

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Thursday 17th March**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Saturday 19th March**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Mid-Month Fur, Produce & Misc

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE NEW SALE START TIMES \*\*\***

*Calves, Pigs & Goats - 10.30am*

*Followed by Sheep & Cattle*

**Thursday 24th March**

Prime & Cull Sheep

**Friday 25th March**

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale

**Saturday 26th March**

Sale of Ewes with Lambs at Foot

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

### **405 Prime Hoggs**

A difficult showing forward on the week with a big yarding of heavy, over sized hoggs and some light weight store types forward. SQQ 232p/kg. JR Smith & Son topped pence per kilo at 269p/kg with CL Fraser & Son topping overall with £144.50.

**45 Standards - 32.1-39kg** - D Player topped the section with the lightest hoggs, seeing 35kg tight skinned Texels top to £92 or 263p/kg; Corney & Sons penned a smart run of Charollais hoggs with the smaller frames coming to £91.50 for 38kgs.

To		From		Average	
263p	£92.00	224p	£80.00	238.7p	£86.37

**168 Mediums - 39.1-45.5kg** - DB Standing & Son penned a top class entry of Charollais hoggs with the top end seeing 44.5kgs to £109.50; Greenacres saw a similar trade with their 45.5kg Continentals at £108.50; JR Smith & Son saw some of the best trade on the day with their 42.5kg Texel crosses selling to £108.

To		From		Average	
269p	£109.50	212p	£90.00	231p	£98.95

**122 Heavies - 45.6-52kg** - JR Smith & Son topped this section with 47kg Beltex hoggs selling to £118.50; Greenacres saw a similar trade for best end Continentals with 48kg selling to £117; BW Costin & Sons saw best end Continental hoggs to £117 for 46kgs; FE Harris & Sons topped their run with Charollais crosses to £117 for 47.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
254p	£118.50	208p	£105.00	225.8p	£109.95

**70 Over 52kg** - CL Fraser & Son topped the day overall with massive 70kg hoggs selling to £144.50; R Truss saw equal mountains at 62kgs sell for £128; G & J Rattray sold their Charollais at £127 for 66.5kgs.

To		From		Average	
227p	£144.50	186p	£110.00	204.8p	£122.04

## 79 Cull Ewes & Rams

Cull ewes continue to sell at an all time high. ALL CULLS SHOULD BE SORTED AND SOLD. Leaner ewes continue to look at the best end of the scale on the day. Top end saw £170.50 for P Castle for their Texel ewes; Greenacres saw trade at equal highs with a pen of seven Continental ewes top at £159 for power and best condition; BW Costin & Sons topped their run with Texel ewes selling to £144 for the best conformation; A Kinns topped the Suffolks on the day with ewes selling to £127. All in average for ewes on the day saw £107.30.

To	From	Average
£170.50	£40.00	£107.30

### IMPORTANT

**Please do not present your Cull Ewes in-Lamb in the cull section without announcing the issue**

LAA Conditions of Sale

#### **37. Female Sheep**

**37.1** Vendor's warranty each female sheep is warranted not to be In-Lamb at the time of sale. This warranty is a 14 weeks and 5 Day Warranty.

**37.2** Purchaser's rights - If the Purchaser proves a breach of warranty the Vendor shall pay to the Purchaser as Liquidated Damages a sum equal to 33.33 per cent of the purchase price.

Notice of a claim must be supported by a Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate or a slaughter-house manager's or other competent person's certificate confirming the sheep to have been In Lamb for a period of at least 12 weeks on the day of sale.

### FOR SALE

Puppies looking for a good home.

Please contact

Tash 07769 356807 or Will Burden 07917 152149



## SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

### BREEDING & STORE CATTLE

#### T N Thomson - TB4

2 Longhorn x Cows	17 Years
1 Hereford x Heifer	14 Months
1 Hereford x Steer	7 Months

#### Eriswell Estates (Norfolk) -TB4

20 Continental Heifers	10-12 Months
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*Single Suckled, Suckler bred, they have lived outside all their lives.*

#### S G C Hill

8 Charolais Heifers	All 12-14 Months
1 Charolais Steer	
4 Saler Steers	14 Months

#### S A C Holgate

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

31 Quality Store Cattle	17-27 Months
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#### Northen & Son

10 Blonde x Heifers	18-20 Months
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### PIGS

#### B Burrows

6 Landrace Duroc x Weaners	8 Weeks
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## SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

### STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

#### Northen & Son

6 Blonde x Heifers	18-20 Months
2 Blonde x Steers	18-20 Months
3 Blonde x Heifers	24 Months

### EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

#### C D Hughes

10 North Country Mules Flock Age Ewes with 20 Texel Lambs at Foot

### STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

#### S G C Hill

20 Continental Cade Lambs

#### M Bowden

15 Store Lambs  
1 Feeding Ewe

# **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 12TH MARCH**

## **Store & Breeding Cattle**

**Steers to £1360, Heifers to £1290 Cows & Calves to £1200**

There is understandably plenty of talk about what is going on in the world, the prices of feed, fuel and other costs spiralling out of control, but people will need food at the end of the day and if they do, they will need to pay for it. As the old saying goes, 'if there's nothing in the shop window, you haven't anything to sell'. Cattle prices are generally not as high as everyone is predicting. Maybe £50-£100, which is less than inflation. Vendors, make sure that you are selling at the right time, and that you have advertised with us for maximum coverage to the potential buyers.

First in the ring came an 8 year old Blue cow with a Beef Shorthorn heifer calf at foot which realised £1200 from MA Hunt. A plain 7 year old Angus cow from J Bottesch was sold well at £685.

Store cattle started off well with TH Bletsoe & Son selling a 23 month British Blue heifer at £1255. P Wagstaff entered a British Blue steer 23 month which sold to £1140, a 22 month Longhorn steer sold to £1200; four Longhorn steers 21-22 months sold to £1150; a Blue heifer 22 months sold to £870 and his three Blue steers 23-24 months sold to £1080. JD Davies & Partners entered two Angus heifers; a 27 month sold to £1160 and a 23 month sold to £950. AR Adams entered his usual annual consignment of quality cattle which sold to £1265 for a 12 month Angus steer, with others to £1100 and £1005, whilst his heifers sold to £950, to take an overall average of £940.40 for yearling store cattle. As prices increase yearly, the previous year Mr Adams averaged £861 and 2020 saw an average of £726, which was as mentioned in the first paragraph. PE Hamence & Son sold 11-13 month Limousin heifers to £870 and a smaller bunch of 8-13 month heifers to £780. RA Ford sold South Devon and Aberdeen Angus yearling steers to £1050 for the Angus and £880 for the South Devon, taking an overall average of £904 beating the previous years average at £876 and 2020 saw their average at £803. JSW Handy sold his 22 month Charolais steers to £885 from £650 and his 22 month heifers sold to £840 from £620. J Bottesch entered two smart Limousin steers 19 months which topped the day at £1340 and £1260.

### **NOTICE**

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

A special entry from Eriswell Estate (Norfolk) Ltd saw their steers sell to £930 for two White Beef Shorthorn steers 11 and 17 months; a mixture of dairy bred Continentals sold to £890 and their suckled calves sold to £820 for a bunch of Charolais 6-7 months. Another 20 heifers will be coming this Saturday (19th March). J & D Bavington entered three, 22-23 month Simmentals which sold to £1290 and two others at £1160.

A good show of over 200 cattle forward brought buyers and bidders from near and far looking for all types of cattle. If you have some to sell, we have the buyers, so come along and see for yourself.

### **Breeding Sheep**

DM Walsh started the day with a sterling show of Texel Beltex theaves in-lamb with doubles to a Charollais/Beltex ram selling to £255, followed by Texel cross ewe lambs in-lamb to a Roussin ram with singles selling to £132. Trade of the day was seen from P Lucas and their double theave Suffolk Mules with Suffolk lambs at foot selling to £270 an outfit or £90 a life for the twins and £170 an outfit or £85 a life for the singles. Corney & Sons continued the highs with a broken mouthed Welsh Mule with two Charollais lambs at foot selling to £68 a life or £204 the outfit.

### **Cade Lambs**

A strong showing forward on the day with eleven sold in total. Pearse & Sons topped with Continental lambs selling to £25 for the strongest lambs down to £20. Yelden Growers Ltd had a younger showing of quality Continentals forward with the top end also selling to £20.

