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The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 20th October

Prime, Cull, Breeding & Store Sheep,
Fur & Feather, Produce & Misc

Tuesday 3rd November

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep, Ewes & Lambs
Fur & Feather, Produce & Misc
Collective Machinery Sale

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Face coverings are a mandatory requirement, and **MUST** be worn by all customers and other visitors including children attending indoor areas of our markets. In order to communicate effectively not all staff are required to wear face coverings. Appropriate social distancing should continue to be observed.

Our Sales are Subject to Inspection.

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

602 Prime Sheep forward this week including Prime Lambs, Cull Ewes, Store Sheep and Breeding Ewes.

259 Prime Lambs

A different week this week in the pens with the weather affecting lambs' condition recently. Going forward, weight and finish are in high demand, as shown in the trade today. Well over three quarters of lambs in the pens this week were below 45kgs. However, on the whole, a stronger showing forward, bringing an SQQ of 192p/kg. Topping at 208p/kg from CJ & L Vernon Miller for their Beltex lambs.

6 Lights (25.6-32kgs) - Small entry of lights in this week, with 30kg lambs from T Hill coming to 160p/kg.

To		From		Average	
160p	£48.00	160p	£48.00	160p	£48.00

99 Standards (32.1-39kgs) - CJ & L Vernon Miller topped the trade and the market with their 32.5kg Beltex lambs seeing a strong 208p/kg. Following on they received 201p/kg and 200p/kg for their 36kg and 39kg Beltex lambs. NP Read saw Texels to 197p/kg for 37.5kg lambs. C Summers had Texels at 196p for 34kg Texels.

To		From		Average	
208p	£78.00	178.5p	£65.00	192p	£71.26

108 Mediums (39.1-45.5kgs) - B Rawlinson had some strength with lambs at 201p/kg for 42.5kg Texel lambs. Followed my P & M Careless with Texel crosses at 197p/kg for 43kg lambs. As did JE Lea & Son with their 42.5kg Charollais lambs.

To		From		Average	
201p	£85.43	189p	£75.60	192.5p	£79.54

45 Heavies (45.6-52kgs) - Weight was in demand again this week, with trade pushing to the top for best finished lambs. NK Butcher saw 200p/kg for tremendous 46.5kg Charollais cross lambs, going to show that weight pays. B Rawlinson had strong Beltex lambs at 46kg reach 199p/kg. CJ & L Vernon Miller saw 199p/kg for a smart pen of Beltex lambs at 50kg.

To		From		Average	
200p	£99.50	186p	£88.78	193.5p	£90.64

1 Overweight (52+kg) - J Bourne & Son saw one of the best trades on the day with a 55kg lamb at 190p.

To		From		Average	
190p	£104.50	190p	£104.50	190p	£104.50

146 Cull Ewes

Trade was on fire this week, seeing some of the best trade in recent times. Mules topped the day seeing a fantastic £86 for WR Spencer, and his Strong Charollais ewes seeing £81. Clark Farms saw the top on the day, also with Texel cross ewes making £79.50. Cull rams saw the top price on the day in the culls with a Charollais ram from CW Cowper & Sons reaching £95.

To		From		Average	
£86.00		£19.00		£67.42	

181 Store Lambs

Demand on the day saw many buyers in the alleys, with trade gaining momentum again as the prime trade stiffens. WW Steele topped the day with cross breed lambs seeing £67.50. GSF Wealsby had another top run of Suffolks on show with the first pen of 22 coming to £65 and the second pen of 25 seeing £62. Townsend Farms had 20 continental cross lambs on show, seeing £64.

16 Breeding Ewes

SJ Heppinstall had a genuine part flock dispersal, with more on show next week, with his flock age Texel cross ewes seeing £80 over both pens.



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Up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.
<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

Fur, Feather & Miscellaneous

Fantastic entry this week, seeing a big rise in the plants and produce entries. Trade has also seen a welcome boost, with demand growing all the time over the two sections. Sundries saw a good consignment but more entries are welcomed, highlights included a welding mask for £10 and a stump puller for £11. The fur and feather has seen a massive increase in the past few weeks with every cage yet again full. A pair of buff Orpington's sold to £8pb and a pair of chocolate Muscovies sold to £9pb. Rex Buck rabbits topped out at £9. Trade of the day was seen by a box of 5 female quail reaching £3pb.

