

The Market Report

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 11th January

Thrapston Market - Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

Tuesday 28th January

Stratford Market - Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Saturday 1st February

Thrapston Market - Monthly Fur & Feather Sale
& Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 4th February

Stratford Market - Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

Tuesday 25th February

Stratford Market - Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

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JANUARY PROFESSIONAL PONDERINGS

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you and your families enjoyed the festive season.

Just before Christmas, the RPA confirmed that BPS 2019 payments had been issued to 92.4% (approximately 79,000) of claimants during the first two weeks of the payment window. If you have received your payment, please do let us know and we can check if it is correct using our in-house payment calculator. If you have not yet received your payment you should have received an email from the RPA (these claimants usually include those with common land, cross border, inspections or more 'complex'/larger claims). The RPA have not yet published any formal payment target date however based on BPS 2018 it is likely that their aim will be to issue a payment to the majority of claimants by the end of March 2020.

On the subject of BPS, the BPS entitlement trading window is also due to open at the end of this month. If you have any entitlements that you did not use last year, and will not be using this claim year, you will lose those entitlements – as there is a 2 year 'use or lose' rule. Should you find yourself with surplus entitlements, please contact one of the Agricultural Team if you are thinking of selling these entitlements once the trading window opens. Please note that the deadline for transferring entitlements is also 15th May 2020, but don't leave it too late.

We are still waiting for confirmation of application dates in respect of 2020 Countryside Stewardship Applications, however it is anticipated that a further application round will be launched early this year for agreements with a 1st January 2021 start date, as well as Hedgerow and Boundaries grants.

We will keep you up to date with the all-important application dates and deadlines over the next few weeks, please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.

Finally, I should perhaps mention my name change, following my marriage to Tom on New Years Eve, I became Mrs Garlick. Accordingly, please note my email address has changed from Verity Straker to verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk.

Verity Garlick
Chartered Surveyor

HELP REQUIRED

Last year's Sandwich student at Bletsoes, Charlotte Martinson, who many of you saw around the sheep pens, is to complete her dissertation at Harper Adams under the title of:-

**'The Social Function of Livestock Markets
above and beyond the Trading of Livestock'**

We would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete the survey. In order to assist with her research, she has compiled a questionnaire and we have attached the link below.

<https://harper-adams.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-social-functions-of-livestock-markets>

Many Thanks.

FOR SALE

Buildings and Land off Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Nr Southam, Warwickshire 7,932 ft² (737 m²) of Buildings and 1.13 acres (0.46 ha) of pasture, with good road links to J12 of the M40, Southam and Banbury. Guide Price £240,000 – all enquiries to Grace Millbank 01832 732241/
grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk

REPORT FOR TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

772 Prime Sheep, Cull Ewes & Rams & Store Sheep

A really good start to the New Year, with prices beyond expectations with an SQQ of over 206p, topping at 260p or £111, and Culls reaching highs of £117 for Rams and £110 for Ewes, and Store lambs topping at £78.50.

It's great to see new faces at Stratford and the market thriving, with increased numbers in each section. Why not come and try us, for a quick turn around on the day and good returns on your stock.

1 Light

Just one forward, topping at 260p and weighing 20kg from David Moore.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 260p | £52.00 | 260p | £52.00 | 260p | £52.00 |

117 Standards

Prices reached 215p for Hadley Farms, with a pen of lambs weighing 39kg; Daughter, Francesca Hadley, saw her lighter Texel lambs sell to 213p, weighing 36kg; Denise Neal sold 34.5kg lambs to 210p; TR Tame saw 208.5p for their 36kg lambs; Fisher-Pinfield sold a pen of fifteen 38.5kg lambs to 208p; Tim & Sara Young realised 207.5p for 38.5kg lambs; G & R Duckett topped at 206p for 37.5kg lambs, RM Philips & Partners saw 206p for their pen of twelve 36kg lambs; and JE Lea & Son also saw 206p for their 36kg lambs.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| 215p | £83.85 | 198.5 | £68.68 | 207.11p | £76.51 |

307 Mediums

David Moore topped this category with 43.5kg lambs selling to 220p; closely followed by Hadley Farms with 40kg lambs at 218p; WS Stanley sold 43kg lambs to 210p from 209p; Nick Foster sold his 42.5kg lambs to 209.5p; Will Gabb saw 208.5p for his 40kg lambs; and WE Budd & Son sold 40kg lambs to 208.5p.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 220p | £95.70 | 202p | £81.17 | 206.49p | £87.13 |

103 Heavies

G & R Duckett entered a pen of 46kg lambs, which topped this category at 205.5p and Pete Smith was a fraction behind at 204p for 47kg lambs.

