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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2140



TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE	TO 290P/KG	CULL COWS	TO 219P/KG
PRIME HOGGS	TO 308P/KG	STORE HOGGS	TO £105
DAIRY	TO £2380	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £100
REARED CALVES	TO £655	CALVES	TO £445
STORE STEERS	TO £1580	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1520

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Wednesday 21st February

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2024

All sections benefitting from a firm trade again this week. Reared calves in short supply but very high demand. An excellent number of Dairy cattle forward. Prime Hoggets a solid trade with a good number forward and a decent entry of prime & cull cattle just as dear as previous weeks. 1000+ Store cattle entered for our 1st Candlemas store sale this Friday!

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
1157**

PRIME CATTLE (40) to 290p/kg or £1861

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Start 12.30pm

Trade holds firm for prime cattle with a shorter entry of cattle meeting demand and competition. All weights and grades wanted each week to meet demand from wholesale buyers and finishers looking to take cattle on further.

TOP PRICE STEER	287p/kg for an Angus from EM Horn & Son		
TOP PRICE HEIFER	290p/kg for a Blue from Padfield & Partners		
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG
STEERS			
Light 100-500kg	4	245.00	284.00
Medium 551-650kg	11	198.00	287.00
Heavy 651+	3	230.00	240.00
Heifers			
Light 100-500kg	2	227.00	240.00
Medium 501-590kg	2	248.00	255.00
Heavy 590+	17	185.00	290.00

UTM STEERS (18) Max. 287p/kg & £1644

Quality Angus from EM Horn & Son topped the steers pence per kilo at 287p/kg realising £1584. Handy weight Limousin steers from WA Waterman & Sons to 284p/kg. Heavier OTM Simmentals from AP & JJ Williams to £1753 and OTM Herefords from Waddon Farm Ltd to £1592. R grade steers with cover 250p/kg+. Herefords from AR Smith to 259p/kg and 264p/kg from LP Shackell grossing £1644. Solid Blue steers from J Powell & Son to 262p/kg, £1456.

UTM STEERS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Angus	287.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	1584	EM Horn & Son, Southampton
Limousin	284.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Dorchester	1403	WA Waterman, Dorchester
Hereford	264.00	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick	1644	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick
Blue	262.00	J Powell & Son, Egford	1456	J Powell & Son, Egford
Simmental	240.00	AP & JJ Williams, Claverham Drove	1753	AP & JJ Williams, Claverham Drove
Friesian	230.00	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	1620	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford

UTM HEIFERS (21) Max. 290p/kg & £1861

An excellent trade for heifers with Blues from Padfield & Partners to 290p/kg coming to the gross price of £1786. OTM Charolais heifers to 280p/kg and £1780 with others from Padfield & Partners to 280p/kg, £1763 and 275p/kg, £1677 for a Blue. Angus from BJ Singleton & Sons to 263p/kg realising the top gross price of £1827. O+ grade heifers with cover from 240p/kg to 265p/kg with plainer grades to 230p/kg+.

UTM HEIFERS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Blue	290.00	Padfield & Prtrs Ltd, Stratton On the Fosse	1786	Padfield & Prtrs Ltd, Stratton On the Fosse
Charolais	280.00	Norbin Farm Ltd, Corsham	1861	Norbin Farm Ltd, Corsham
Angus	263.00	BJ Singleton & Sons, Alresford	1827	BJ Singleton & Sons, Alresford
Hereford	246.00	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick	1657	LP Shackell & Son, Tadwick
Simmental	232.00	AP & JJ Williams, Claverham Drove	1463	AP & JJ Williams, Claverham Drove
Friesian	230.00	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton	1544	NF Clothier & Sons Ltd, Ston Easton

CULL COWS (52) Beef to 219p/kg Dairy to 182p/kg

A few less cows forward this week however trade just as dear as previous weeks. Best U grade Limousin cows from EM Horn & Son to 219p/kg grossing £1662, Simmental to 191p/kg and Angus to 185p/kg. Well covered grade 1 Friesians to 182p/kg and £1638 with others to 181p/kg, 178p/kg, 171p/kg and 170p/kg. Grade 3 cows with feeding potential to 170p/kg with others from 155p/kg to 168p/kg. Grade 4 cows to 130p/kg. Cows averaged 150p/kg overall with some very plain grade 4 cows in the average.

