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### SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

### TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2343



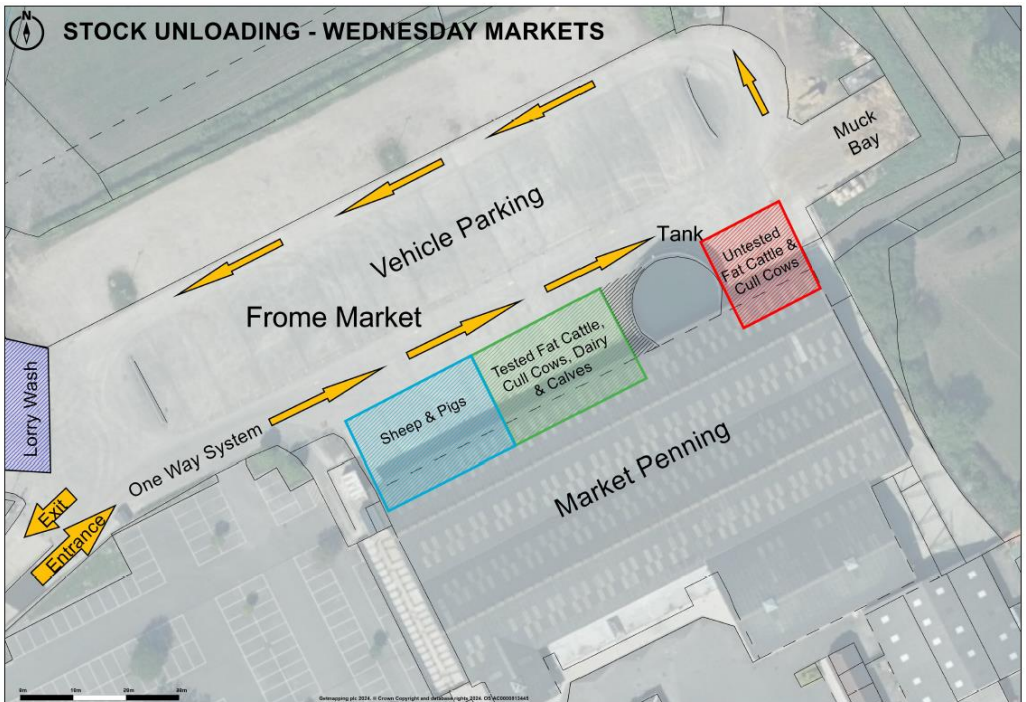
### TRADE AT A GLANCE

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 £1925	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1535

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



# WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 further finishing.

TOP PRICE STEER	295p/kg for a Limousin from CW Butcher		
TOP PRICE HEIFER	287p/kg for a Charolais from 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 £1767. Limousins to 291p/kg (£1827) 287p/kg (£1667) and 282p/kg from John Ponzio. 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 steers from 275p/kg to 295p/kg and R grades 250p/kg+.

### VENDORS PLEASE NOTE

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UTM STEERS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
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.

<b>CULL COWS</b>				
<b>BREED</b>	<b>MAX (p/kg)</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>MAX (£)</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>
<b>Friesian</b>	<b>182.00</b>	KJ & CP Dunn, Dinder	<b>1526</b>	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet
<b>Swedish Red</b>	<b>176.00</b>	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet	<b>1395</b>	Waddon Farm Ltd, Shepton Mallet
<b>Hereford</b>	<b>176.00</b>	RF & J Horler, Wellow	<b>1302</b>	RE & D Woodward, Norton Ferris
<b>Angus</b>	<b>165.00</b>	RF & J Osborne, Westbury	<b>1093</b>	PF & J Osborne, Westbury
<b>Charolais</b>	<b>164.00</b>	WS Stitch, Axbridge	<b>1172</b>	WS Stitch, Axbridge
<b>Limousin</b>	<b>161.00</b>	WS Stitich, Axbridge	<b>1067</b>	WS Stitch, Axbridge
<b>Blue</b>	<b>160.00</b>	WS Stitch, Axbridge	<b>862</b>	WS Stitch, Axbridge
<b>Longhorn</b>	<b>157.00</b>	JA Ponzo, Pewsey	<b>970</b>	JA Ponzo, Pewsey
<b>Simmental</b>	<b>150.00</b>	Pondhead Ltd, Lyndhurst	<b>1067</b>	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 hogs 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 hogs 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 £124**

