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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2502

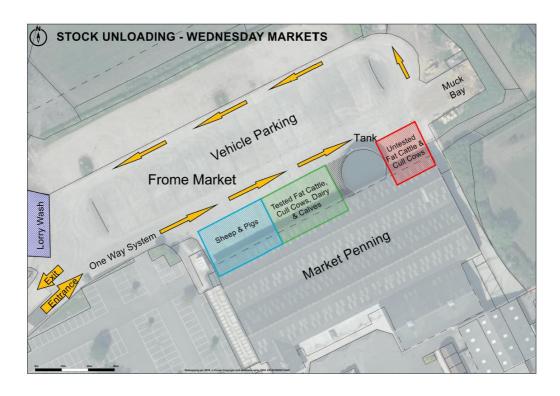


TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE	TO 295P/KG	CULL COWS	TO 182P/KG
PRIME HOGGS	TO 320P/KG	STORE HOGGS	TO £133.50
DAIRY	TO £2100	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £141
PIGS	TO £220	CALVES	TO £442
STORE STEERS	TO £1580	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1520

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE STOCK UNLOADING PLAN FOR ALL STOCK ENTERING THE MARKET FROM WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024 ONWARDS.



WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2024

Increased numbers of prime sheep and cattle this week met with a fast trade in both sections. Pigs dearer on the fortnight and calves in shorter supply but higher demand. Dairy selling to £2,100.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1519

PRIME CATTLE (62) to 295p/kg or £1856 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

More cattle forward this week selling to a consistently dear trade with 15 buyers around the ring looking to source cattle. A decent show of finished cattle in the yard very much in demand. A few feeding cattle very well bid for by buyers for feeding cattle.

TOP PRICE STEER	295p/kg for a Limousin from CW Butcher				
TOP PRICE HEIFER	287p/kg	for a Charolais fr	om CW Butcher		
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG		
STEERS					
Light 100-500kg	8	238.00	266.00		
Medium 551-650kg	19	235.00	295.00		
Heavy 651+	4	242.00	275.00		
Heifers					
Light 100-500kg	3	224.00	247.00		
Medium 501-590kg	21	204.00	287.00		
Heavy 590+	7	240.00	271.00		

UTM STEERS (31) Max. 295p/kg & £1856

Well finished steers from CW Butcher topped at 295p/kg for Limousin x grossing to 291p/kg, 286p/kg and 282p/kg grossing £1827, £1667 and £1660. A super Angus steer from S Newman grossed £1811 at 275p/kg. Hereford steers from SA Trott to 252p/kg and £1856 and handyweight Hereford x from AR Smith to 257p/kg. U grade steer from 275p/kg to 295pkg and L grades to 250p/kg+.

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UTM STEERS					
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	VENDOR MAX (£) VENDO		
Limousin	295.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1827	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	
Simmental	282.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1795	CW Butcher, Devizes	
Angus	275.00	S Newman & Son, Seend	1811	S Newman & Son, Seend	
Hereford	257.00	AR Smith, Swanage	1856	SA Trott, Shepton Mallet	
Longhorn	248.00	JA Ponzo, Swanage	1378	JA Ponzo, Swanage	
Blue	247.00	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	1385	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	

UTM HEIFERS (31) Max. 287p/kg & £1646

An excellent run of finished heifers from CW Butcher saw Charolais to 287p/kg, 270p/kg grossing £1638 and £1601. Simmental x from the same consignment to 275p/kg, 274p/kg, 270p/kg and 264p/kg. Blue heifers with shape and cover from Padfield & Partners to 266p/g, 258p/kg, 253p/kg realising at £1646, £1601 and £1596. Limousin from JA Ponzo to 267p/kg and 266p/kg. Angus from CW Butcher to 258p/kg and 251p/kg from DO Webb. Mostly R/O+ grades forward with U grades over 275p/kg.