CULL COWS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Limousin	219.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	1662	EM Horn & Son, Southampton
Simmental	191.00	RJ & JC Banwell, Wedmore	1278	RJ & JC Banwell, Wedmore
Angus	185.00	KE & AM Rostigina, Brokenhurst	1274	KE & AM Rostigina, Brokenhurst
Friesian	182.00	WJ Masters & Sons Ltd, Nunney	1638	WJ Masters & Sons Ltd, Nunney
Fleckvieh	178.00	WR Phippen, Buckland Dinham	1350	WR Phippen, Buckland Dinham
Hereford	174.00	KE & AM Rostigina, Brokenhurst	1604	JR Griffin & Sons, Devizes
Blue	168.00	The Covey, Rubbery Farm, Somerton	793	The Covey, Rubbery Farm, Somerton
Charolais	156.00	J & J Hawkins, Radstock	1090	J & J Hawkins, Radstock

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SHEEP (734) Start 10.30am**AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737****PRIME HOGGETS (615) Max 308p/kg £145**

Hoggs keep flocking to Frome, with a soaring trade flying to 308p/kg from Andy Pobjoy an best heavies rocking to £145 from Wallmead Farm Partners. Best feather weights soaring to 281p/kg and £88.50 for 31kg for Welsh lambs from Will Stitch. Light lambs flying to 308p/kg and £120 from Andy Pobjoy & family. Handy weights soaring to 300p/kg, twice from Pat Apsey and Keith Raymond of Salisbury, topping at £132.50 from L Doman of Wellow. Heavies to 293p/kg from Dom Creed and £140 4 times from Pat Apsey, Wincanton, Keith Raymond, Salisbury, Mike Scott and Phillip Scott, Minety. Best over 52kg to 261p/kg from Richard Coward of Warminster and £145 from Wallmead Farm Partnership of Bath. More hoggs needed each week. We have the buyers for 1000 hoggs each week.

CULL EWES (59) Max £100

A small entry of cull ewes which sold to a faster trade on the week. Definitely more life in the ewes with best to £100 from Paul Critchell and Gerald Williams. North Country mules over £90.

STORE HOGGS (60) Max £105

A very mixed entry of store hoggs which sold to a mixed trade. Best stores soaring to £105 from Mr Hill of Corsham. Medium sorts all £85+, £70+ and smallest £50+. More needed each week.

PLEASE NOTE:**ALL SHEEP 0-12 MONTHS REQUIRE 1 TAG****ALL SHEEP OVER 12 MONTHS REQUIRE 2 TAGS**

PRIME HOGGETS		
KG	£	Vendor
56.00	145.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury
55.00	140.00	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip
49.50	139.50	RR Creed & Son, Wells
49.00	139.00	PA Scott, Minety
48.00	138.50	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip
48.50	136.50	AJ & RG Barber & Son, Norton St Philip
45.50	132.50	LF Doman, Wellow
44.00	132.00	KA Raymond, Salisbury
43.50	128.50	CA AC Alvis, Oakhill
43.00	124.50	CA AC Alvis, Oakhill
42.50	127.00	PJ Pobjoy & Son, Norton St Philip
40.00	120.00	PG Apsey, Wincanton
37.00	105.00	A Sheppard, Grittenham
36.50	105.00	S & P Bowles, Bradford on Avon

REARED CALVES (98) Starts 12.30pm

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A very strong trade for all types here today at Frome with a large number of buyers here to procure stock.

CONTINENTALS

A smart run from Willow Farm saw a very brisk trade with 7mo Limousin steers to £655, Charolais to £635 and Blues to £620. Heifers looking equally as dear with Blues from the same good home to £560. Tidy Blues from Charles Milton & family to £610 and Blue heifers to £480. Blue steers from J Score to £505 and heifers to £470. Younger Blue bulls from NF Clothier & Sons Ltd to £315 and £295 only 8-10 weeks.

NATIVE

Another quality run from Stella Sargent & family saw Angus heifers to £475 with other younger steers to £475 and £410 respectively. Younger heifers looking well sold also at £360. Young Angus from NF Clothier saw Bulls (10 weeks) to £295 and £288 and heifers to £260.

DAIRY

Another well reared batch from Helliart Partnership sold to a very fierce trade with nice dark Friesian steers to £400 only (4-5mo). Holstein sorts from the same home again a bright trade to £335. Many thanks to all vendor & buyers alike, good numbers building for the next sale.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

NEXT PIG SALE: WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

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DAIRY (114) Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

Calved Heifers £2,380 Calved cows £2,150

Over 100 Dairy penned for sale again today. Trade was tremendous for the best quality fresh milk which saw Holstein Friesian "Arrow Star" daughters from David Jones & family to an excellent to £2,380 closely followed by a super home bred Brown Swiss calved heifer from Tom Lawrence & family at £2150 and 5 week old British Friesian heifer calves from Denis Drake at £250. This sale saw 2 large consignments of in-calf Spring calving crossbred heifers. Firstly, from C & C Martin, Exton who saw their homebred out wintered heifers 8 times over £1000 topping at £1300 for a March due "Outback" daughter. Plenty passing through the ring £800 - £900 and were keenly sought. Next saw a good run again of homebred heifers from P&J Dennison Ltd; these were generally of a more Jersey smaller type which found demand weaker. The stronger Swedish Red and Friesian x saw prices £800 - £900 and topped at £980. Later calving Jersey x more often £500 - £600.

