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TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2556



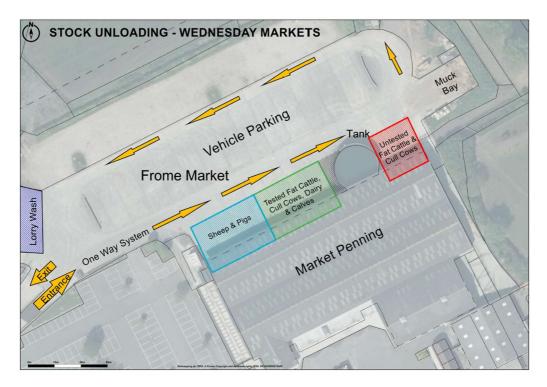
TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE PRIME HOGGS DAIRY REARED CALVES STORE STEERS TO 282P/KG TO 341P/KG TO £1780 TO £728 TO £1740

CULL COWSTO 214P/KGSTORE HOGGSTO £119.50CULL EWES/RAMSTO £200CALVESTO £420STORE HEIFERSTO £1895

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WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

All sections benefiting from a very competitive trade this week. Prime hoggs exceptionally dear again and increased demand for cull ewes. Prime cattle very much wanted and a fierce trade in the cull cow section as buyers compete for cows. Increased number of calves with more buyers about and a firm trade for reared calves.

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1845

PRIME CATTLE (51) to 282p/kg or £1971 AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916 Start 12.30pm

Some good consignments of well finished prime cattle forward and sold to a consistently dear trade. A strong number of buyers for prime cattle and cows to ensure a competitive trade each week.

TOP PRICE STEER	281p/kg for a Blue BJ & EM Yandle, Martock								
TOP PRICE HEIFER	282p/kg	282p/kg for a Blue from BJ & EM Yandle, Martock							
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG						
STEERS									
Light 100-500kg	1	269.00	269.00						
Medium 551-650kg	16	210.00	276.00						
Heavy 651+	5	229.00	281.00						
Heifers									
Light 100-500kg	4	215.00	270.00						
Medium 501-590kg	15	216.00	270.00						
Heavy 590+	9	232.00	282.00						

UTM STEERS (22) Max. 281p/kg & £1971

Heavy steers from BJ & EM Yandle topped at 281p/kg for a 703kg Blue achieving the top price of £1971 on the lump. Similar steers from the same home to 260p/kg grossing £1922. Handy weight Simmental steers from CW Butcher to 276p/kg grossing £1688. Herefords from AR Smith sailing to 268p/kg and £1564 and heavier steers to £1641 from LM Maidment, well fed Blues from James Read to 273p/kg and £1605. Angus steers from CW Butcher, 257p/kg and 240p/kg from RJ Phillips. Dairy steers to 229p/kg and £1489 from RJ Phillips. Steers averaged 250p/kg overall to include mostly R/O grades.

UTM STEERS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	VENDOR				
Blue	281.00	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock	1971	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock			
Simmental	276.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1688	CW Butcher, Devizes			
Limousin	269.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton	1291	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton			
Hereford	268.00	AR Smith, Swanage	1641	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham			
Angus	257.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1618	CW Butcher, Devizes			
Brown Swiss	228.50	RJ Phillips & Sons, Coleford	1688	CW Butcher, Devizes			
Friesian	215.00	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne	1199	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne			

UTM HEIFERS (28) Max. 282p/kg & £1928

BJ & EM Yandle also topped the heifer section with their well finished Blue at 282p/kg grossing £1928 in the lump. Smart Limousin heifers from WA Waterman to 270p/kg and 269p/kg. Simmental from CW Butcher with shape and cover to 270p/kg and £1571. Blue heifers carrying finish to 261p/kg and 260p/kg, grossing £1660 from Padfield & Partners and 264p/kg/ £1552 for JC Stainer . Hereford heifers to 256p/kg from James Read, 245p/kg from VI & GR Doggrell with others to 230p/kg+.

