

The Market Report

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 28th January

Stratford Market - Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Saturday 1st February

Thrapston Market - Monthly Fur & Feather Sale
& Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 4th February

Stratford Market - Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

Tuesday 25th February

Stratford Market - Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Tuesday 3rd March

Stratford Market - Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

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REPORT FOR TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY

610 Prime Sheep, Cull Ewes & Rams, & Store Lambs

610 Sheep today, a few less forward, but no less a trade in comparison with the quality of last week.

A lot of lighter, leaner lambs at Stratford, making up a large percentage of the entry today, and prices still topped at 221p or £104.10, with an SQQ of 206p, which doesn't reflect the true value of the trade at Stratford.

Reading through and comparing some of the better lambs reported at other local markets, in their reports Beltex and pure bred Texels dominate their entry.

Ewes are still in high demand, topping at £118 and the store lambs are still a wanted commodity topping at £81, with many long term investments taking the overall average of £63.80. More are needed each week, in every section we have buyers for all types.

Our market is thriving, with more going on, not just increased sheep entries, but with sales of sundries, produce, plants, poultry, and agricultural machinery, which includes tools, electric fencing equipment etc., there is something for everyone. Why not come and have a look for yourself.

The sale starts at 10am and is usually all finished by 1pm at this time of the year. No queues, friendly faces, no problems and guaranteed payment within one week.

6 Lights (1.7% of the entry) - Top of the day at 221p for a 31kg lamb from RE Greenhill; and R Peach sold a pen of five 30kg lambs to 210.5p.

To		From		Average	
221p	£68.51	210.5p	£63.15	212.3p	£64.04

66 Standards (19.5% of the entry) - A top of 216p for Gillian Taylor Allen, with a pen of 35.5kg lambs, but this was a day sale as it marked the end of an era, these were the last sheep to be sold on behalf of the late Rex Taylor.

R Peach topped at 214p for 33kg lambs; John Peebles saw 210p for his 37kg lamb; Mick Hall sold two pens of 37kg lambs to 207p; slightly heavier at 38kg, Gillian Taylor Allen's lambs realised 205.5p; Pete Smith saw 205p for his 38kg lambs; and MR & BE Baylis sold 35kg lambs to 201.5p.

To		From		Average	
216p	£78.09	186p	£66.83	205.98p	£74.75

196 Mediums (58% of the entry) - Nick Butcher topped this category with a pen of 41kg lambs selling to 211p, with others at 209p; Gillian Taylor Allen sold 39.5kg lambs to 209.5p; R & EM Prentice saw his 42kg lambs to 207p; and at the same price, with heavier 44.5kg lambs from R E Greenhill; a number of lambs realised 206.5p - 45kg lambs from Andy Burrows; 40kg lambs from Mark Taylor; and Nick Butcher with a pen of sixteen 44kg lambs; and 41.5kg lambs sold to 206p for Peter Pritchard.

To		From		Average	
211p	£93.28	200.5p	£80.20	205.72p	£86.48

63 Heavies (18.5% of the entry) - Pete Smith sold to 206p for his 46.5kg lambs; Nick Butcher sold a pen of fifteen 46kg lambs to 205p; and at the same price and weight, a lamb from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust; Roy & Pam Stone saw 203.5p for their 46.5kg lambs; PE Dickin saw 202p for his 46kg lambs; C & CM Ironmonger and Pip Careless both topped at 200p with 47kg lambs; and Andy Burrows entered a pen of 51.5kg lambs, which sold to 194p.

To		From		Average	
206p	£99.91	188p	£92.92	198.54p	£95.17

7 Over 52kg (2% of the entry) - PE Dickin sold the highest priced lambs in the market today, weighing 54.5kg and realising £104.10; closely followed by RE Greenhill at £100.17 for his 53kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
191p	£104.10	189p	£100.17	190.72p	£103.53



Click the link to view our Stratford Facebook page for further
Up to date information about our sales pre and post sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLivestockMarket/>

Cull Ewes & Rams

Not quite the quality of last week, which produced the high average, but still the culls remain an excellent trade, with prices topping at £118 for a pen of 7 Suffolks from Andy Burrows, with his Charollais x selling to £100 and his Mules to £94.

PE Dickin sold his two Suffolks to £114; John Peebles sold a Suffolk to £103; N & LC Holdsworth topped at £98 for a pen of eight Texel x ewes; and WW Steele topped at £92 with his ewes.

To	From	Average
£118.00	£45.00	£80.68

Rams sold to £111 for a Charollais from Paul Allen; a Suffolk x from G Benfield also reached £111; and AP Bird sold a Charollais to £87.

186 Store Lambs

A better entry brought more potential buyers forward, with near double figures of bidders wanting store lambs, for 15 pens of lambs. Prices sold to £81 for a pen from Tristian Hill, with others at £75; JE Lea & Son sold their store lambs to £77.50; Grasshopper 2000 realised over £10 more than their last week's top price at £68, with others to £65.50 and £60; SD Harrison sold their lambs to £65.50; Tim & Sara Young saw £64.50 for their pen of 16; Andy Tuffen saw £59.50 for his; and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust sold lambs to £58.

