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The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 18th September at 1.00pm
Farm Dispersal Sale

Please see main advert for further information

Friday 20th September at 10.00am

Thrapston Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

Please forward your entries by 12th September for inclusion in the Catalogue

Saturday 21st September at 10.30am
Vintage Dispersal Sale

Please see main advert for further information

Wednesday 25th September at 2pm
Show & Sale of Breeding Sheep & Rams

Please forward your entries by 13th September

*For further information regarding any of the sales
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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

97 Store & Breeding Cattle

A few more coming forward now that harvest is over. There is no let up on the relentless downturn in the deadweight, making the price of a finished beast less each week. However, sold prices for liveweight sold through auction rings don't seem to have had such a reduction, recording prices way past the price achieved on the dead. This seems to have been passed on to the store cattle with a slight upturn in prices this week, with the confidence of feed in the sheds and harvest done.

First through the ring today were two UTM Aberdeen Angus heifers with calves at foot, selling to £960 and £750 from JA & P Dickinson. Steers sold to £1050 for a 21 month Simmental; Anthony Steward topped at £1045 for his 19 month Simmental steers, with others at £1025; and D Reed sold a pen of 5 British Blue steers 17 months to £905. Anthony Steward topped in the heifers at £1000 for a bunch of 21 month Simmentals; whilst others from Parker Farms sold to £610 for a 21 month dairy bred Charolais; and younger types sold to £370 from R Booth.

17 Calves

Calves sold to £270 for two Hereford steers from P & KF Chapman; Tim Burton sold his Aberdeen Angus bulls to £150, Herefords to £70 and his Holstein Friesian bulls to £44, whilst his heifers sold to £140 for an Aberdeen Angus and £60 for a Hereford. There are 4 from Gordon James booked in for this week.

303 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store lambs sold to £88 for Texel ewe lambs from M & M Hutton; JF Fountain topped at £69.50 for a pen of 12 Texel store lambs; Samantha Wilkinson saw her entry sell to £63 for a pen of Texel types; Bob Martin sold his Suffolk lambs to £60. Other ewe lambs from Angie Downing sold to £80; and Suffolk x breeding theaves from JI Holmes sold to £90. An Easy Care Ram sold to £50 from C Smith.

15 Goats

RW Rutt sold his Boer female kids to £70, with twins to £65, and a mother and daughter sold to £116 for the outfit.

28 Pigs

A good number of pigs came forward, all finding good homes at a very good price. We have plenty of customers for pigs if you have any to sell. Prices topped at £82 for a Pietrain x Large White sow from L Redway and his four heavy porker/cutter pigs sold to £72. Smaller sorts, Oxford Sandy and Black's, sold to £30 for E Atkins; B Burrows sold his 8 weaned pigs to £22 each; and other Oxford Sandy and Black's sold to £15 from HM & NJ How. Two black sows sold to £50 each from E Atkins. More will be forward this week if you want some.

674 Fur & Feather

Over 600 lots went under the hammer and it was another busy day with some good birds about and even at this time of year buyers were very keen for all types. The next sale is on Saturday 5th October. If you have some sell please book your entries in at the office. Please contact Jake Wagstaff for further details about this section.

A supplementary full report will be available at the end of the week. If you would like a copy please contact Jake or visit the website. jake.wagstaff@bletsoes.co.uk.

THRAPSTON BREEDING SHEEP SHOW & SALE

Wednesday 25th September at 2.00pm

*** Catalogue Available 16th September ***

Please forward your entries as soon as possible,
for advertising and cataloguing purposes.

Entry forms are available on our website or from the market office.

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

CATTLE

P & K F Chapman - TB4

3 Hereford Steers 4 Months

C E Hancock & Son

38 Store Cattle 16-27 Months

S A C Holgate

40 Store Cattle - All TB4 16-28 Months

Parker Farms

12 Continental & Native Steers & Heifers 17-20 Months

CALVES

JEG James

3 British Blue Bull Calves All
1 British Blue Heifer Calf 3-4 Weeks

NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on any Monday

MARKET STAFF REQUIRED

Reliable and enthusiastic staff required to work every Thursday at Thrapston. Duties to include Droving and Reading Sheep EID Tags. Contact Alastair Brown 07885 804450

WANTED

5 Purebred Young Jacob Ewes
Contact Brian Pile 07778 970628

REPORT FOR THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

What a day, one of the best markets around the country this week for averages and prices, with many others averaging high 160p's to low 170p's, Thrapston's SQQ was 177p, with new buyers and old faces in attendance competitively bidding around the pens, showing that Thrapston is the place to market your stock. Prices topped at £107 or 199p. If you have some come and try us, we have buyers for all types and weights.

36 Standards - David Hughes entered some smart 39kg Texel x lambs, which sold to £75.50 or 194p and Rob Paton entered some South Down type lambs weighing only 35kg, which sold to £54.