UTM HEIFERS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Blue	282.00	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock	1928	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock			
Simmental	270.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1677	JC Stainer, Semington			
Limousin	270.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Bockhampton	1364	DM & RG Adams, Dundry			
Hereford	256.00	Bryan Read Ltd, Marlborough	1469	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton			
Angus	248.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1431	Padfield & Partners Ltd, Stratton On the Fosse			
Friesian	220.00	Mells Park Trust, Frome	1286	Mells Park Trust, Frome			

CULL COWS (61) Beef to 214p/kg Dairy to 192p/kg

Cull cows dearer on the week - driven by increased demand and fierce competition for all grades. Cows averaged 168p/kg and £1017 overall to include a large percentage of grade 3 & 4 cows. Best grade 1 cows to 214p/kg from Beef Shorthorn from Marigold Christian. Angus with good cover to 205p/kg, grossing £1474 from CJ Wells and Simmental from LC Curry to 197p/kg. Top gross price to £1652 from EM Horn & Son at 194p/kg. British Friesians to 192p/kg, 187p/kg and 186p/kg, grossing up to £1265. Grade 1 cows from 187p/kg to 214p/kg, grade 2 cows from 160p/kg to 182p/kg, grade 3 cows with feeding potential to 196p/kg with others from 140p/kg and above. Grade 4 cows from 120p/kg to 138p/kg with very plain cows from 110p/kg to 120p/kg.

CULL COWS							
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR			
Beef Shorthorn	214.00	ME Christian, Rampisham	1585	ME Christian, Rampisham			
Angus	205.00	CJ Wells & Sons, Purton	1534	CJ Wells & Sons, Purton			
Simmental	197.00	LJ Curry, Felton	1652	EM Horn & Son, Southampton			
Blue	196.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1351	MA & KL Webber, Radstock			
Friesian	192.00	Groves Farming, Keevil	1376	WJ Masters & Sons Ltd, Nunney			
Limousin	184.00	CW Butcher, Devizes	1157	CW Butcher, Devizes			
Hereford	181.00	Spratling & Son, Bruton	973	Spratling & Son, Bruton			

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SHEEP (1282) Start 10.30am AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737 PRIME HOGGETS (830) Max 341p/kg £189

Another cracking entry with a trade which keeps rocking on. Best types flying to 341p/kg from Tom & Charlotte Wheeler and top price per head at £189 from AR Harrison & Partners. Light hoggs to 324p/kg and £120 from James Bridger of Hampshire. Handy weights to 341p/kg from Tom & Charlotte Wheeler and £153 from RW Gould. Heavies to 337p/kg from Ellen Davis and Tim Frampton & Son and £170 from RJ Mitchell & LA Voke. Over 52kg to 326p/kg from Chris Tucker and £189 from AR Harrison & Partners.

CULL EWES (277) Max £200

Simply sensational trade! Best ewes easily to £200 from AR Harrison & Partners of Lyndhurst. Suffolk rams flying to £150 from S & D Carnie of Melksham. Many ewes £150+ with North Country mules £130+. Over 270 ewes with an incredible average of £112.07 being achieved. More ewes needed each week, please notify us of ewe numbers so we can advise buyers.

STORE HOGGS (144) Max £119.50

A larger entry of store hoggs which enjoyed a solid trade. Best stores to £119.50 from Olivia Tobutt of Tidworth. Plenty of store hoggs $\pounds 100 - \pounds 110$. Overall average storming in at £104.13.

ORPHAN LAMBS Max £29

A small entry of orphan lambs forward which enjoyed a flying trade. Best to £29 from BA Russel & Son.

EWES & LAMBS Max £210

A neat entry of ewes and lambs from Richard Coward enjoyed a flying trade. Full & broke North Country mules and lambs topping at £210 for 7 ewes and 11 Lambs trading at over £80 per life.