FARM DISPERSAL SALE

On Behalf Exors of RK Taylor, at Fulling Mill, Broughton, Banbury. Oxon

An excellent show for a genuine farm dispersal, with over 100 years of farming at the one spot, buyers flocked to the site in droves from as far as Kent, Somerset and Hexham, trade was phenomenal with all original items being sought after for exhibitions. Tremendous amounts of interest saw lots such as; stone troughs reach £245, a pair of staddle stone bases top at £170 and a horse drawn plough get to £220. On the smaller items, sales topped with a selection of water troughs, where a galvanised, riveted selection topped at £300, as did a much smaller iron cast with ring handles. Larger machinery sold very strongly with a **Vicon** Varispreader selling for £510, and the **New Holland** conventional baler reaching £560. The **Martin Markham** 3t tipping trailer came to £820; the **Dowdeswell** 1550 side spreader drew a lot of attention for its immaculate condition, seeing it reach £1500, the tractors sold had never been off the farm since new, seeing the **Ford** 4000 reach £4300 and the **Ford** 4610 with **Quickie** loader come to £5000.

Following the dispersal sale for the Exors of RK Taylor a collective sale was held, with over 100 unexpected lots, entered the day before. All entries brought extra class with a strong selection of agricultural equipment and rural by-gones, larger items saw a near new **Quantock** mounted sprayer reach £360, a flexigrip bale handler get to £520, a 3 phase pto generator sold to £160 next to a well maintained **Stocks** slug pelleter coming to £230. Cast iron feed hods sold to an astonishing £100 a piece. A set for hydraulic folding chain harrows pushed the mark seeing them reach a very respectable £700, sheep walk through feed troughs topped at £110 each.

NEXT TUESDAY - BREEDING SHEEP SALE

Tuesday 20th October

Entries to Include:

R Burrow

17 x Lleyn Ewe Lambs

1 x Texel Ram Full Mouth

1 x Chartex Ram Full Mouth

COUNTRYSIDE PRODUCTIVITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME - ROUND 3

The final Round 3 of the Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme is now open until midday on **4th November 2020**.

The Countryside Productivity Small Grant (CPSG) scheme provides funding for farmers to purchase equipment to improve the productivity of their farm. Farmers can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £12,000 to buy new and 'innovative' equipment. The application process is quick and simple and is completed online. If you are interested in applying and require any assistance please contact a member of the Agricultural Team.

FOR SALE

70 Broken Mouth Mules

Correct in the Udder. In the Buckingham Area

Contact Jake or Al

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY SALE

Tuesday 3rd November at 12 Noon

Entry forms are available from the Market Office, or by request.

A Message from the Livestock Auctioneers Association

Following a teleconference meeting this morning it was made very clear to me that officials are not happy with the Covid-19 face covering and social distancing compliance rates at a handful of livestock markets in England.

Members are reminded that the wearing of face coverings in enclosed spaces in English markets is not an ask. **It is mandatory.**

ALL MARKETS should continue to ensure that compliance with the Social Distancing rules are adhered to, that adequate hand washing facilities are available for everyone to use and that a record of all attendees is kept.

In addition, in England, everyone entering the enclosed areas of the market must wear a face covering (except those that have an exemption for health reasons).

The LAA has worked tirelessly to ensure that members can continue trading and the live marketing system has gained considerable respect due to members implementing systems that make both vendors and purchasers feel safe in the market environment.

I fully understand and certainly do not underestimate the difficulties associated to requiring market attendees to wear a face coverings and adhere to the Social Distancing rules, but if we want our businesses to remain open some members need to do more.

I respectfully ask that members make every effort possible to ensure compliance within their markets.

I also request that members do not "post" pictures and/or film footage on Social Media showing clear breaches of the rules.

On Tuesdays at the market, Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, will be in attendance at the market for a chat, if you need to talk.
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help@fcn.org.uk

Website:
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Helpline is open 7am-11pm every day of the year.

FCN is working with the Beds & Cams Rural Support Group to ensure support to farmers continues uninterrupted. FCN has set up a new County Group for Beds & Cams, and calls to Beds & Cams Rural Support Group should now be directed to FCN's Helpline instead:

03000 111 999

 

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