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**

<b>PRIME HOGGETS</b>		
<b>KG</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
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**

**AUCTIONEER: 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 £194. Medium weight cracking Pietrains to £154 from K Lye. Tamworth x sorts to £181 from Angus Baird Isle of Wight.

## **STORE PIGS (26)**

Trade brighter again with a good 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 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

**ALL PIGS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED TO ENABLE US TO INFORM BUYERS**

**NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> lactation) Friesian Holstein cows from Reads Farm Partnership produced lively bidding throughout. Prices topped at £1000 on no less than 18 occasions and peaked at £1210. New Zealand Friesian bulling heifers easily sold to £670. Next week's entries to date include: 19 Norwegian Red 8mo youngstock. 3 In-Calf Holstien Friesian Heifers.



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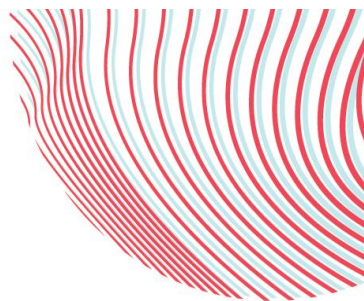
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## **CALVES (90) Starts 9.30am**

**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. 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 grades seeing plenty of demand. First quality lacking this week. Strong medium Angus to £230 from J & W Davis with their heifers to £202. 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 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**PLEASE CALL EITHER OF THE NUMBERS BELOW BY TUESDAY PM TO PRE-BOOK CALVES SO WE CAN INFORM BUYERS OF STOCK COMING**

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## **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 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

## STORE CATTLE

**TOTAL  
HEAD  
SOLD  
824**

**Starts 10.30am**

**AUCTIONEERS:**

**TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480 401**

**BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263 916**

**LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 03**

**STEERS TO £1925 HEIFERS TO £1535**

**A remarkable day for Frome's second Candlemas making record prices with furious competitive bidding between the large company of buyers ringside.**

### YOUNG CONTINENTAL

What another exceptional day in Frome. Fewer younger suckled Continentals forward but trade was again quite outstanding. Many more could have been sold to an amazing attendance of buyers who were all desperate to buy these good quality types. The leaner well framed sorts commanded the strongest trade as they will suit an early turnout at the first opportunity. Generally, less numbers of Dairy x Continentals but those that were on offer sold to a blistering trade.

### FRIESIAN

Friesians at Candlemas set the trade for the year and this year did not disappoint with framed, fleshed steers selling well over £1300 and good feeding types regularly over £1000. All grades are wanted with numbers still hard to find.

### ANGUS & HEREFORD

Last week's massive trade pulled forward one of the best shows of Angus & Hereford cattle we have ever seen for our second Candlemas sale with Angus regularly selling over £1700 and Hereford over £1800 and topping at a record £1925. What a show of forward cattle attracted new buyers, thank you to all the vendors and buyers for making such a special day.

### FORWARD CONTINENTAL

The second Candlemas sale of the season presented another tremendous show of well bred and reared Continentals making record prices with the best selling well over £1800 with fierce bidding for new northern buyers forcing prices to new levels. Quality always sells well with the amazing competitive bidding holding prices regularly over £3 per kilo. Future vendors encouraged to sell early season this year to take advantage of these prices.

