

# Bletsoes

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# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 17th April**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

**Saturday 24th April**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Sale of Ewes with Lambs at Foot

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



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

**Face coverings are mandatory in all areas of the Market.**

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## REPORT FOR THURSDAY 8TH APRIL

### **550 Prime Sheep**

550 penned in a blistering day at Thrapston, leading to highs of £186 and 338p/kg, All-in for the day hoggs averaged £142. SQQ for a mere 130 hoggs saw 297p, showing the demand forward for the sale. All meated hoggs command trade, with numbers now nationally short, a push for new season lamb by the abattoirs has led to buying power at unprecedented levels.

### **523 Prime Hoggs**

**6 Lights** - NP & MJ Russell penned some smart Beltex hoggs at 32kg reaching £102; JR Smith & Son continue to show well meated hoggs with Texel crosses at 30.5kgs coming to £96.

To		From		Average	
319p	£102.00	315p	£96.00	316.1p	£98.00

**49 Standards** - F & SM Stamper penned their usual Beltex hoggs with power performing well, 38kg made £120; JR Smith & Son saw more of the same with their Charollais crosses at 38.5kg coming to £118, with several more pens to the same standard and prices; C Stancombe & Son had a final draw of the season with their Texel Mules hoggs at 38kgs reaching £112.

To		From		Average	
316p	£120.00	282p	£107.00	295.3p	£111.91

**84 Mediums** - F & SM Stamper saw the top with Beltex at 44kgs reaching a tremendous £144, with more pens at the same level; R Law saw quality forward with the top of their run reaching £138 for 44kgs; Lattenbury Farming Co penned some smart Continental crosses at 45kgs reaching £136; SF & JH Wagstaff saw £136 for 43kg Charollais crosses.

To		From		Average	
338p	£144.00	273p	£112.00	296.8p	£126.90

**222 Heavies** - BW Costin & Sons topped with Texels reaching a tremendous £157 for 51kgs; R Law saw the same trade with his best meat Continentals at £157 for 51kgs; SF & JH Wagstaff had 51kg Continentals at £157; A Cooper had the same trade with 50.5kg Texel crosses at £156.50; Guilford & Sons penned a smart well finished hogg at 51kgs that came to £150; Fineseasons saw more of the same with 50.5kg Charollais Texels topping at £148.50.

To		From		Average	
324p	£157.00	260p	£125.00	299.7p	£147.95

**162 Over 52kg** - M & L Blakemore & Sons topped the day with their Texels reaching a fantastic £186 for 76kgs; A Cooper was close behind with Texels at 56kgs making £168.50; RWG Hankins & Son saw weight rewarded with Texels crosses making £165 for 69kgs; AJ Cony & Partners commanded the same levels with 64kg at £161.

To		From		Average	
301p	£186.00	205p	£120.00	267.5p	£153.13

### 27 New Season Lambs

First of the season forward for the prime lambs, with nothing but quality forward. A total of 27 lambs from five vendors saw a tremendous trade, setting the bar for hopefully a far greater penning next week. The SQQ saw a strong 328p, with highs of 380p or £144.

**23 Standards** - Top of the day saw MJ & JA Pinny with their Suffolk lambs at £142.50 for 37.5kgs, setting an astounding top of 380p/kg; SJ Leedham saw a very similar trade with Continental crosses making £139 for 38kgs; B Howkins & Sons saw more of the same with their Continental cross lambs at £137 for 37kgs; A Hodson saw a smart run of Charollais and Suffolk crosses with the top reaching £120 for 39kgs.

To		From		Average	
380p	£142.50	278p	£100.00	327.9p	£120.74

**4 Mediums** - Guilford & Sons topped the day with a Dorset cross reaching a fantastic £144 for a 45kg lamb of tremendous length; A Hodson saw more of their Suffolks push the trade with 41.5kg reaching £137.

