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The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 12th February
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 14th February
Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep, Goats & Pigs
Tack Sale at 1pm
See Main advert for further information

Thursday 19th February
Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 21st February
Store & Breeding Cattle, Calves, Sheep, Goats & Pigs

Wednesday 25th February
Thrapston Collective Machinery Sale
See main advert for further information

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

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Prime Hogs - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff

A lift in the trade alongside a serious standard of quality. Over 47kgs continue to be hard sold although with a slight lift. 40-46kgs saw a massive lift in the week. SQQ 338.89p/kg overall average 311.48p/kg. F & S M Stamper topped at 398p/kg and £183.

Highlights - R & M Arrowsmith saw top of the light weights with 30kg Texel crosses to 357p/kg. F & S M Stamper saw a flyer for the best end goods with Beltex at 45kgs selling to £180 with 46kgs to £183 or 398p/kg, with 48.5kgs to £180 and 52.5kgs to £178. C J Whitehead & Son penned and best meat run Texels selling to £158.50 for 44kgs. B Currie topped at £157 for 44.5 kgs Texel mules. C Stancombe & Son saw their Texel mules to £151.50 for 43.5kgs with 46.5kgs to £154. Raveley Fen Farms saw their best Charollais to £173.50 for 56kgs. 54kgs plus sold in the region of 270p/kg.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
324p	£125	321p	£110	322p	£121
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
396p	£180	314p	£133	342p	£149
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
398p	£183	291p	£139	326p	£157
Over 52kg					
339p	£178	237p	£137	271p	£152

Culls

Another week at the top with all grades forward averaging £154.77. Stimson Co drew the best grade of Texels forward with shape, weight and meat flying to £293, followers sold to £243, £223 and £205. Raveley Fen Farms saw their Texel ewes to £199 for meat. E C Hartop saw a run of strength with Texel ewes to £180, £178 and £175. All meat sold above £152. Leaner meat mules sold at £136 for the only mule entry. Rare breeds with meat sold around £80.

To	From	Average
£293	£76	£155

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Store Cattle - Auctioneer Jake Wagstaff

A Pittom started the day with a belted Galloway bull at 7 years old selling to £1500, J C Dexter followed with a Dexter bull at 16 years old selling to £500.

Croft Farms saw the younger entries forward with Friesian steers at 4 months selling to £410. Vanish Point Farm drew a pair of Hereford Freemartin heifers at 9 months selling to £920 and £800. P J Walton saw a smart draw of forward condition Hereford steers at 12 months selling to £1580 with a Hereford cross Charolais heifer at 17 months topping to £1500. Y P Genever & Daughters saw a flying run of suckler bred Angus steers at 10 months and TB4s topping to £1680 with followers at £1480, £1370 and £1300. Philipson Estates followed suit with another run of Angus at 15 - 20 months with the first pen of steers flying to £2060, heifers at slightly younger age sold to £1410. I S & N K Johnson saw the stars of the show with their annual consignment of Limousin steers and heifers at 20 - 23months, top of the day saw a £2610 with a following bunch of 5 steers to £2500 and smarter shape smaller frame to £2550. Their heifers topped to £2580 with followers to £2320 and £2280. A J Day & Son saw a comparable run of Limousin heifers at 19 - 20months smaller frame but thicker selling to £2180 and £2170.

Goats - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove

Breeding Goats in demand saw a Boer x Nubian Nanny and her Boer x Kids from S. Shah sell for £100 a life. In kid Boers to £155 scanned with twins and £130 with singles. Boer Wethers to £142 from D L J K Hughes. Pygmies ever popular topping at £155 for a nanny from J Bardwell, Wethers from Olly Cooper £110. Others £35 to £65. More sought, if you have Goats to sell Thrapston is the place to bring them.

Pigs

With trade falling dramatically in other outlets Thrapston managed to hold our own, best Pietrain store pigs 21 weeks old to £75 for gilts and boars to £45 from P A Woodward. Saddleback weaners to £22. Sows to £40 for J C Agriculture.

Cade Lambs

The first of the season from Padray Farms selling for £32

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Calves - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove

A few less than expected due to passports stuck in the post, but plenty of demand now the shooting season has finished and buyers looking to fill their sheds. J E G James topping the trade with their British Blues a smart bull 1 month 9 days selling to £650 with others £600 and heifers £500 from £480. J O Williams had a nice run of British Blues, to £530 for bulls from £425 and heifers £430 from £360. An Aberdeen Angus bull from Redgate Dairy Farm led the way for the Natives to £605 and their Holstein Friesian bull to £195, other Holsteins from A G Burton to £170 from £130.

