed with boxes of apples to £6, pumpkins to £2.50 from £1 and rhubarb at £2. Onto the **Hatching Eggs**, with a slightly larger entry than previous months prices topped at £6 for ½ dozen Mille Fleur Pekins, Black Silkies and Frizzled Pekins to name but a few. Both Guinea Fowl and Quail eggs sold to £1 for a dozen. Further down the table **Ferrets**, both Jills and Hobs on offer met a fierce trade with Hobs to £40 from £8 and the Jills to £35 from £10. A very large entry of **Caged Birds** this month also met a strong trade, a Cockatiel sold to £40, Canaries to £39, a single Goldfinch Mule to £38 and Budgies to £30. Zebra Finches reached a high of £25 from £3. **Farm Kittens** once again were well received, though slightly back on previous months selling to £55 from £5. Down the line and onto the **Pigeons**, with an increased entry not looking quite so well sold, but nevertheless Show Racers topped at £9 a head, with Fantails, Racers and Tumblers reaching £2 a head. **Guinea Pigs** next, and a seasonal smaller entry saw a Sow with young top at £42, In-Pig Sows sold to £20 with individual Sows reaching £16 from £3. Boars sold to £4 from £1. Finally the **Rabbits** and what an end to the day, Belgium Hares were strongly fought over with a mated Doe selling for £80, a single Doe to £70 and a Buck to £40. A Netherland Doe with young sold to £65. Plenty to suit all pockets with both Bucks and Does starting at £2. Next sale Saturday 4th November, please remember to book your cages!

### Thrapston Market Report 2023 Advertising Tariff

#### 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
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For further information, or to place and advert,  
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## SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### J A & P Dickinson

6 Limousin x Steers	14-20 Months
2 Limousin x Heifers	21-24 Months
2 Angus x Heifers - <i>Named Sire</i>	30-31 Months

#### S A C Holgate

30 Store Cattle	15-25 Months
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#### C E Hancock & Son

21 Store Cattle	17-27 Months
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#### R Martin

2 Simmental Steers	18 Months
1 Charolais Steer	18 Months
1 British Blue Steer	18 Months
1 Angus Bull	5 Years
1 Grazing Cow	

#### R J Garley

7 Aberdeen Angus Heifers	20-24 Months
5 Simmental Heifers	20-24 Months

### CALVES

#### A G Burton - TB4

1 Aberdeen Angus x Bull	All 2-5 Weeks
5 Angus x Heifers	
11 Holstein Friesen Bull	

### WEANED CALVES

#### J Patrick

1 Beef Shorthorn x Steer	5 Months
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### GOATS

#### D S & L E Wadland

15 Red Boer Doelings - Ready to run with a Billy	7-8 Months
12 Boer Wethers & Doelings	2-3 Months

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

**Separate Catalogue - [Catalogue-141023-updated.pdf](http://Catalogue-141023-updated.pdf) ([bletsoes.co.uk](http://bletsoes.co.uk))**

#### I Birden

5 Cheviot Feeding Ewes	
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**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER**

**STORE & BREEDING CATTLE**

**S & E Dow - TB4**

10 South Devon Steers

18 Months

**NOTICE**

In Memory and Celebration of the Life of Jean Ritchie. The family invite you to join us at St James the Apostle Church, Grafton Underwood, Kettering, Northamptonshire. NN14 3AA on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 1pm.

**NOTICE**

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

**NOTICE**

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

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## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am

at Bridgehill Road, Newborough,  
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### Auction Sale



#### To Include:

Spares & Parts from Dealer Closures & Agricultural Supplies,  
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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 12.30pm**

at Thrapston Livestock Market

## **A Dispersal Sale of Poultry**

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To Include Singles, Pairs & Trios*

**Poultry** - Copper Black Marans, Frizzled Wyandottes, Legbars, Brahmas, Cochin, Pekins, Bantams, Shamos, Silkies, Barnevelder & Game.



**Pigeons** – Croppers, Kings, Pygmys, Muffies & Tumblers



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**on behalf of S Wisson**

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 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 17<sup>th</sup> October to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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## An Auction



**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm**

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

Entries by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

**NO** entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener



## Placement Student/Graduate Rural Surveyor

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Commitment and hard work will be rewarded. Essential attributes are a practical approach, keen interest in the rural sector and primarily, a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

Primarily based in Thrapston, Northamptonshire. Job Description available upon request.

Apply with a CV and covering email in Strictest Confidence to:  
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