To		From		Average	
344p	£144.00	320p	£136.00	330.8p	£138.50

### 138 Cull Ewes & Rams

Prices still hard to believe, with a strong 138 forward and a price range of £15 to £163, all vendors were happy and so were buyers. Average for the day saw a tremendous £106. Top of the draw saw BW Costin & Sons with their Charollais ewes at £163; JR Smith saw more of the same with Texel ewes at £151; RWG Hankins & Son drew a sterling load with Continental crosses reaching £144; D Barnett Farms saw the top of their run reach £142 for Texels; as did DM Walsh for the same goods; SE Johnson penned a smart draw of Suffolk ewes with the top seeing £140. Mules topped with C Stancombe & Son at £127.

To	From	Average
£163.00	£15.00	£103.99

**SATURDAY 17TH APRIL**

**BREEDING & STORE CATTLE**

**J Buchanan**

7 Aberdeen Angus Bulls

10-12 Months

**T & J H Scrimshaw - TB4**

5 Simmental Steers

12 Months

2 Simmental Heifers

12 Months

*Registered Sire*

**R Wood & Son - Farm Assured**

11 Hereford Steers

12 Months

*Named Sire*

**B C & M B King - TB4**

5 Limousin Steers & Heifers

12-14 Months

**Richards & Co**

3 Hereford x Simmental Steers

13-14 Months

2 Hereford x Simmental Heifers

13-14 Months

**S A C Holgate**

31 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

**G T Frossell & Son - TB4**

5 Aberdeen Angus Steers

16-17 Months

4 Aberdeen Angus Heifers

16-17 Months

*Named Sires*

**C E Hancock & Son**

30 Quality Store Cattle

16-26 Months

**J & T Agricultural Contractors**

2 British Blue x Aberdeen Angus Heifers

19 Months

**CALVES**

**Evolution Farms**

20 Friesian Bull Calves

All 56 Days & Over

**STORE SHEEP**

**A Wilson**

10 Texel x and Suffolk x Cade Lambs

**EWES WITH LAMBS AT FOOT**

**R S Whatton & Son**

30 Young Texel x Ewes with 15 Double & 15 Single Texel x Lambs at Foot

*Ewes from Theaves to Full Mouth, Lambs 1 month old+*

*Drenched & Heptavac P*

**SATURDAY 24TH APRIL**

**BREEDING & STORE CATTLE**

**R Wood & Son - Farm Assured**

11 Hereford Heifers  
*Named Sire*

12 Months

**NOTICE**

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

**SATURDAY 1ST MAY AT 11AM**

**A Special Collective Sale of Cows & Calves,  
In-Calf females and Breeding Bulls**

*Entries already include:*

5 Saler Cows with Calves at Foot,  
8 Aberdeen Angus Cows with Calves and 5 In-Calf Heifers,  
5 Continental Cows with 3 month calves at foot.

More detailed information will be available soon.

**Further entries are required for this sale.**

Please contact us with your entries as soon as possible,  
for advertising purposes.

**FOR SALE**

**2 x Purebred Gloucester Old Spot In-Pig Sows**

*1 is due end of month and the other in 2 months*

Both from Countess Line and in pig to Sambo.

Both have a rate of 10 + piglets. £250 each

Contact Alastair Brown - 07885 804450

**CONTRACT SHEARING**

Big and small lots.

Contact Sam - 07919 551369

## REPORT FOR SATURDAY 10TH APRIL

### **Finished Fat Cattle**

Another excellent trade in the fat ring with prices selling to £1650.60 or 262p for a Limousin steer from EF Wootton & Son to take an overall average of 239p or £1534.21. No deductions for weight, grade or fat. You get paid for what you have produced. In deadweight terms cattle today would have needed to be 435p to match the price, with mainly R grades forward, possibly a U. Looking through the Farmers Guardian last weeks prices are 400p for R grades and 406p for U's. Why not use the live markets?

### **Breeding & Feeding Cattle**

An entry from O Cunnington of Native Breed cows aged from 3 years to 13½ years that had been running with the bull topped at £1000 from £650 to average £800.

