

# The Market Report

## Thrapston Forthcoming Events

### **Thursday 4th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

### **Saturday 6th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs  
Smallholders Sale including Pet Food - 9.30am  
Christmas Trees

### **Thursday 11th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

### **Saturday 13th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs

### **Thursday 18th December**

Prime & Cull Sheep

### **Saturday 20th December**

Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep & Pigs  
Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale - 12 noon

*For further information on any of the sales  
Please contact a member of the Market Team*

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## **REPORT FOR THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

### **438 Prime Lambs**

A similar trade on the week with meat continuing key, smart export types saw clear premiums. SQQ 323.28. W Veal topped at 363p/kg and WG Childs & Son topped overall at £201.

**Highlights** - Guilford & Sons saw the best of the small lamb trade with 35kgs Beltex crosses to £124 or 354p/kg for 35kgs. G. Green saw their usual stamp of Texel lambs flying to £154 for 45kgs. W Veal topped with Texel lambs to 363p/kg for 41kgs. JR Smith & Son saw smart trade with Texels at 42.5kgs and 43kgs selling to £147.50. Grange Farm topped their Texels at £165 for 50kgs with 47.5kgs to £159.50. WG Childs & Son had a show stopper run with Texel and Charollais crosses to £201 for 64kgs. CJ Whitehead & Son saw the run of the day with 57kgs topping to £190 and over 60kgs selling to £184, £180 and £176.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
354p	£129	307p	£109	325.83p	£117.3
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
363p	£154	301p	£120.50	329.52p	£141.21
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
337p	£165	281p	£142	320.36p	£154.12
Over 52kg					
333p	£201	244p	£155	296.96p	£165.55

### **90 Culls**

Another week at the top with quality affecting the averages at £124.11. P Cawley topped the day at £192 for best end Texel rams. Park End Farming saw the best of the Continentals at £174.50. Conington Farms topped the Suffolks with meat big frame ewes to £171. PA Wilford saw the top of the mules at £140. All meat sold above £135 with leaner meat sorts £124 to £130. True feeders sold £100 to £106.

To	From	Average
£192	£70	£124.11

## **THRAPSTON & DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW & SALE**

A fantastic Show and Sale with entries and prices far exceeding expectations. The weather did nothing to dampen spirits or attendance with a record turn out. The day raised £2143 through charity auctions and 'guess the weight'. The first prize Christmas wreath from Matt Weston sold in the cattle ring at £230 going to the judge herself Margret Betts, followed by the first prize Christmas tipple of Sloe Gin at £150 selling to David Yeomans.

### **Show Cattle - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff**

A record entry of 52 cattle forward on the day with every section seeing strong competition. A massive thank you to Mr P Amor for judging the cattle on the day then going on to purchase both cattle and sheep in the show.

Champion of the day went to TA Lyon for their Limousin heifer at 728kgs selling to 610p/kg to B&C Kitson of Five Houses Farm Shop & Kitchen. The reserve champion saw W&J Ludgate with their Limousin heifer at 562kgs selling to 520p/kg to WH Thomas Farm Shop. Full results of the show can be seen on the prize table. All prime cattle on the day averaged 412.87p/kg. The baby beef class saw a strong entry with 14 going through the ring, FS Knight topped the section with Limousin heifers at £2380 for 8 months old.

### **Sheep - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff**

Another top end show with a real stamp of quality forward and a big thank you to the judge on the day Mr R Foster aka Frustrated Farmer. Champion lambs went to W&J Ludgate for their Beltex lambs at 43kgs selling to £250 to Mr B Burton. Reserve Champion lambs came from AJ Geary at 40.5kgs selling to the cattle judge Mr P Amor. Lambs sold to a fantastic trade with the vast majority in excess of 400p/kg. The cull ewe section saw serious highs averaging £216.58.

### **Store & Breeding Cattle - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff**

HM & NJ How saw a smart show of Hereford cows and calves forward with 10 year old pedigree cows and 7 month bull calves at foot selling to £2350. J Bottesch sold big framed British Blue cows scanned empty to £2220 with meat and shape. J Pell saw comparable highs with Aberdeen Angus cows to £1990. J Bottesch also topped the stores with Limousin steers at 22 months in forward condition. AC Downing saw their run of British Blue steers top to £1720 at 29 months, Angus steers at 24 months sold to £1160 from the same home. TP Hinch saw a strong trade for their Angus steers at 9 months with the first at £1195 and followers at £1125. J Pell saw a genuine run of 16 month Angus steers and heifers forward with the steers topping to £1000 and heifers to £840.

### **365 Store Sheep - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff**

Store Lambs - trade sees no let up averaging £116.39. RC & JT Bailey topped the day at £145.50 for big framed Suffolk lambs. Big frame lambs sold £126 and above. Mid frame well bred lambs were £105 to £115. Long term lambs were mid £90's.