### **Store Lambs**

Smart showing forward as the season draws on, all in average for the day levelled at £72.18 with size being the leading factor. B Painter topped the day showing top end Texel ram lambs selling to £105. DLJ Hughes penned a quality run of hogs with Texel crosses selling to £91.50 over several pens. T & S Heppelthwaite saw strong trade with a penning of Texel crosses selling to £90.50 for lambs in forward condition. P Grey topped their run with big framed Charollais crosses selling to £87.50. FH Pullin & Sons penned a smart run of lighter framed but partial meat lambs selling to £80. Heleben Farms saw the same trade for their Texel lambs also at £80.

## Feeding Ewes

Trade continues to hold a strong level with numbers needed to draw buyers. All in average for the day levelled at £74.50. MJ Padfield topped with Continental crosses selling to £93 with M Burke penning mule ewes to £85.50 and £71.

## Hay, Straw & Fodder

Still a minimal demand for all types of Feed and Bedding. As the sale commenced, the sun shone like a spring morning which didn't help matters, when it looks like cattle and sheep are getting turned out next week! Though with ever increasing prices of fertiliser, it may be wise to have some extra bales of hay or silage to hand. You never know what's round the corner?

We have plenty on offer privately if you require any; on the day a 7% clearance saw 22 bales of 4' Silage at Flore for £11 per bale and 60 x 5' round bales of Meadow Hay at Rushden for £18.

We have a final sale next month if anyone has entries. Please let us know in plenty of time before the sale.

### NOTICE

We regret to inform you of the death of Mr John Bavington, Mortal Man Farm, Bedford. He passed away at the age of 94 years on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### NOTICE

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

### SALES OF BPS ENTITLEMENTS & TRANSFER OF LAND FOR BPS PURPOSES

The window to transfer entitlements opened on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and will remain open up to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you have entitlements to sell, or wish to purchase new entitlements please register your interest with Grace Millbank in the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241 or [grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk)

If you have taken on new land since 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021, it is worthwhile checking whether you need to transfer the land into your RPA registered business, if you intend to claim BPS on the land. The deadline to transfer land between businesses has been set as 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

## NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL - CALL FOR SITES

North Northamptonshire Council is developing a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) to shape its development for the future. This will help the Council identify a supply of land which is suitable, available and achievable for future housing and economic development uses. To help identify the land, the Council has commenced a 'Call for Sites' exercise and this enables landowners to submit details of sites considered to have potential for future development and which may be considered for inclusion in the HELAA. The Council now welcomes submissions to the 'Call for Sites' and this process runs until Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The Planning & Development team at Bletsoes are happy to discuss any potential land within the confines of North Northants Council (which comprises the former district councils of East Northants, Kettering, Wellingborough and Corby) that you feel might be suitable for development and assist you with the 'call for sites' exercise. Parcels of land that are positioned in or on the edge of the built-up area of a town/village should be submitted. Land that is isolated and detached from settlement boundaries is less likely to be positively considered as part of this process.

We look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to make contact, should you have any questions.

*Bletsoes Planning & Development Team*



Souster Youth is a charity based in Thrapston which works in local schools to support the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of young people. The team also work closely with churches, youth workers and community organisations to help youth ministry flourish in East Northamptonshire.

The team is based at the old Methodist Church on Market Road, Thrapston.

Souster Youth relies on fundraising and the generosity of donors and grant bodies to continue it's good work in our area. Thank you for your support!

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## COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Haldens Parkway, Thrapston

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am**

For Entry Forms please visit our website  
Or Contact the Main Office on 01832 732241

Important, entries must be returned by  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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## A SPECIAL SALE OF EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

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## COLLECTIVE SALES OF HAY, STRAW & FODDER

### 2022



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

In the main cattle sale ring at 11am

All types of Hay, Straw, Silage & Haylage required.  
Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

For Entry Forms and Catalogues, visit [www.bletsoes.co.uk](http://www.bletsoes.co.uk)

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# FORTHCOMING MACHINERY SALES

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Farm Dispersal Sale – Stilton, Cambs

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Dispersal Sale – Newborough, Cambs

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Garage Dispersal Sale – Banbury, Oxon

*Further details in the coming month*

For further information please contact the Market Team