UTM HEIFERS					
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR	
Charolais	287.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1638	CW Butcher, Devizes	
Simmental	275.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1610	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse	
Limousin	267.00	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	1555	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	
Blue	266.00	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse	1646	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton on the Fosse	
Angus	259.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1511	DO Webb, Stratton on the fosse	
Hereford	229.00	LK & C Davies, Glastonbury	1213	LK & C Davies, Glastonbury	
South Devon	226.00	J Powell & Son, Egford	1208	J Powell & Son, Egford	

CULL COWS (49) Beef to 176p/kg Dairy to 182p/kg

Best fed cows in short supply today with mostly grade 3 & 4 feeding cows. All grades very much in demand. Well covered Holstein cows to 182p/kg (twice) grossing £1515 and £1488. Top gross price to £1526 for Holstein Friesians at 174p/kg. Hereford cows to 175p/kg £1295. Angus to 165p/kg, feeding cows to 164p/kg with others over 140p/kg. Grade 2 cows 160p/kg+. Grade 3 & 4 cows in demand with grade 3 feeding cows from 150p/kg to 164p/kg. Grade 4 cows from 110p/kg to 138p/kg with very plain cows from 105p/kg to 115p/kg. More cows wanted next week.

CULL COWS					
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR MAX (£) VEN		VENDOR	
Friesian	182.00	KJ & CP Dunn, Dinder	1526	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Malle	
Swedish Red	176.00	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	1395	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	
Hereford	176.00	RF & J Horler, Wellow	1302	RE & D Woodward, Norton Ferris	
Angus	165.00	RF & J Osborne, Westbury	1093	PF & J Osborne, Westbury	
Charolais	164.00	WS Stitch, Axbridge	1172	WS Stitch, Axbridge	
Limousin	161.00	WS Stitich, Axbridge	1067	WS Stitch, Axbridge	
Blue	160.00	WS Stitch, Axbridge	862	WS Stitch, Axbridge	
Longhorn	157.00	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	970	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	
Simmental	150.00	Pondhead Ltd, Lyndhurst	1067	WS Stitch, Axbridge	

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SHEEP (1066) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737

PRIME HOGGETS (805) Max 320p/kg £166

What a day, What a trade!! Over 80 hoggs forward selling to a storming trade with every prime hogget averaging £127.80 per head. Best topping at £166 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke and 320pkg from Wallmead farms Partnership of Timsbury. Light hoggs to 306pkg from Corp Bros & £110 from Amy Sheppard. Handy weights flying to 319pkg & £142 from Pat Apsey. Heavies to 320pkg from Wallmead Farm Partnership & £160 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke. Over weights to 307pkg and £166 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke.

Thank you for your continued support it is pleasing to see sheep numbers here at Frome

CULL EWES (114) Max £141

A tidy entry of cull ewes which sold to a flying trade. Best ewes to £120 with best rams to £124 from Lower Silton Farm Ltd.

STORE HOGGS (147) Max £133.50

A tidy entry of store hoggets which sold to a flying trade averaging £101.15 topping at £133.50 from S A Place. Don't forget we have pulled out gradable prime hoggets!

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL SHEEP 0-12 MONTHS REQUIRE 1 TAG ALL SHEEP OVER 12 MONTHS REQUIRE 2 TAGS

	PRIME HOGGETS			
KG	£	Vendor		
54.00	166.00	RJ Mitchell & LA Voke, Chew Stoke		
53.00	160.00	RJ Mitchell & LA Voke, Chew Stoke		
49.50	157.00	D Carnell, Wincanton		
51.00	156.00	PG Apsey, Wincanton		
50.00	155.00	ARJ Corp & Son, Chippenham		
47.00	150.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury		
46.00	147.00	Wallmead Farms Partnership, Timsbury		
44.50	142.00	PG Apsey, Wincanton		
37.00	110.00	A Sheppard, Chippenham		
36.00	104.50	J & K Walther, Petersfield		

PIGS (223) Start 10am

AUCTIÒNEÉR: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

Trade generally around brighter than the last sale and also compared to other reports. Pressure on prices due to cheaper imported pork not helping.

FAT PIGS (82)

A smaller entry of fat pigs sold to a stronger trade with more interest and buyers present. Best to £200 twice for PB Weeks others from to same farm to £198 twice and £94. Medium weight cracking Pietrains to £154 from K Lye and some Tamworth x sorts to £181 from Angus Baird Isle of Wight.

STORE PIGS (26)

Trade brighter again with a nice run of stores this week. Some nice 10w/o White stores to £46 from G Townsend. Other Native stores to £40 from Cholderton Rare Breeds.

CULL SOWS & BOARS (108)

Best culls to £220 for 11 and £195 for 10 from C Down. Others to £180 from J Woodland. Overall average to £163.21.

BREEDING PIGS (7)

Young sow & 6 sold well to £190 from C Tucker.