PRIME HOGGETS					
KG	£	Vendor			
62.00	189.00	AR Harrison & Prtrs, Lyndhurst			
60.00	186.50	T & C Wheeler, Rode			
59.00	186.00	C Tucker, Devizes			
54.00	176.00	C Tucker, Devizes			
52.00	170.00	RJ Mitchell & LA Voke, Chew Stoke			
49.00	165.00	Ellen Davis, Compton Martin			
45.00	153.00	RW Gould, Pilton			
43.00	145.00	RW Gould, Pilton			
41.00	140.00	T & C Wheeler, Rode			

REARED CALVES (274) Starts 12.30pm AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Another fantastic entry of 280 reared calves sold to a blistering trade throughout. A large compliment of buyers here at Frome looking to procure stock.

CONTINENTAL STEERS TO £728/ HEIFERS TO £688

A magnificent pair of Blue steers from Keevil Farm (Terry Mills) shot to £728 who had other steers to £690, Blue heifers from Terry again to £580. A cracking run from PW & ASL Hunt topped the heifer trade with a Blue at £688, steers from the same good home also to £688. Blue steers from Spencer Mogridge & family to £620, and Blue heifers to £610. Nice run of Blues from JT Jackson & Sons saw steers to £570 and heifers to £450. Good to see the Spicer Partners here with young Blue heifers to £440. Tidy 3mo Blue Bull from Wardour Farm to £450. A smart run of Blue's from Pinniger & Sons saw steers to £382 only 2-3mo, Blue heifers to £400 again only 2-4mo. Young Simmental steers (10weeks) to £270 and heifers looking well sold at £325.

NATIVE STEERS TO £670/ HEIFERS TO £570

Smart pair of Angus steers again from PW & ASL Hunt flying to £670 who also had Angus heifers to £545. Angus heifers again from Terry Mills topped at £570 and Angus heifers from the same good home to £572. A fantastic run of well reared Angus steers from regular supportive and young farmer, Howard Tratt saw his best pen to £562, £540, £535 and £488. Good to see the Trowbridge family of Margarets Marsh here today with young Angus bulls to £418 and £348 (only 3mo), Angus heifers same age to £380 and £312 respectively. Young Hereford steers again from Spicer Partners to £375 (2-3mo). Stronger Herefords again from the Hunt family to £450. Hereford bulls from the Lanfear family to £448 and heifers to £442.

DAIRY

Another super run from Stella Sargent saw strong Friesian steers 8mo to $\pounds 638$ and $\pounds 558$ respectively. Young types a good trade with 3mo steers from $\pounds 220 - \pounds 290$.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH

NEXT PIG SALE: WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH ALL PIGS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED TO ENABLE US TO INFORM BUYERS

DAIRY (15) Start 11am AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 Calved Heifers £1780

Another successful Dairy day and while fresh milk demand was a little easier than of late nice types generally $\pounds1500 - \pounds1780$. Top spot to RJ Goss & Son at $\pounds1780$. A quality consignment of in calf British Friesians sired by Joesph & Georgson due April from the Dauncey family commanded lively bidding regularly over $\pounds1100$ and $\pounds1170$. Younger bulling heifers to $\pounds600$.



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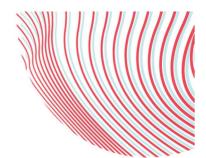


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CALVES (192) Starts 9.30am AUCTIONEER: TIM HECTOR 07818 056 04 TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

More forward as Spring calving begins to pick up pace, overall, another brisk trade with only plainer calves hard to place.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £420 / HEIFERS TO £248

Another strong entry of Blues saw a good trade with all grades wanted, medium sorts once again sold well especially heifers. Two Super Blue bulls lead the way selling to £420 and £400 from AJ Scott &Sons with plenty of medium sorts £220 - £280. Blue heifers to £248 from Wardour Farms, medium sorts £130 - £180. Simmental bulls to £230 from J Score, good medium Charolais bulls to £198, heifers to £158 from N & B Hutton.

NATIVE BULLS TO £405 / HEIFERS TO £198

Plenty forward and a selective trade, Herefords sold well with heifers well sought. A superb Hereford bull sold to £405 from SH Lawrence & Sons, Heifers to £198 from N & B Hutton, Angus bulls to £195 from J & W Davis, heifers to £158 from AK & AD Parker. Only the smaller or plainer calves met less demand.

