

The Market Report

Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Friday 27th November

Thrapston Collective Machinery & Equipment Sale

CANCELLED

Saturday 19th December - 12 Noon

Annual Christmas Sale of Dressed Poultry & Game

*** Entry forms available on our website now ***

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Drop & Go

(For everyone's safety)

Due to the latest Coronavirus lockdown regulations, we have been instructed by the Government to allow only buyers to attend markets. This is to reduce the number of people on the site at any one time for social distancing purposes and is being enforced until further notice.

Face coverings must be worn at all times inside the sale ring buildings. Please register for Track & Trace either in the office or with the QR code posters.

Local authorities and the police will be observing the premises and will enforce fines to anyone who is not complying and adhering to the rules.

Stay safe and read the simple rules. **Further details can be found on pages 2-3**

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Coronavirus

The latest rules and regulations could be here for a while, the sooner we adhere to the rules the sooner we will be rid of the virus and get back to some kind of normality.

Drop & Go - Prices are as good as we have seen them for a long time, with a national shortage of sheep and cattle. So leave your stock with us, if you are concerned about sale price, please put a reserve on your stock and leave the rest to us.

Buyers - If you are buying, face coverings must be worn by all who are on our site in the indoor sale rings. Everyone must wear a face covering, apart from those exempt with ill health issues that have a valid card, or staff that for health and safety reasons do not have to wear a covering.

Track & Trace - everyone entering the market must complete the track and trace forms or scan the NHS QR codes.

Social Distance - Please ensure that you keep your distance from people in the market. At least one metre, two is always better.

Hand Washing - Please use our facilities to wash or sanitise your hands regularly. The virus can stay on surfaces such as metal rails, door handles etc for up to 72 hours.

LAA - A word from the Livestock Auctioneers Association.

Chris Dodds Executive Secretary has been very busy having lengthy discussions with the UK Government who have finally returned with a position on the following sale types in England during the Lockdown.

On farm livestock sales – A sale of livestock conducted on behalf of one vendor on farm may take place during Lockdown.

Sale of Fodder – Please see below Defra’s response to my question:

“In respect of your further query re auctions of silage, hay, animal feed etc. advice we have received is that it would be preferable for these sales to be held online if possible, but there is an exemption which allows for “Agricultural supplies shops” to remain open”.

The LAA recommends that members take Defra's advice and conduct such sales through the use of Timed Auctions, or similar, during this lockdown.

LAA Members are reminded of:

1. Attendance at markets MUST be restricted to those conducting business and only 1 representative per business should be allowed to enter the site
2. Members are asked to re-introduce a "Drop and Go" policy where possible – The Government is encouraging businesses to continue, but where possible a Drop and Go policy should be implemented.
3. Market sales should be restricted to the sale of livestock – sales of machinery, poultry, fur & feather, furniture etc, etc should be postponed, or cancelled.
4. All on farm sales of machinery and/or non livestock goods should be postponed, or cancelled.
5. Members must ensure strict Social Distancing. Members are reminded that the wearing of face coverings is NOT a substitute for the need to maintain Social Distancing at all times.
6. Face coverings must be worn by everyone attending the site, within enclosed spaces (this includes market staff) – exemptions are permitted for anyone with a medical condition that allows a face covering not to be worn. All staff should wear a face covering except where it is deemed that the wearing of a face covering poses a Health and Safety risk and 2m Social Distancing at all times can be maintained.
7. Market canteens/catering facilities MUST only offer a takeaway service. Tables and chairs should be removed to prevent "gatherings" taking place in and around the takeaway service.
8. Members must continue to provide hand washing facilities.
9. Members must continue to keep a register of all attendees to their site.

I appreciate that I have not addressed the question of holding Christmas dressed poultry sales. I am advised that the current Lockdown is time limited and will finish on Wednesday 2nd December, which would then allow these sales to take place.

Chris Dodds - LAA Executive Secretary

REPORT FOR THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

703 Prime Lambs

A different week this week, with the lighter weight export lambs in far higher demand, any lambs 47kg+ hard to find a buyer for. On the whole, trade was very strong, with an SQQ of 206.62p/kg, overall average saw 195.65p/kg with the big lambs taking the hit. Trade on the day topped 229p/kg for 42kg Texel lambs from WH Tanner & Son. In the lump lambs topped at £98 from CJ White for their 50kg Texels.

44 Standards - Trade saw demand for the lighter weight with IL Hudson topping at £82 for their 38.5kg Continental lambs with their 39kgs seeing £81.50; C Oakley had a smart entry of Texels in, seeing 37kgs come to £81.

To		From		Average	
219p	£82.00	188p	£70.00	207.7p	£79.61

317 Mediums - John Gowling & Sons saw strength in the trade with 44.5kgs coming to £96.50; WH Tanner & Son had a flyer with 42kg Texels at £96; CJ White showed some best conformation Texels at 45.5kgs coming to £96; RC & JT Bailey met demand with their 44.5kg Continentals seeing £95.

To		From		Average	
229p	£96.50	189p	£80.00	206.5p	£89.28

313 Heavies - CJ White topped with their Texels at 50kgs coming to £98; C Stancombe & Son saw some of the best trade on the day with 50.5kg Continentals at £95; J Mills & Son had some smart lambs with size come to £95 for 50kgs; WG Childs & Sons had their usual goods on show seeing big framed Continentals at 49.5kgs coming to £94.50.