To		From		Average	
194p	£75.50	151p	£54.00	176.77p	£66.81

405 Mediums - Selling to £87 or 193p for 45kg lambs from B Currie: Ann Wilson took next top at £85.50 for her 43kg Charollais lambs or 199p; P Holt topped at £85 for 45kg lambs; ½ a kilo heavier from CA Stubbs also realised £85; George Thompson Farms sold lambs to £84.50 weighing 45kg; David Hughes topped at £84 for 45kg Texels; J Lohn entered 45kg lambs which sold for £83; RA Bounds saw their 45.5kg lambs sell to £83; G Deller & Son topped at £82.50 for 45kg lambs; and Tom Hinch saw 193p for his lighter Texel lambs weighing 41.5kg.

To		From		Average	
199p	£87	136p	£60.00	176.99p	£77.42

472 Heavies - Ann Wilson realised £96 or 186p for her 51.5kg lambs; JP Watts sold his 51.5kg lambs to £93; I Beam entered a pen of 50.5kg lambs which sold to £90; MR Smith sold his 49kg lambs to £89; G Deller & Son sold 48kg lambs to £87.50; and D Ayres sold 47.5kg lambs to £87. Prices per kilo topped at 187p for 47kg lambs from I Beam and George Thompson Farms to 185p for 46.5kg lambs.

To		From		Average	
187p	£96.00	157p	£72	173.7p	£83.95

41 Over 52kg - Who says weight doesn't pay? Topping the day at £107 for 66kg lambs from MR Smith; JP Watts topped at £103.50 for 61kg lambs; RA Bounds sold their 55.5kg lambs to £97; 52.5kg Suffolks sold at £90 for D Ayres; A Pearson & Son saw £86 for their 52.5kg lambs; Ian Stancombe sold his 54kg lambs to £81.50; and F Southall & Son topped at £80 for 54.5kg lambs and £77 for a pen of Suffolks weighing 53kg. Prices topped pence per kilo at 175p for 55.5kg lambs from RA Bounds.

To		From		Average	
175p	£107	145p	£77	160.59p	£86.07

117 Cull Ewes & Rams - More about and more demand, with a top price of £115 for a Charollais Ram from MR Smith and Charollais ewes sold to £85 from the same vendor. K Titmus saw £84 for a Charollais ewe; C & A Morley topped at £80 with a pen of 8 Suffolks; at the same price Grant Smith saw £80 for 3 Charollais; other Suffolks sold to £75.50 for RC & JT Bailey; and Messrs Tibbits saw £74.50 for their Suffolks. Mules sold to £56 for RC & JT Bailey.

If you have some to market please contact Alastair or Jake with your entries.

WANTED

A cash buyer is looking to purchase a residential grass farm of circa 50 acres along with buildings, and their search area extends to Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire. If this is of interest to you, then please contact Chris Templar or Daisy Miles in the Agricultural Team for a confidential discussion - 01832 732241

NOTICE

There will be a Memorial Service held for Christopher Marler at Olney Church on Thursday 12th September at 2.30pm.

2ND SALE OF BREEDING SHEEP AND RAMS
WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

A much better day for an outside sale this month, as the sun shone down and the buyers stepped forward to make for a little better trade than the last sale. Prices topped at £150 for Texel theaves from DW Gurney; Ann Wilson sold her Cheviot x lambs to £146, a good few pounds more than last sale; John Ellingworth topped at £145, same as the last sale; Robert Banks flock entry topped at £134 for his Texel x theaves, and his older flock aged ewes sold to £85 to take an average of £78.

Suffolk theaves sold to £88 for HH Marten; Scotch Half Bred theaves from Garfield Stephens sold to £130; and Ewe lambs sold to £84 for Texels from Malcolm Bridewell.

Rams sold to £483 for a Texel shearling from Mark Blakemore, with others to £472.50; Stuart Dunkley sold his Charollais shearling to £462; J & S Williams sold his Texel shearling to £441; Andrew Pinny topped at £420 for two Texel shearlings; Malcolm Broome also realised £420 for his Texel shearling; and J & R Lowe £420 for his Charollais. Suffolk rams sold to £315 from Philip Hill. Older Rams from Robert Banks sold to £199.50 and £168. **The next sale is on Wednesday 25th September, if you have any please send your entries ASAP.**

Breed	To	From	Average
Suffolk Theaves	£88	£88	£88.00
Scotch HB Theaves	£130	£130	£130.00
Cross Bred Theaves	£125	£95	£99.00
Texel Theaves	£150	£92	£117.03
Charollais Theaves	£125	£125	£125.00
Cheviot Theaves	£146	£140	£143.25
Mule Theaves	£145	£136	£140.50
Suffolk Shearling Rams	£315	£126	£231.00
Half Bred Shearling Rams	£420	£420	£420.00
Texel Shearling Rams	£483	£210	£355.95
Charollais Shearling Rams	£462	£262	£315.00

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Typically, when I write articles to be included within the Market Report, they include planning updates, Local Authority consultations or an overview of the planning & development team's recent successes. However, due to the recent loss of my friend Max Hunter, I have decided on this occasion, to write about mental health.