To	From	Average
£81.00	£39.00	£63.80

Many more are needed to fulfil buyers requirements. If you have some, why not let someone else have the feeding costs?

MORE SHEEP ARE REQUIRED

Prime Sheep, Store Lambs & Cull Ewes
We have the buyers!

For further information regarding any of the sales, or entries,
please contact Alastair Brown - 07885 804450

An event not to be missed On Tuesday 28th January



IT Innovations

A chance to step in to the future of farming, the IT Innovations team will be testing a NEW app to assist farmers with monitoring grain temperatures and moisture content, Livestock Trackers, machinery and asset trackers.

You are invited to come down to the market and test out the new app at your leisure.

The NFU are looking for farmers to actually use and try to navigate the prototype app as part of the demo, whilst asking questions about their farming exploits, to get a feel for whether this would be something that would add value to farmers lives.

HELP REQUIRED

Last year's Sandwich student at Bletsoes, Charlotte Martinson, who many of you saw around the sheep pens, is to complete her dissertation at Harper Adams under the title of:-

'The Social Function of Livestock Markets above and beyond the Trading of Livestock'

We would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete the survey. In order to assist with her research, she has compiled a questionnaire and we have attached the link below.

<https://harper-adams.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-social-functions-of-livestock-markets>

Many Thanks.

PRODUCE, SUNDRIES, PLANTS, HATCHINGS EGGS, FRESH VEGETABLES & POULTRY

Starting as we mean to go on with the year settling in, Stratford saw 600 lots entered, with numbers up in every section. It's great to see new buyers week on week, with all vendors increasing entries to suit.

Plants

New vendors on show this week, with a tremendous variation on offer. Pansies, Primroses and Cyclamens all sold up to 30p, with Poppies to £1.50, Delphiniums to £1.60, Lupins to £2.20 and Penstemon to £2.40. There was also a large consignment of Copper Beech trees, with great interest, selling to £2.50 a lot. Ready for the coming season, pots and planters were on offer in varying sizes, these peaked at £2.00. At the other end of the branch, kindling and logs are still on fire, with kindling topping out at £3.00 and bags of logs at £5.50.

Produce

Vegetables sold well on the day, with demand high for more. Bags of Wilja Potatoes sold to £4.00; Cabbages at 70p; Cauliflowers to 60p and Sprouts at 50p. Sacks of Wheat drew the bird men in, seeing them reach £5.00. The weekly consignment of feed bread saw supply increase, but still held prices at £3.50. Ferreted Rabbits fought off strong competition to see braces at £4.40, with Pheasant braces not far behind at 20p!!!

Eggs

Fantastic increase in numbers this week, with trays of Hen eggs reaching £4.00 and trays of Duck eggs at £6.60. High entries of quail eggs saw trays of a dozen reach 50p. Stars of the show though were Geese eggs, sold singly up to £1.40.

Poultry

The cages were booming this week. Brown laying hens saw £2.20pb as a bench mark for the day, with Splash Orpington hens at £3.00, Bantam hens at £2.50, Rhode Island Red hens at £4.20, and Legbar crosses at £5.40. Something a bit different, white Pigeons sold at 20p.

Sundries

Great variation of top class entries this week, as we saw Kilner jars at £10.00, next to an air rifle for £30.00. Other highlights included a post hole digger at £10.00, a pair of stainless decanters with taps at £20.00 (each) and a chaise longue at £10.00.

Fur & Feather	Prices
Legbar x	£5.40
RIR Hens	£4.20
Buff Orpingtons	£3.00
Splash Orpingtons	£3.00
Bantam Hens	£2.50
Copper Black Maran	£2.50
Silver Grey Dorkings	£2.20
Miscellanea/ Sundries	Prices
Air Rifle	£30.00
Strimmer	£20.00
Churn	£20.00
Start Charger	£18.00
Glass Jars	£10.00
Hole Marker	£10.00
Electric Fence Posts	£10.00
Roll of Wire	£10.00
Chaise Longue	£10.00

Plants & Shrubs	Prices
Elephant Planter	£10.00
Hellebore	£6.50
Bird Box & Planters	£3.00
Penstemon	£2.40
Lupins	£2.20
Delphiniums	£1.60
Fresh Produce	Prices
Corn	£5.00
Ferreted Rabbits	£4.40
Potatoes	£4.00
Bread	£3.50
Pickled Onions	£1.00
Cabbage	70p
Cauliflower	60p
Hatching Eggs	Prices
Tray Duck Eggs	£6.60
Tray Hen Eggs	£4.00
Tray Pullet Eggs	£3.60

FOR SALE

Buildings and Land off Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington, Nr Southam, Warwickshire 7,932 ft² (737 m²) of Buildings and 1.13 acres (0.46 ha) of pasture, with good road links to J12 of the M40, Southam and Banbury. Guide Price £240,000 – all enquiries to Grace Millbank 01832 732241/ grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk

FOR SALE

Pedigree Stock Bull - Seawell Issac
7 Years Old, £1500
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