To		From		Average	
200p	£98.00	171p	£82.00	187.5p	£90.37

29 Over 52kg - J Mills & Son topped the section with smart Texel cross lambs at 53.5kgs coming to £95; RC & JT Bailey had a pen of Suffolks at 55kgs come to £93; Pentelow Farms had a pen of big framed Suffolks on sale at 57kgs coming to £92; as did DO Threadgold with Continentals at 57kgs also at £92.

To		From		Average	
178p	£95.00	144p	£87.50	164.7p	£90.43

Lambs are in demand for the next sale. Feel free to contact Jake at any point, for on farm visits or advice. 07487 526803

139 Cull Ewes & Rams

Demand for quality is still evident, with an average of £62.76 on the day. Ewes topped at £98 with Continentals from JC & JS Helliwell; Lattenbury Farming Co sold a strong run of Texel cross ewes to £96.50; JR Smith & Son had some real power forward with a pen of twelve Continental ewes topping at £94. All ewes achieving the best trade had weight on their side, but were not fat!

To	From	Average
£98.00	£10.00	£62.76

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SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

BREEDING & STORE CATTLE

M & M Hutton

8 Limousin x Heifers
Suckler Bred

6-8 Months

S A C Holgate

24 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

C E Hancock & Son

28 Quality Store Cattle

17-27 Months

CALVES

H G Robinson & Sons Ltd - TB4

5 British Blue Bulls
2 British Blue Heifers
1 Aberdeen Angus Heifer

All 3-5 Weeks

NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

NOTICE

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To make banking easier for our clients in these trying times. We would like to help you by transferring your money via a bank transfer payment directly into your bank, instead of sending you a cheque for you to bank.

Please send your bank account number and sort code to -

Paul Goodwin thrapston@auctionmarts.com or 07753 895716

REPORT FOR SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

106 Store & Breeding Cattle

Heifers to £1255, Steers £1240, Bulls to £810

Another hot week in the cattle ring, as the Christmas fat trade takes a lift, so do the store cattle. Let's hope the trade stays well into the New Year for some of the cattle purchased today, as many will take at least until next year to finish.

Store cattle started with an 11 month Limousin bull from RD Holland which realised £810, their 19 other Limousin store cattle sold to £985 for a pair of 26 month heifers with others at £950 and their steers sold to £860 and £850 for five yearlings; NP & MJ Russell sold their 10 year old South Devon cow to £660 and their 20 month Hereford steer sold to £980. Young steers 6-8 months from M & M Hutton sold to £650 from £610 to average £623; RA Bounds entered seven Hereford steers 18-20 months which sold to £1240, £1120, £1105 to average £1097 and their eight heifers sold to £970 and £930 to average £950; J Wilford entered an 18 month Charolais heifer which sold to £940; W Darby & Son sold their two Limousin steers 19 month to £800 and their 18-22 month heifers realised the same price; TG Williams topped at £900 with his entry of Charolais heifers 14-18 months.

More are keenly needed to fulfil the buyers' requirements, why not sell before the New Year or before the straw runs out. Please contact us with your entries.

3 Calves

JEG James entered three calves today, which sold to £260 for a month old British Blue bull, heifers sold to £245 and £240 for 3 week old calves. Another strong demand for all calves at Thrapston.

9 Pigs

Nine Gloucester Old Spot weaned piglets sold to £27 for a pen of gilts and the boars sold to £23 from TP Guyton. More are needed to keep up the demand.

4 Goats

An excellent sale of goats today at the goat capital of Europe! Topping at £122 for a Nubian x doeling, with others to £110 from P Brick. More are needed each week to fill buyers' requirements, there is a large amount of interest for all types of goats, if you have some to market, we have the buyers.

305 Store Sheep

Yet again another unreal week at Thrapston, with an average of £75.77 in the store lambs and £61.98 in the feeding ewes. With the year drawing on and numbers elsewhere dwindling, Thrapston continues to out do week on week, with another increase in trade, for lambs on a whole that are far more long term than the previous month.

237 Store Lambs

Stores topped with a fantastic entry from WG Childs & Sons with their Texel lambs seeing the very best reach £101, with their Texel crosses close behind at £95; T Sansom saw £92 for a pair of best shape Texel lambs just beating E Sansom & Son who received £90 for their Texels; J Towers had a run of strong Charollais x lambs with great stretch seeing the top pens get to £84; JH Jones & Son had their usual class of lambs on show with Charollais coming to £82; JL & L Burton also had a run of stores, in with the best of the run being Texels seeing £80.

64 Feeding Ewes

With many buyers now turning to feeding ewes instead of lambs, trade has taken a real turn in recent weeks, with the ewe trade looking untouchable. Average on the day saw £61.98 with TC Matts & Sons coming out at the top with £81 for their Texel ewes; J Towers topped the Mules with a big framed pen coming to £77; JL & L Burton saw £74 for big framed Suffolks.



****FULL OR PART TIME JOB OFFERED****

DP and IA Coles are looking for a Full or Part time person to help on the farm at Thorney and fully manage the Refrigerated Potato Stores on site.

This would involve:-

Loading and unloading the potato lorries.

Managing temperatures of the stores according to instructions.

Checking Store Box temperatures daily once stores are full.

Mending Boxes if required.

Communicating with processors and Lorries throughout the year.

If you are interested Please email sam@hillfairsfarming.com or call Sam Fairs 07771983741 for more details.