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 11AM

DAIRY SALE TO INCLUDE:

**25 IN CALF FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN COWS DUE MARCH
TO ANGUS OR SEXED FRIESIAN**

**10 NEW ZEALAND FRIESIAN BULLING HEIFERS 16MO
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FURTHER ENTRIES ANTICIPATED

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CALVES (119) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TIM HECTOR 07818 056 049

TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Another quality entry of calves and a mix of quality to suit a busy ring packed with buyers; all grades and breeds seeing strong bidding from to start to finish.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £445 / HEIFERS TO £258

First quality was in short supply but there was firm demand for all breeds and grades; best Blue bulls from J Sprake & Partners sold to £445 and £430. Heifers to £258 from SA Trott. Simmental bulls to £440 from M Carver & Son, heifers to £220 from the same home. Medium bulls from £175 - £250, heifers £120 - £180.

NATIVE BULLS TO £350 / HEIFERS TO £165

Plenty to choose from and more middle, plainer sorts on offer which saw a very strong trade compared to stronger better shaped calves. Angus bulls to £350 from PF & J Osborne, heifers to £165 from J & W Davis. Hereford bulls to £228 from WF Fisher & Son, heifers to £138 from Adams & Dunford.

DAIRY £110

A handful forward all of which made £30 or more topping at £110 for British Friesians and £98 for Holsteins.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
PLEASE CALL EITHER OF THE NUMBERS BELOW BY TUESDAY PM TO
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Tom Rogers: 07384 462288 Tim Hector: 07818 056049

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



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Registration is quick and easy – visit <https://ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future> and fill in some basic details. Once we've checked these, we will contact them again in April 2022 when it's time to get their views.

We want as many levy payers as possible to get involved. As a key stakeholder to AHDB, you can help by:

- Encouraging levy payers to register with AHDB and have their say
- Follow our social media channels: Twitter - [@AHDB_Dairy](#) & Facebook - [@AHDBDairy](#)
- Like and share our posts or create your own to say why it's important for levy payers to have their say

We are committed to listening to levy payers and industry stakeholders about the challenges they face, and the role that we can play in enabling success in the farming industry. We want to ensure that the levy collected for each sector works hard for the benefit of that sector.

For more information, visit <https://ahdb.org.uk/shape-the-future>.

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024
STORE CATTLE

TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
983

Starts 10.30am
AUCTIONEERS:
TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480 401
BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263 916
LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 03
STEERS TO £1580 HEIFERS TO £1520

What a show of store cattle here today which averaged £1018, Frome market is definitely the place to sell your stores with a great atmosphere and good humour encouraging buyers to bid beyond recent levels in belief of a quality finished trade.

YOUNG STEERS				YOUNG HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Simmental	1480	17mo	P & S Foot, Portesham	Blue	1195	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury
	1355	16mo	P & S Foot, Portesham		850	17mo	Wyke Farms Ltd, Bruton
	1205	14mo	P & S Foot, Portesham		820	12mo	F Dening & Sons, East Coker
Charolais	1380	16mo	CW House, Lymington	Limousin	1115	14mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch
	1295	11mo	MJ Higgins, Beaminster		885	11mo	Phillips Farm, Wareham
	1175	15mo	A Salter, Cranmore	Angus	1080	17mo	RH & AE Mayo, Weymouth
Blue	1370	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury		970	17mo	RF Stratton & Co, Kingston Deverill
	1280	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury		920	13mo	MJ Knowles & S Withers, Claverham
Angus	1345	17mo	RH & AE Mayo, Weymouth	Simmental	978	17mo	P & S Foot, Weymouth
	1250	17mo	KE & AM Rostigina, Beaulieu		855	17mo	DC Newberry, Bridport
	1185	12mo	TR Horsington & Son, Nether Cerne	Hereford	940	17mo	GMS Farming Ltd, Templecombe
Hereford	1115	17mo	GMS Farming Ltd, Templecombe		880	14mo	A Smith, Sturminster Newton

ORGANIC

No let up in demand for Organic cattle with prices being quite exceptional and following the finished trade.

