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The Market Report

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

Tuesday 25th August

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

Wednesday 26th August at 11.00am

Thrapston Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

Saturday 29th August at 10.30am

Farm Dispersal Sale, Desborough, Northamptonshire

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The LAA guidance is that all Market users are to wear a suitable face covering. 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.

Please adhere to all rules & regulations regarding the running of our auction sales to ensure we can keep them operating. Keep your distance, Please wash your hands. Spaces have been marked in the rings for buyers

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST

A near full shed once again at Stratford, with near a thousand sheep forward this week.

428 Lambs forward which met a national fall in price from what we have been achieving, which was a shock to some but, sadly, it's what usually happens at this time of year, if not a little earlier. Many sellers turned up to the sale without a call or message concerning their entries, and were surprised at the difference in price in a week. Others were moving from deadweight sales to sell live, because of the fall in demand at deadweight centres, and looking for help from the live sales. Many lambs struggling to be well finished as they have had no creep and have been finished on grass, which is quite a good cheap alternative to bags of feed.

Store lambs sold to £80.50, but they seemed less attractive to buyers with the fall in the finished price, although a good dose of rain has spruced up the grass and we may now see a lift in prices.

An SQQ average of 190p, dropping from 210p from last week, but still seeing top price lambs at £95.28 or 201p.

Cull Ewes still a surprisingly good trade, topping at £103, but with lesser quality sheep in the pens the average was considerably down from last week.

Keep the numbers coming, we have attracted another buyer looking for culls and store lambs.

9 Lights - A pen of 31kg lambs from Ed Noble sold to 195p, well past the overall average.

To		From		Average	
195p	£60.45	195p	£60.45	195p	£60.45

104 Standards - Will Stanley set the pace with a pen of 39kg Texels at 196p; Tim Withers took the price and sold his pen of 38kg lambs at 195p; H Smith & Son sold their 38kg lambs to 190p; DM & A Andrews saw 189p for their 38kg lambs; RM Phillips & Partner sold their 38.5kg lambs to 184p; MJ & M Cole sold a pen of twenty two 37.5kg lambs to 183p; and RB & AR Lewis sold their 38kg lambs to 181p.

To		From		Average	
196p	£76.44	178p	£63.00	184.4p	£70.24

240 Mediums - Will Stanley topped the sale pence per kilo with a pen of Blue Texel lambs weighing 39.5kg, which sold to 201p; Nick Butcher sold two pens 42.5kg and 43.5kg lambs to 200p; also at 200p Pip Careless with 43.5kg lambs and Roger Righton with 44kg lambs; RJ White sold their 41.5kg lambs under the watchful eye of Chloe to 196.5p; Nick Foster sold 43.5kg lambs to 192p along with JE Lea & Son with 43kg lambs and SJ Matthews with 40kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
201p	£88.00	170p	£72.00	191.9p	£81.77

75 Heavies - Taking the biggest knock at the moment, probably due to the home market trade, as lighter lambs are still being exported to a similar demand, although there is trouble on the docks with Covid-19 checks. Selling to 200p with 46kg lambs from Lambs End Ltd; Pip Careless sold his 47kg lambs to 194p; Nick Foster saw 193p for his 46.5kg lambs; Rob Slatter sold his 47.5kg Suffolks to 185p; Roger Righton sold his 48.5kg lambs to 177p; H Smith & Son sold two 50.5kg Suffolks to 175p; and SL Hitchman sold 50kg lambs to 170p.

To		From		Average	
200p	£95.28	170p	£85.00	188p	£89.96

306 Store Lambs

A fantastic entry of over 300 forward which met a good trade on the back of the finished trade. Topping at £80.50 for a pen of Suffolks from Graham Wealsby with others to £74.50 and £73.50 and two rigs at £66; WD & NM Willison Ltd sold their long term store lambs to £62; SL Hitchman also saw £62 for his lambs; RS Hawkins sold his lambs to £61 and £60.

If you have some to sell, we have plenty of buyers requiring lambs for grass management through the back end.

To		From		Average	
£90.00		£42.00		£58.92	

25 Breeding Sheep

A few vendors trying the weekly market to sell breeding sheep, rather than the field sale on Wednesday 16th September. Laticia Hammond sold a pen of 20 Mule theaves at £125 and JW French saw £100 for his Oxford Down ewe lambs.

To		From		Average	
£125.00		£100.00		£120.00	

183 Cull Ewes, Hoggets & Rams

Another strong trade for less strong ewes saw us achieve another amazing average. Topping at £103 for a Texel from Nick Foster. A Mule sold to £90 for M & L Parsley; Dancer Brothers sold their ewes to £86; A Thomas saw his Texel x ewes to £82.50; FG Belcher & Sons sold Charollais ewes to £82 and their Mules to £76. A ram from M Swift sold to £78; and a couple of hoggs sold up to £90 for a ram from RB & AR Lewis and £68 for a Suffolk from J Wiggins.

To	From	Average
£103.00	£15.50	£63.57

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

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

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FARM DISPERSAL SALE

Saturday 29th August at 10.30am

On behalf of T J Freer
Desborough, Northamptonshire

To Include: Vintage Machinery & Logging Equipment

Catalogue Available Soon

For Further information contact Alastair Brown - 07885 804450

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 16th September at approx 11.00am
at Stratford Livestock Market**

Breeding Sheep, Store Lambs & Rams Sale

Please forward entries by Monday 7th September,
for cataloguing and lotting purposes.

THE RETURN OF THE 'OTHER SIDE'

Fur & Feather, Produce, Plants, Hatching Eggs & Sundry Sections

STRICT RULES APPLY

Face Masks are required. Social Distancing must be adhered to.

No Children or those in high risk categories.

Please do not come to the sale, if you have any medical conditions.

Only one person in the Market Office at a time.

Please adhere to any signage displayed.

This is for the safety of yourselves and our staff. If you **do not** adhere to our policy we will not be able to continue to run the sale.



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