DAIRY TO £70

A few more rearing sorts forward generally $\pounds 30 - \pounds 70$, smaller sorts to $\pounds 30$, Jersey bulls to $\pounds 20$.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 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 $\pounds 25$ for the top price Holstein/Friesian under 41 days was a Holstein at $\pounds 70$ from DBH Miles.

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FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024 STORE CATTLE

Starts 10.30am AUCTIONEERS: TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL LESTER WILLIAMS

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ORGANIC STEERS TO £1690 STEERS TO £1740

ORGANIC HEIFERS TO £1720 HEIFERS TO £1895

A super show of store and feeding cattle selling to an unbelivable trade with quality and quantity in the entry. Charolais heifers sailing to £1895 and Limousin steers to £1740. Some excellent top quality consignments of suckler bred cattle achieiving some fantastic prices.

COWS & CALVES

Like all other cattle, the demand for in calf suckler cows is very strong. Steve & Rachel Stamp saw their Angus older cows due in May regularly over £1300 and peaked at a marvellous £1490. More strong types could have been sold. Senior bulls were also seeing a good trade with 7y/o Angus to £1930.

ORGANIC

What a show of Organic cattle for this month's sale. Close to 100 penned for sale and prices were on fire! Both younger and forward types very sought after and with more on offer more specialist organic buyers were present. Many forward steers and heifers over £1500 and more needed!

ORGANIC STEERS			ORGANIC HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1690	23mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe	Angus	1720	23mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe
Simmental	1670	22mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe	Simmental	1085	22mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe
Hereford	1535	23mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe	Hereford	1010	19mo	Wardour Farms, Semley
Longhorn	1260	23mo	Natural England, Salisbury	Continental	775	23mo	Chave & Foster, Newton St Loe
Continental	1015	23mo	Natural England, Salisbury				

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 711

YOUNG CONTINENTAL

A super show of younger Continental cattle again this week, trade flying along and reflective of the finished market. Plenty of good single suckled Continentals over £1100 today, with a number of "U" grade potential cattle on offer. Dairy x Continentals equally sought with a "real buzz" around the sale ring. Now is the time to market your cattle and take advantage of the immense trade on offer.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
1	1740	17mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth		1350	15mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth
Limousin	1480	16mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth	Limousin	1235	15mo	MD & KE Lanfear, Pilning
Angua	1555	16mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth	Anguo	1315	15mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth
Angus	1455	15mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth	Angus	1270	15mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton
Charolais	1302	11mo	LC Seager, Wareham	Blue	1245	17mo	Pierston Manor Farm, Gillingham
Charolais	1145	10mo	LC Seager, Wareham		980	16mo	JT Jackson & Sons, Southwick
Simmental	1300	12mo	DAM Marklove, Swindon	Charolais	1235	15mo	DR & EA Brimble, Litton
Simmentai	1175	11mo	DAM Marklove, Swindon	Charolais	1070	12mo	LC Seager, Wareham
Blue	1300	17mo	Pierston Manor Farm, Gillingham		930	9mo	DAM Marklove, Swindon
Blue	1170	15mo	PE King (Bristol) Ltd, Iron Acton	Simmental	1255	8mo	Philliols Farm, Wareham
Hereford	1135	12mo	CT Knott, Sturminster Newton	Hereford	910	16mo	J & L Barton, Gloucester

ANGUS & HEREFORD

Strength and quality in the Angus section today with some excellent consignments of both suckler bred and Dairy x stores. Well bred steers from TWG Bartlett & Son to £1555 for 16mo. A pair of heavy steers from M & T Gregory to £1505 and £1500 from Pierston Manor Farm. Heifers from TWG Bartlett & Son to £1315 and £1275 from Pierston Manor. Super young Angus from Richard Tory were bid to £1100 for 8mo with other young suckler bred steers £1000+. A number of Herefords forward and like other native breeds all seeing excellent demand both for younger and more forward types. Buyers particularly keen for those with better shape and feeding potential. All stronger 22mo+ steers over £1400 and many in excess of £1550! Fewer fleshed heifers available this week. Younger Herefords (10-12mo) saw steers regularly £750 - £850 while heifers £600 - £700. Although fewer special premiums on finished Herefords at the moment demand remaining extremely buoyant throughout.