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

Although generally older types for this 1st Candlemas sale those younger cattle which were on offer had a wonderful trade. Plenty of men looking for those good suckler bred 10-14mo steers & heifers for early Spring grazing. Dairy bred leaner outwintered Continentals were also sold extremely well through the day.

ANGUS & HEREFORD

As expected, a grand show of Angus and Hereford today of both younger and more forward types. Quality varied considerably but every beast was wanted and a large complement of specific Angus finishers were present. Trade was at the highest of levels as the finished cattle prices continue to rise for the end product. Some bulling demand beginning to be evident.

FRIESIAN

The Candlemas sale continues to be synonymous with an excellent presentation of framed lean Friesian and fleshed types. All grades sold to advantage with several consignments well in excess of the recent national trade.

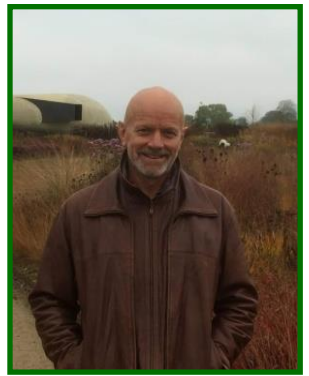
FORWARD CONTINENTAL

The traditional first Candlemas sale goes from strength to strength with an excellent show of cattle from regular and new vendors. Buyers came from all over the country wanting to fill artic loads of quality forward cattle that are proving to be a scarce national commodity. Good framed outwintered stock still hold a premium with a massive bidding frenzy forcing prices above expectations. Fleshed good condition cattle also met a tremendous trade with vendors benefiting from selling earlier than previous years.

FORWARD STEERS				FORWARD HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1580	22mo	IW & JM Appleyard, Timsbury	Simmental	1520	29mo	R Stott, Easton
	1500	23mo	MR Meredith, Upper Swainswick		1150	18mo	MJ Knowles & S Withers, Claverham
	1485	21mo	IW & JM Appleyard, Timsbury		955	23mo	G & R House Ltd, Buckland Newton
Hereford	1530	22mo	Manor Farm East Marden, Chichester	Friesian	1505	24mo	Radstock Co-op Society, Radstock
	1490	22mo	MR Meredith, Upper Swainswick	Blue	1505	24mo	F Dening & Sons, East Coker
	1445	23mo	HA Dudden, Rodney Stoke		1365	29mo	DM & RG Adams, Dundry
Blue	1448	19mo	J Wareham, Cannards Grave		1295	29mo	DM & RG Adams, Dundry
Simmental	1440	18mo	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary	Limousin	1470	22mo	J Wareham, Cannards Grave
Limousin	1425	23mo	J Wareham, Cannards Grave		1165	22mo	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip
	1320	20mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch		1110	24mo	S Hannaford, Melksham
	1290	22mo	VL Vincent & Son, Weymouth	Angus	1450	28mo	CW House, Lymington
Charolais	1380	22mo	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip		1405	20mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill
	1250	22mo	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip		1395	21mo	IW & JM Appleyard, Timsbury
Longhorn	1250	24mo	JE & HE Adlam, Wincanton	Hereford	1400	27mo	MR Meredith, Upper Swainswick
Friesian	1245	27mo	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary		1245	30mo	J & S Farming Ltd, Chilthorne Domer
	1165	26mo	Knapp Farm Ltd, Glastonbury		1212	28mo	Grist Estates, Devizes
	1145	24mo	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary	Charolais	1005	20mo	T & C Wheeler, Norton St Philip
Dairy Shorthorn	1205	24mo	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary		960	18mo	TR & LD Vincent, Steepleton
Devon	1120	23mo	J & S Farming Ltd, Chilthorne Domer	Devon	930	25mo	J & S Farming Ltd, Chilthorne Domer

Chaplain's Prayer

A Farmers Prayer: As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning! I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings 😊 I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm. I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work! I feel Blessed to walk in the long lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping. Fill me anew today and every day Lord with your Spirit. Give me strength and Health when I feel tired or weary. I release my anxious thoughts and worries to you, knowing that you hear my prayer! Please Bless my farm, my home, my family. Bless the work of my hands. 🙏 Please remind me each morning to give thanks to you Anew, my Lord and saviour! 🙏❤️ (Anon)



Can you help train robots to spot slugs!!!? I saw this intriguing article...and thought I'd share! (DEFRA are funding this to tune of **2.6m**)! This data will enable researchers to refine pellet usage by specifically targeting only the patches where the pest gathers, thereby promoting more sustainable pest management!? If you think how much damage these little critters can wreak, then this could be money well spent!?

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