Farming, once reliant on large numbers of people, now depends heavily on machinery. Farmyards previously full of people are now full of machines and this has led to a loss of a community, where problems were shared and happiness rejoiced. Farmers nowadays endure long working hours mostly in isolation. This, coupled with financial pressures and many variables outside of their control, can cause a significant strain on their mental wellbeing. Research suggests that mental health is the largest hidden problem facing farmers today.

It is so important that each and every one of us knows we are here for each other, whether we are family, friends or work colleagues. Don't be afraid to pick up the phone, talk about your feelings and ask for help when needed. It is not a sign of weakness. Whether it is a work related issue; a relationship breakdown or you are worried about your health, whatever the issue, share it with someone.

Society today has created an unrealistic image of what defines a real man; one that doesn't cry, doesn't seek help, or show signs of weakness or vulnerability. This can't be right.

Max's family have given their support to this article, which I have written to raise awareness of mental health and how many people suffer in silence. It is important that we all know that there are many organisations seeking to help with mental health. Just a few within the farming industry include 'Minding Your Head', 'Farming Help', the 'Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group' and 'The Farming Community Network'.

If life seems overwhelming and you would ever like to speak in strictest confidence to one of the Bletsoes team, please pick up the phone, or come in and have a chat.

Please, together let us break the stigma attached to mental health.

Remember you are not alone.

Tristan Peck

The funeral of Max Hunter will be held at Kimbolton Church on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 2pm.

Useful Contact Details

The Farming Community Network – 03000 111 999; www.fcn.org.uk

You Are Not Alone (YANA) 0300 323 0400; www.yanahelp.org

Samaritans 116 123; www.samaritans.org

Minding Your Head - 0808 808 8000; www.mindingyourhead.info

Farming Help – 03000 111 999; www.farminghelp.co.uk

Beds & Cambs Rural Support Group - 0300 323 1244



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03000 111 999

e-Helpline:
help@fcn.org.uk

Website:
fcn.org.uk

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



FARM DISPERSAL SALE

On Behalf of R Sumner at
Southview Farm, Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 1RQ
On Wednesday 18th September at 1.00pm

Briefly Comprising of

2015 **DEUTZ-FAHR** 6210 C-Shift 4 Wheel Drive Tractor,
RABE 5 Furrow Reversible Plough, Two 4 Metre **QUIVOGNE** Chisel Plough
Front Mounted, 4 Metre McConnel, 4 Metre Shakerator,
Vari Tilth H/D Tool Bar with Ripper Tines, **STOPPS** 24 Metre Slug Pellet
Spreader, **CHERRY** Products 16T Grain Trailer, Trolley Grain Auger,
RICHARD WESTON 3000 Gallon Vacuum Tanker, 4 Metre Potting Terra
Disc, **HE-VA FANTERRA** 4 Metre Drill, **MICHAEL MOORS** 4 Metre Trailer
Press, **STOCKS** 4 Metre Power Harrow with Seeder Boxes,
DEUTZ-FAHR Combine Rape Extension Table, **WILRICH** 6 Metre Cultivator,
7 Metre Spring Tine Cultivator, **LELY** Lotus 3 Metre Haybob.
Along with a range of other Heavy Machinery.

We will be accepting further entries.
Closing date for cataloguing purposes is Monday 2nd September.

Further details will be available soon.
For catalogue requests, please contact the office.

THRAPSTON COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Friday 20th September 2019
Commencing at 10.00am

PAST HALDEN'S PARKWAY, THRAPSTON
(OFF THE MAIN A605, SIGNPOSTED HUNTINGDON ROAD)

Entry forms are available on our website now,
In the Market Office or by request.

Important, entries must be returned by
Monday 9th September to be included in the catalogue

For catalogue requests, please contact the office
Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

A VERY INTERESTING VINTAGE SALE

On Behalf of P J Browning at
New Holme Farm, Keysoe Row East, Keysoe, Bedfordshire. MK44 2JB
On Saturday 21st September at 10.30am

To Include:

1958 David Brown 900 Tractor, 1957 Fordson Major E1A Tractor,
John Deere B Series Tractor (*spares*), 2 David Brown 2D Series Tractors.
Fordson Major E27N Tractor, David Brown 1A Crop Master (*both restored*).
Grey Ferguson 4 cylinder Diesel Tractor, Allis Chalmers HD7 Crawler,
1980 David Brown 1390 2wd Tractor.
100 Year Old Wooden Trailer with Wood & Iron Wheels, Vintage Machinery,
Spares & Old Tools, Engines & Oil Cans, British Anzani Iron Horse.
Massey-Harris Muck Spreader & Finger Bar Mower.
1959 Ford Anglia, 1961 Ford Escort Squire, Ford Prefect,
1960 Rover 80 Saloon Car, 1972 MG Midget Soft Top Sports Car,
1963 MG B Sports Car, 2002 Range Rover Vogue

The sale is subject to NO VAT



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LAND AND STABLES FOR SALE – ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

10.82 acres of Permanent Pasture together with four 'Scotts' stables and a general purpose building comprising four further stables and a tack room.

All Enquiries to verity.straker@bletsoes.co.uk

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10.02 acres (4.06 ha) of Permanent Pasture off Moor Road,
Newborough. Guide Price: £120,000

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