FRIESIAN

Holstein Friesians to £1290 from Messrs Elworthys for a well grown pen of 5 steers and others to £1245. Medium framed steers with potential £800+.

FORWARD CONTINENTAL

An absolute storming trade for forward Continental steers. TWG Barlett's Limousin steers topped at £1740 at 17mo and Parthenaise steers to £1680 from CT Baker. A smashing consignment of Blue x from Pierston Manor Farm topped at £1635 for a super pen of 3 steers. A fantastic pen of Charolais heifers at 26mo from PW Fry & Son hit £1895 for a pen of 4. Simmental heifers from MD & DR James to £1585 and £1475. A large percentage of forward Continentals over £1400 and anything with size and cover £1200+.

	FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Hereford	1695	32mo	T Bravin, Lansdown	Charolais -	1895	26mo	PW Fry & Son, Calne
Hereford	1540	22mo	T Bravin, Lansdown	Cilai Ulais	1075	21mo	QT Agri Ltd, Sherborne
Continental	1680	21mo	CT Baker, Trudoxhill	Simmental	1585	22mo	MD & DR James, Nimlet
Continental	1355	22mo	CT Baker, Trudoxhill		1475	25mo	MD & DR James, Nimlet
Blue	1635	18mo	Pierston Manor Farm, Gillingham	Blue	1385	32mo	PK Frampton, Dewlish
Blue	1530	18mo	Pierston Manor Farm, Gillingham		1340	25mo	TWG Bartlett & Son, Weymouth
Angua	1505	1505 24mo M & T Gregory, Sherborne Limousin	Limousin	1370	23mo	J & S Ward, Nunney	
Angus	1500	19mo	Pierston Manor Farm, Gillingham	Angua	1240	20mo	RC Few & Son, Longbridge Deverill
Charolais	1475	18mo	DR & EA Brimble, Litton	Angus	1088	26mo	PK Frampton, Dewlish
Charolais	1170	21mo	QT Agri Ltd, Sherborne	Friesian	1040	21mo	Messrs Elworthys, Dorchester
Friesian	1290	20mo	Messrs Elworthys, Dorchester	Hereford	1025	28mo	QT Agri Ltd, Sherborne
Limousin	1190	18mo	J Alvis, Wickwar	Saler	1018	22mo	P & D Trowbridge, Shaftesbury





Chaplain's Prayer

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the Earth A \odot Psalm 108 v14

14/2 to 28/3 is the season of 'Lent' ..

Although it's a time when we often think of giving things up, the word itself comes from an old English word which means **'To Lengthen'**!? It reminds us that the hours of daylight are gradually lengthening and there are sure slow signs of growth all round us! Farming folk are

especially 'Looking forward' to Spring. There must be a lot of full (or nearly)slurry lagoons after this extended period of wet weather...but be assured that nature will balance, and we shall have a long period of dry (hopefully not cold) weather to follow \bigcirc

Vertical farming is becoming very popular....controlled growth environment for crop growing. In a society that demands fresh produce all year round and done in a sustainable manner, less transport etc . However, costs can be very high unless renewable energy is available.

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Here's an excerpt of a prayer I found in my correspondence, apparently written by Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude! Fast from anger and (try) to be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with Hope! Fast from worries **and Trust in God's generous provision** Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and envy and fill your hearts with Joy! Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from **Words and be Silent,** so you can **LISTEN!!**

Please do feel free to phone me on 07880770887 or see me at market on Wednesdays?

Take care, and Please remember your neighbour as you would yourself!

Neville Dyke(Chaplain for Frome Livestock market auctions) 🤠









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Appointments take 10-15 minutes and MUST be BOOKED IN ADVANCE. It will NOT be possible to be tested on the day without a prior appointment.

All tests are confidential and are carried out by qualified medical practitioners.

For any questions regarding the tests please contact Peter Hopwood;-

telephone 01458 441669 or email peterhopwood46@gmail.com

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To book your appointment at a time to suit you;-

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