NEXT PIG SALE: WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
ALL PIGS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED TO ENABLE US TO INFORM BUYERS

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

DAIRY (38) Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

Calved Heifers £1900 Calved cows £2100

Very pleasing to see a good entry again in this section and plenty of trade for those on offer. Fresh milk very keenly sought and a superb consignment of home bred calved heifers and cows from AJ Chinn & Son created strong bidding. Their early January calved Holstein Friesian heifers to £1900 and 2nd Lactation cows at £2,100, £1,950 and 1880. More good fresh milk heifers and cows required. A good entry of dry March/April down calving cows (2nd-6th lactation) Friesian Holstein cows from Reads Farm Partnership produced lively bidding throughout. Prices topped £1000 on no less than 18 occasions and peaked at £1210. New Zealand Friesian bulling heifers easily sold to £670. Next week's entries include: 19 Norwegian Red 8mo youngstock.



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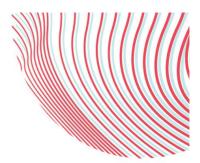






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CALVES (90) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TIM HECTOR 07818 056 049 TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Numbers steady at the moment but plenty of buyers forward and more could have been sold to an advantage.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £442 / HEIFERS TO £230

Good numbers of Blues and Limousins forward and all grades wanted and best shaped sorts still seeing a fast trade. A super young Blue bull from AJ Scott & Sons soared to £442 with others from PHG Turner to £425 and £385, the same vendors Limousin bulls to £368. Plenty of medium sorts over £200 to see smaller sorts £95+. Blue heifers sold to £230 from RP Sainsbury & Sons Ltd. Limousins to £225 from PHG Turner. Medium sorts £140+.

NATIVE BULLS TO £230 / HEIFERS TO £202

Fewer forward but a fast trade for all through the ring, all sorts seeing plenty of demand. First quality lacking this week but strong medium sorts to £230 from J & W Davis, heifers to £202 from the same home. Hereford bulls to £200 from Radstock Co-op.

DAIRY £168

A few forward and most saw competitive bidding good rearing Holsteins to £168 from DB & H Miles, smaller sorts to £80 and £48. Ayrshires to £40 from BA Marsh. Longhorns to £150, Shorthorns to £85 both from RP Sainsbury & Son.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY PLEASE CALL EITHER OF THE NUMBERS BELOW BY TUESDAY PM TO PRE-BOOK CALVES SO WE CAN INFORM BUYERS OF STOCK COMING

Tom Rogers: 07384 462288 Tim Hector: 07818 056049

WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!



This week's winner of £25 for the top price Native Sired Heifer under 41 days was an Angus at £202 from J & W Davis.

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FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024 STORE CATTLE

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 983

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS:

TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS 07968 480 401 07496 263 916 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
	1480	17mo	P & S Foot, Portesham		1195	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury
Simmental	1355	16mo	P & S Foot, Portesham	Blue	850	17mo	Wyke Farms Ltd, Bruton
	1205	14mo	P & S Foot, Portesham		820	12mo	F Dening & Sons, East Coker
	1380	16mo	CW House, Lymington	Limousin	1115	14mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch
Charolais	1295	11mo	MJ Higgins, Beaminster	Limousin	885	11mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham
	1175	15mo	A Salter, Cranmore		1080	17mo	RH & AE Mayo, Weymouth
Blue	1370	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury	Angus	970	17mo	RF Stratton & Co, Kingston Deverill
Blue	1280	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury		920	13mo	MJ Knowles & S Withers, Claverham
	1345	17mo	RH & AE Mayo, Weymouth	Simmental	978	17mo	P & S Foot, Weymouth
Angus	1250	17mo	KE & AM Rostigina, Beaulieu	Simmentai	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.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing'

My job/mission as a Chaplain is very similar indeed to that of a Farming Community Network Volunteer (FCN)! To listen(with Empathy) Support and connect to help where it's needed! As an Agricultural Chaplain I can give Spiritual Guidance too....So as we walk with Farming folk we give them time to talk, then to Connect and Support them sensitively and appropriately to address their particular problem/need! FCN is also there to support each other, as much as it is here to support our wider



farming community. Whatever we are trying to achieve helping others it's so important to address our own needs too!? (So we can give effectively)I usually put numbers for help on this letter, so here they are:

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You can call me with my Chaplain/FCN hat on too on 07880770887.

See you most Wednesdays with my FCN colleague Paul Watts, Blessings to you, and please remember your 'neighbour as yourself' too!

Neville Dyke(Frome Market Chaplain) 💙 🙏



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