YOUNG STEERS				YOUNG HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Limousin	1455	16mo	JJ Taylor & Son, Bristol	Angus	1182	28mo	J Gray, Lymington
	1190	10mo	I & V Winter & Daughters, Cheddar		1125	12mo	KI FM TW & RK Brown, Dursley
	1130	10mo	I & V Winter & Daughters, Cheddar		1075	17mo	GL Habberfield, Sherborne
Angus	1365	16mo	JJ Taylor & Son, Bristol	Blue	1120	15mo	PE King Bristol Ltd, Iron Acton
	1300	17mo	TR Horsington & Son, Nether Cerne		885	17mo	J Gray, Lymington
	1280	17mo	GA Green & Son Ltd, Wareham		730	14mo	AJ Langley & Son, Farmborough
Blonde	1260	10mo	E Dow, Petersfield	Blonde	1100	12mo	E Dow, Petersfield
	1105	10mo	E Dow, Petersfield		1045	10mo	E Dow, Petersfield
Charolais	1220	9mo	CW House, Lymington		1020	10mo	E Dow, Petersfield
	1160	10mo	CW House, Lymington	Limousin	1002	10mo	I & V Winter & Daughters, Cheddar
	1150	14mo	A Smith, Sturminster Newton		990	16mo	AJ Langley & Son, Farmborough
Hereford	1105	11mo	Stretton Partners, Sherborne		945	11mo	GL Habberfield, Sherborne
	1075	15mo	PW & ASL Hunt, Sherborne	Hereford	970	17mo	SH Lawrence & Sons, Timsbury
	975	10mo	Stretton Partners, Sherborne		775	5mo	Grist Estates, Devizes
Blue	1095	14mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton		760	15mo	JE & HE Adlam, Wincanton
	1045	16mo	J Gray, Lymington	Charolais	950	11mo	CW House, Lymington
	985	15mo	JE & HE Adlam, Wincanton	Simmental	705	9mo	Small Bros, Charterhouse



FORWARD STEERS				FORWARD HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Hereford	1925	34mo	PJ Harvey, Bishop Sutton	Angus	1535	29mo	W Green & Sons, Horningsham
	1855	34mo	PJ Harvey, Bishop Sutton		1490	22mo	Puncknowle Manor Estate, Dorchester
	1825	34mo	PJ Harvey, Bishop Sutton		1295	25mo	MR Meredith, Upper Swainswick
Blue	1860	28mo	B Griffin, Sturminster Newton	Beef Shorthorn	1398	21mo	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch
	1255	22mo	SJ Cox, Puddletown	Friesian	1385	29mo	RF Stratton & Co, Kingston Deverill
	1190	23mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill	Limousin	1365	21mo	JJ Taylor & Son, Bristol
Charolais	1845	33mo	PJ Harvey, Bishop Sutton		1110	22mo	J Gray, Lymington
Angus	1760	22mo	Puncknowle Manor Estate, Dorchester		1105	27mo	JJ Taylor & Son, Bristol
	1745	22mo	Puncknowle Manor Estate, Dorchester	Hereford	1340	23mo	D Harrison & Sons, Combe Hay
	1740	23mo	Puncknowle Manor Estate, Dorchester		1305	20mo	MR Meredith, Upper Swainswick
Blonde	1535	28mo	CG Hyde & Son, Salisbury		1145	21mo	J Gray, Lymington
	1480	28mo	CG Hyde & Son, East Knoyle	Simmental	1215	21mo	ART Meatyard & Son, Keevil
Limousin	1480	29mo	W Green & Sons, Horningsham		955	19mo	ART Meatyard & Son, Keevil
	1172	23mo	J Gray, Lymington	Blue	1195	23mo	PG Snell & Sons, Yeovil
Simmental	1200	19mo	ART Meatyard & Son, Longbridge Deverill		1140	23mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill
Devon	1075	18mo	PW & ASL Hunt Ltd, Sherborne	Stabiliser	1058	19mo	CG Young, Wincanton
Friesian	1055	29mo	J Gray, Lymington	Jersey	900	30mo	J Gray, Lymington

## Chaplain's Prayer

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

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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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<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>

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