### **Store Cattle**

A great start with **A Aves & Son** setting the trend with five 16 months Hereford steers selling to £1275 from £1185 to average £1225; **P Wagstaff** entered five 2 year old Simmental heifers which sold to £1180 from £1055 to average £1084; **SL Fletcher** entered a 12 month Lincoln Red x steer which sold to £575; **GW Jones** entered three yearling Charolais heifers to top at £880 and three Limousin heifers which sold to £830 from £755; **KS Lee** entered four Limousin steers 10-13 months which sold to £895, his heifers also topped at £895 for seven Continentals 10-13 months and some slightly younger Continental heifers sold to £775 from £760; **Trustees of Heleben Settlement** entered two 15 month Limousin steers which sold to £860; **NP & MJ Russell** sold four Hereford heifers 17-24 months to £950; **Chris & Christina White** entered their usual yearly consignment of yearling Charolais steers and heifers which saw steers sell to £1295 from £1090 to average £1205 and the heifers sold to £1080 from £980 to average £1027. In comparison to last year £200 per head more on average. Well done, great cattle, Good luck to the purchasers. Quality pays; **DG Short** entered two, 2 year old Aberdeen Angus steers which sold to £1210 from £1140 and two 21 month Limousin steers which sold to £1110; **G Warner** entered three Hereford heifers 18-19 months which sold to £785 and a British Friesian steer 19 months which sold to £760; **SGC Hill** entered the last consignment of his Saler steers this year aged 9-12 months which sold to £805; **D Daghish** sold three 15 month Aberdeen Angus heifers to £955 from £850 to average £920; **W Darby & Son** entered Limousin steers and heifers 13-20 months which all realised £800.

**C Stancombe** saw his entry top at £1360 for a 14 month British Blue steer with others from £1185 to take an average £1231.50 for yearlings; **Hales Farms** entered five Limousin steers, the youngest 15 months sold to £1200 and others 21-23 months realised £1185; **N Pamplin** saw his entry of yearling dairy bred British Blue steers sell to £885 and a heifer to £865.

More are needed each week. Why not try the market that achieves the best results for the quality forward on the day. Please contact us for further details.

### **Pigs**

More demand for pigs now with the opening of restaurants, etc, lifting the demand for pork. IL Hudson entered eight white pigs weighing approximately 60kg which sold to £114 for the two gilts and the boars sold to £100; Ryan Shellard sold a Saddleback sow that had been running with the Large White boar for £100, the boar made £28 and his seven Kunekune pigs sold for £4. If you have some to sell, we have the buyers.

### **Store & Breeding Sheep**

*Strength in prime sales continue to drive stores sky high.*

### **Ewes with Lambs**

A tremendous entry of variation forward, with 103 penned on the day. K Buckby topped the outfit prices with a tremendous full mouth Texel ewe and two lambs selling for £330, the same vendor saw a six tooth single Texel make £124 a life. BWH Jackson Gee saw youth rewarded with a Texel cross theave and two lambs coming to £270; D King penned a pedigree Southdown broken mouthed ewe with a Blacknose Valais cross ewe lamb at foot, the outfit sold for £160; RS Whatton & Sons continued to show quality Texel Mule ewes with double Texels at foot, a serious following has developed for these sheep with outfits selling for £237 over the whole run; *(more of the same entered next week from the same vendor)* J Tibbits penned another fantastic entry of full mouth Mule ewes with doubles at foot selling for £72 a life or £216 an outfit.

### **Store Lambs**

Lambs continue to command trade but with more buyers wary about the advancing season all are encouraged to sell as soon as possible. On the day lambs averaged £84.52, M Burke topped the sale with Beltex lambs at £135; D King saw similar highs with Charolais lambs coming to £116; C Baseley penned some large frame Cheviot Mules with the top seeing £105; BWH Jackson Gee made £90 of Suffolk lambs.

**Cade lambs** continue to sell to tremendous money with Texel crosses from J Tibbits making £24.

### **Feeding Ewes**

Sales continue to push the cull ewe trade, with ewes seeing a tremendous high of £140 from K Buckby for his Blue Texels; M Burke presented power with Charollais at £107; AC Downing saw Texel crosses at a very similar £106.

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# A COLLECTIVE ONLINE TIMED AUCTION OF MACHINERY & EFFECTS



Starts: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9am  
Finishes: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon

**For Entry Forms please visit our website**

Important, entries **must** be returned by email to  
[beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:beth.kitchener@bletsoes.co.uk)

By 12 noon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Entries will be lotted on a first come, first served basis.

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