

# The Market Report

## Stratford Forthcoming Events

### Friday 19th April

Auction Sale - 10.30am

*see main advert for further information*

### Tuesday 23rd April

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

### Friday 26th April

Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale - 10.30am

*Catalogue available online soon*

### Tuesday 30th April

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales  
please contact the Market Team*

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## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

### Prime Lambs

A stronger trade again this week with quality coming through. S Beale topped the day with some pure Suffolks at 41.5kgs selling to 427p/kg, and their 51kg lambs topping to £200.43; TR Tame & Son saw a strong trade for Suffolk crosses with 40kgs selling to 426p/kg.

To		From		Average	
<b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>					
425p	£157.25	425p	£157.25	425p	£157.25
<b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b>					
427p	£177.21	426p	£170.40	426.4p	£173.12
<b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>					
393p	£200.43	393p	£200.43	393p	£200.43

### Prime Hogs

More numbers are needed with a tremendous trade for the goods, SQQ 381.66p/kg. Paradise Farm Estate topped the day pence per kilo with Texels to 390p/kg for 40kgs, 41kgs to 385p/kg and 46.5kgs to 380p/kg; WE Budd & Son sold their 39kg and 41kg Charollais all to 385p/kg; JW Higgins topped the day overall with 63kgs Suffolks selling to £195.30.

To		From		Average	
<b>Standards (32.1-39kg)</b>					
385p	£150.15	385p	£150.15	385p	£150.15
<b>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</b>					
390p	£164.25	365p	£148.64	381.3p	£157.60
<b>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</b>					
380p	£176.70	321p	£157.29	363.7p	£171.52
<b>Over 52kg</b>					
320p	£195.30	295p	£162.25	305p	£172.35

### Store & Breeding Sheep

**Cade lambs** from H Smith & Son all sold to £20 for Texel crosses.

**Store Sheep** - J Bourne & Son saw a strong trade for big framed Mule crosses at £142, with mid frames to £102 and ram lambs at £115.50; WE Budd & Son saw the trade of the day with Charollais of compact frame selling to £128.

To	From	Average
£142.00	£40.00	£98.31

## Cull Ewes & Rams

Averages don't do the trade justice at £98.31. All meat sold very well with feeding types holding averages but looking a strong trade. S Beale topped the day with best end Suffolks selling to £192 and £163; RG Tustian topped the Continentals with smaller frame part meat selling to £130; H Smith & Son saw the best of the Mule trade selling big framed meat ewes to £111. Feeding types were seen at £60 plus.

To	From	Average
£192.00	£40.00	£98.31

## Plants, Produce, Hatching Eggs & Sundries

*Every week at 10am at Stratford. An indoor Auction.*

*Doors open for collection at 7am*

*The Café's open from 8am*

Please remember if you have something to sell, Advertise it the day before to encourage buyers to attend. 07885 804450

### **Auction of Produce, Plants, Hatching Eggs & Sundries Every Tuesday at 10am**

We would be grateful of your entries for any of the sections.

*If potential buyers know what is in the sale prior to the auction they have more chance of coming to the sale. If you would like to advertise your items presale to prospective buyers, please contact us.*

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 15th June**

Farm Dispersal Sale - Banbury, Oxfordshire

*Further details in due course*

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## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am

at Bridgehill Road, Newborough,  
Peterborough. PE6 7SD

## Auction Sale of over 1200 Lots



### To Include:

1999 **JCB** Fastrac 2135, 1994 **JOHN DEERE** 6600 4WD Tractor,  
1994 **JCB** 520-55 Telehandler, **CATERPILLAR** D4D Crawler,  
3 Tonne Tipper Trailer, **WESTWOOD** Ride-on-Mowers,  
Dealer Closures & Farm Clearance Stock, Spares, Parts & Literature,  
Tractor Parts & Plough Spares, Wheels & Tyres.  
Tractors, Vehicles, Trailers & Implements. Livestock Equipment  
Bygones, Agricultural Salvage & Memorabilia  
Models, Racking, Shelving & Display Units

**on behalf of M V Weston**

**Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450**

Catalogues will be available online or by request

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## An Auction



No further Tack Entries are being taken for this Sale.  
Entries now being taken for the next sale on Saturday 29th June

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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## SFI Update

DEFRA have been monitoring the impact of the following options, which take land out of food production:

- IGL1: Take improved grassland field corners or blocks out of management
- IGL2: Winter bird food on improved grassland
- AHL1: Pollen and nectar flower mix
- AHL2: Winter bird food on arable and horticultural land
- AHL3: Grassy field corners and blocks
- IPM2: Flower-rich grass margins, blocks or in-field strips

As of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, there will now be a cap of 25% of a holding able to be entered into these actions. According to DEFRA, these actions were designed to be carried out on smaller areas within land parcels and are less effective if they are carried out on larger areas, and the impact on food production is greater.

The cap comes into effect immediately for any applications submitted going forward. Existing agreements, and applications submitted before midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> March are unaffected.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this announcement, or the SFI generally, please contact a member of the Agricultural Team.

## Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:	
Grant to Improve Productivity	Apply Now - Deadline 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Improve Animal Health & Welfare	Application Window TBC
Improve Slurry Management	Apply Now – Deadline 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	<b>Closed</b>
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.

**Contact the Agricultural Team  
to discuss an Application**

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