**Feeding Ewes** - another flyer this week averaging £121.56. RW Boulton topped at £184 for Lleyms with meat, RC & JT Bailey saw Continental ewes to £159 with Suffolks to £147.50. RG Chamberlain topped the mules at £145. True feeders sold £90 to £112 frame dependant.

## **REPORT FOR SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

### **Pigs - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove**

A nice entry of quality Pigs for the Fat Stock with the Champions and 1<sup>st</sup> in Class 1 coming from Reggie Keeling for his Pietrain Gilts selling to the Judge for £330 each. The second place pigs in class 1 from Messrs Stickles Meremouth Farms Ltd reached £180. Others of note gilts from R & H Farming to £170.

A small entry of Store Pigs saw Tamworth x Gloucester Old Spot weaners from S Bowles to £60 for the gilts and £30 for boars. Small Pietrain x castrated barrows from R & H Farming to £20.

### **Goats - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove**

Just a few from S Bowles a Saanen x Nanny to £90, a Golden Guernsey nanny with a Pygmy x nanny kid at foot £50 a life and a Pygmy x billy to £43.

### **Calves - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove**

Quality throughout with the Championship being awarded to a British Blue x Bull just 17 days old shown by Sunbeam Farms selling to £750 to Messrs Collington. Not far behind was the Reserve Champion also a British Blue this time from Messrs J E G James selling to £720 to Northamptonshire Livestock Supplies. Other Blues from Messrs James £660 from £400 with their Aberdeen Angus 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Native class making £460. F H Pullin & Sons saw their Angus calves to £370 from £250.

### **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 6TH DECEMBER**

### **CALVES**

#### **F H Pullin & Sons Ltd**

3 Friesian Bull Calves

3-4 Weeks

1 Aberdeen Angus Bull Calf

3-4Weeks

#### **JEG James**

3 British Blue Heifers

3-4 Weeks

Aberdeen Angus Heifers

3-4 Weeks

### **STORE & BREEDING SHEEP**

#### **L Stansfield**

9 Coloured Ryland Rams

*Hep P, wormed*

#### **P Cannon**

4 Store Lambs

### **FODDER BEET**

Assist & Loading Facilities

Located Cransley, Northants. - Contact John 07774 269403

Located Chatteris - Delivery can be Arranged  
Contact Ian 07976605522

### **NOTICE**

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

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### NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue,  
please book in your stock by 3.30pm on Friday.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Bletsoes Wish Beth a Warm Farewell**

The Partners at Bletsoes would like to announce that Beth Kitchener will be leaving the firm on Friday, 28th November, following more than a decade of service since joining in 2015.

During her many years here, Beth has contributed across various areas of the business. She began her career with Bletsoes as a receptionist, later providing vital support during the Covid period, and more recently playing an important role in Auction Administration, where she has helped ensure the smooth and efficient operation of livestock markets, outside sales, and special sales.

The Partners extend their sincere appreciation for Beth's dedication, professionalism, and adaptability during her time with the firm, and they offer their best wishes for her future endeavours. We know many of you will wish to join us in wishing her well as she moves on to her next chapter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Bletsoes Welcomes New Auctions Administrator to the Market Team**

Bletsoes is delighted to announce that Becky Burnett has joined our Market Team as Auctions Administrator. Becky brings with her a wealth of experience from her previous roles at Melton Mowbray Market and Newark Market, where she developed strong industry knowledge and a passion for working with livestock and assisting all market users.

Becky will be working alongside Jake and the wider market team, strengthening and supporting the continued delivery of high-quality auction services at the market, special sales and outside sales. Her extensive background in market administration and hands-on experience within busy livestock environments make her a fantastic addition to Bletsoes.

We are confident that Becky will be a tremendous asset to our team and to all those who use our market services.

We invite everyone to say hello and welcome Becky when you see her around the market in the coming weeks.

## **NOTICE**

### **David Jerrams**

We are very sorry to confirm the death of Mr David Jerrams of Hardwick. David was born on 29 August 1946 and on last Monday morning he got up and made a fire; he sat down by the fire with a cup of tea and slipped away peacefully. David had lived at Grange Farm, Hardwick all of his life and leaves behind 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

We will provide details of David's funeral arrangements, in due course.



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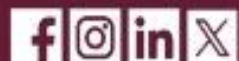
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27 December 2025

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## **SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Nordman Firs &  
Norway Spruce Christmas Trees  
Various Sizes**

**A selection of pot grown Nordman  
Firs in 70 litre pots**



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## THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET **SALE OF PET FOOD & SUNDRIES** SATURDAY 6th December

Following the Smallholder Sale starting at 9.30am  
in the following order - Produce, Hatching Eggs,  
Sundries & Plants

Market Road, Thrapston, Northamptonshire. NN14 4JU

For Further Information please contact 01832 732241

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