Celia Plunkett topped at 203p for 46.5kg lambs; Ken Ryland sold 47kg lambs to 202p; Nick Foster's 50kg lambs sold to 200p; Ted Mawby sold 48kg lambs to 200p; and Tony Whitmill realised 199p for a 50kg Suffolk.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|--------|---------|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 205.5p | £100.88 | 193p | £91.54 | 198.12p | £96.07 |

17 Over 52kg

Crowleys Farm Partnership saw best price in this section at 192p for 53kg lambs; Mick Hall saw 190p for his 56kg lamb; Pip Careless topped the day at £111 or 185p for his 60kg Charollais lambs; and matching the price per kilo, ten 53.5kg lambs from TR Tame & Son.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|---------|------|--------|---------|---------|
| 192p | £111.00 | 185p | £98.98 | 186.09p | £102.57 |

133 Store Lambs

Over 130 forward today, saw prices top at £78.50 and £74.50 for Tristan Hill; Nick Foster sold a single lamb to £75; Graham Wealsby sold six Suffolks for £69; Tim & Sara Young topped at £65; Andrew Cook's entry sold to £63; David Blunn sold a pen of 12 to £62; Denise Neal saw £58 for her lambs; and Grass Hopper 2000, with some long term lambs, sold to £57.50.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|--------|--|--------|--|---------|--|
| £78.50 | | £50.50 | | £61.52 | |

94 Cull Ewes & Rams

Rob Slatter topped the cull section with a Charollais ram realising £117; Brian Pile saw next top at £111; with leaner rams selling to £71 for Will Spencer, who topped in the ewe section at £110 for a Suffolk. Only a £1 behind at £109, another Suffolk from S & J Lambert; Ted Mawby saw £106 for his Suffolks; and Sally Keyte sold a pen of strong ewes to £102.

Young Mules sold to £101 and an older ewe to £93 for Jacqui Albutt; with other Mules to £95 for AP Bird; and £94 from Will Gabb. Will Spencer and Ted Mawby, and what you would call feeding Mule ewes from Fred & Anthony Heath, sold to £81; and Graham Wealsby £80.

| To | | From | | Average | |
|------|--|------|--|---------|--|
| £110 | | £65 | | £88.44 | |

PRODUCE, SUNDRIES, PLANTS, HATCHINGS EGGS, FRESH VEGETABLES & POULTRY

A little slow to get started this week, but the promise of more as the weeks go on. Just over 500 lots went under the hammer in all, with some good prices achieved for the lots that were on offer.

Plants - sold to £9 for some planters to brighten the garden, logs sold to £5 per sack, and small potted winter plants sold from 40p to 90p per pot, a real saving from the garden centre.

Produce - the usual entry of feeding bread sold to £6, bags of potatoes sold to £3 from 50p, cabbages to £2 from £1.75, carrots and sticks of sprouts sold to £1, 4 pigeons sold to £1, and braces of pheasants and partridge sold to £1 from 50p.

Hatching Eggs - a few less forward, but it's the time of year, with the day light hours extending by the day, laying hens will soon be producing an abundance for you to choose from. Prices sold to £4 from £2.50 per tray, a dozen eggs to £2, 6 duck eggs sold to £1.60 from £1.20 and quail eggs to 50p.

Fur & Feather - 60 entries forward with plenty of demand at this time of year already. Warren laying hens sold to £10.50 each, Blue Bells made £10, a pair of Old English Game sold to £30, Pekins sold to £6 and Rabbits sold to £7.50 from £5.

Sundries - We are holding a special sale of farm implements & effects, trailers, vehicles etc on the first Tuesday of every month, a little short notice this month, but if you have some larger items we will be putting those outside to sell at approximately 12 noon, from now on.

An unusual door stop in the shape of a butcher pig sold to £38, a small copper churn sold to £30, some equine electric fence stakes sold to £21, Jerry cans to £12, poultry feeders to £9, a rabbit run sold to £6 and a hamster cage to £4.



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/>

More items could have been sold, Please forward details of your entries to Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff, who would be pleased to advertise your items on our media sites or weekly report. Jake.wagstaff@bletsoes.co.uk or 07487 526803.

| Fur & Feather | Prices |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Pair Old English Game | £30.00 |
| Warren Hens | £10.50 |
| Bluebell Hens | £10.00 |
| Mini Lop Does | £15.00 |
| Light Sussex Cocks | £7.00 |
| Lionhead Does | £7.00 |
| Black Pekins Hens | £6.00 |
| Miscellanea/ Sundries | Prices |
| Cast Pig | £38.00 |
| Copper Churn | £30.00 |
| Electric Fencing | £21.00 |
| Steps | £14.00 |
| Jerry Can | £12.00 |
| Rabbit Trap | £11.00 |
| 2 x Nail Guns | £10.00 |
| Bird Scarer | £10.00 |
| Chicken Feeder | £9.00 |

| Plants & Shrubs | Prices |
|------------------------|--------|
| Blue Pig | £13.50 |
| 2 x Planters | £9.00 |
| Net of Mixed Daffodils | £5.00 |
| ½ Barrell PLanter | £4.50 |
| Lupins | 50p |
| Blackthorn | 50p |
| Fresh Produce | Prices |
| Stock Bread | £6.00 |
| Potatoes | £3.00 |
| Cauliflower | £1.75 |
| Cabbage | £1.10 |
| Carrots | £1.00 |
| Sprout Stem | £1.00 |
| 4 x Pigeons | £1.00 |
| Hatching Eggs | Prices |
| Tray of Hen Eggs | £4.00 |
| ½ Dozen Duck Eggs | £1.60 |
| Dozen Hen Eggs | £1.40 |

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