Ponies - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove

A part bred yearling filly to £450 with another at £200. A Welsh Section A yearling filly £200.

More Horses and Ponies expected next week , in conjunction with the Tack Sale.

Smallholders - Auctioneer Richard Spendlove

Hatching Eggs

A small seasonal entry saw 10 Exchequer Leghorns to £5 from £3.50. 7 Oxford Game £4. 15 Aylesbury x Duck eggs £4

Produce

Sacks of Potatoes to £9. Sacks of Carrots £3. Cabbages to £7 Sacks of Onions to £8 from £4. Swedes £7. Mixed Veg boxes to £7 from £6.

Sundries

Lamb Adopter front £20. 3ft Lamb Creep Feeder £150. Battery Pruning Saw £30. Poultry Crates to £15 from £10. Buckets of Fat Balls £7. Rolls of water pipe £25. Bags of pipe fittings £20. Trailer Light Board £28. Heat lamps £15 from £5. Diesel Pump £30. Lawn Mowers to £20. Sheep Ring Feeders £80. Stihl Chainsaw and Bag £80.

Plants & Trees

Bundle of 100 Mixed Hedging plants £72. Roses £5. Bluebells £6. Watering Can Planter £10. Primrose £8. Greengage Plum Trees to £11. Contorted Willow £13. 25 Hawthorn Hedging Whips £20. Apple trees £11 from £7. Silver Birch £3. Flowering Cherry £5 Hedging Willow bundles of 20 £10. Mountain Ash £6.

Store Sheep

Store lambs - trade holds with a slightly lesser grade forward averaging £110.91. C J Harris topped the day at £164 for Texel crosses. A C Downing saw similar highs at £160 alongside B Currie at the same trade. All big frame lambs with part meat sold at £130 to £141 frame depending. Longer term mid frame lambs sold well at £115 to £127. Longest term chancy sorts sold £89 to £97. Native bred things were in the £40's.

Feeding Ewes - trade lifts on the week averaging £109.73. J Bardwell topped at £173 for a smart Blue Texel ewe, S Gawthroup saw a flyer with good frame part meat Suffolk ewes at £171 and £141. R J Garley drew quality forward seeing Continentals to £160.50 from £155. All part meat sold £125 plus. Native bred sorts sold in the £40's.

Breeding Sheep - S J Leedham saw the start of the season for ewes with lambs at foot with Charollais 6 tooth ewes and single lambs selling to £104 a life. Mowsley Hill Farm saw another consignment of Lleythaves forward (ran with the Lleyth ram) selling to £200. C D Hughes saw their annual draw of scanned triplets forward with Scotch mules at 6 tooth selling to £252 for several pens with the rest of the run selling to £235 for full and broken mouthed over 4 pens. W Hammond saw the trade of the day with Beulah x full and broken mouth ewes scanned with twins selling to £228 for several pens with the singles at £190 and triplets to £200.



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SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

M W Thomas

55 Texel x Store Lambs

Ritchie Farm Partnership

20 Store Lambs

J Exton

10 Store Lambs

2 Feeding Rams

L C Threadgold & Son

7 Texel x Theaves

Scanned in lamb to Blue Texel, Due from 6th March

F Baker

3 Blue Texel Ewe Lambs

3 Blue Texel Ram Lambs

STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

Newlands Farm

16 Aberdeen Angus Steers & Heifers

13 - 16 Months

Reg Sires

R Truss

1 x Lincoln Red x Heifer

24 Months

2 x Lincoln Red x Steers

ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert Brown Burial Arrangements

Robert Brown's burial will take place on **Friday 20th February at 11am**
at West Farm, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6YE.

The family have advised those attending to wear casual dress with
good footwear, suitable for the outdoors.

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An Auction

of

Horse Tack & Equine
Sundries

on

Saturday 14th February at 1.00pm

*At Thrapston Livestock Market
Market Road, Thrapston. NN14 4JU*

Entries by Monday 2nd February
NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Richard Spendlove 07538322474

Auction Administrator

An exciting opportunity to undertake the administration role within our Auctioneering department. The successful candidate will have responsibility for the administration tasks generated by the activity of the livestock market and machinery auctions department.

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Closing Date: Friday 20 February 2026

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COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Wednesday 25th February at 10.30am

For Entry Forms please visit our website
Or Contact the Main Office on 01832 732241

Important, entries must be returned by
Sunday 15th February to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Richard Spendlove 07538322474
Auctioneer: Jake Wagstaff 07487526803

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THRAPSTON LIVESTOCK MARKET SMALLHOLDER SALE

*Start: Produce at 9.30am, followed by
Hatching Eggs and Sundries*

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

Market Road, Thrapston, Northamptonshire. NN14 4JU

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