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SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION
WEEK ENDING 5TH APRIL 2024

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1271



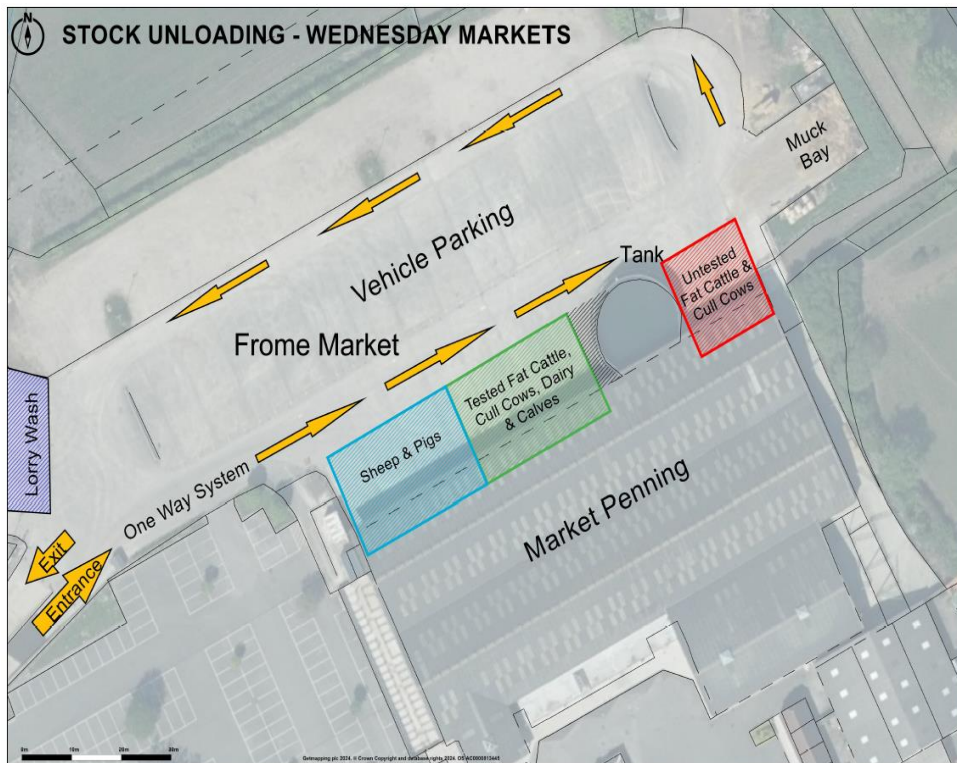
TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE	TO 257P/KG & £1949	CULL COWS	TO 236P/KG & £1848
PRIME HOGGS	TO 436P/KG & £239	STORE HOGGS	TO £136
SPRING LAMBS	TO 477P/KG & £221	CULL EWES/RAMS	TO £181
DAIRY	TO £1980	CALVES	TO £385
PIGS	TO £263		
STORE STEERS	TO £1585	STORE HEIFERS	TO £1520

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



WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2024

Trade holds firm in all sections. Prime hoggets getting thinner on the ground keeping trade up and the new season lambs kick off with a bang selling to an SQQ average of 434p/kg. Prime cattle in short supply, dearer on the week and a good show of cows to a serious trade topping at £1832 for Holstein Friesian cows averaging 178p/kg and £1242 overall. Good calf numbers again selling to demand and competition.

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
959**

PRIME CATTLE (15) to 257p/kg and £1949

AUCTIONEER: BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263916

Start 12.30pm

Prime cattle in short supply this week but selling exceptionally well for what was on offer. More cattle needed each week to fill orders for cattle to kill and cattle to feed.

TOP PRICE STEER	228p/kg for a Blue x from C & P Milton		
TOP PRICE HEIFER	257p/kg for a Simmental from LJ Curry		
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	MIN P/KG	MAX P/KG
STEERS			
Light 100-500kg	3	224.00	228.00
Light 100-500kg	3	227.00	235.00
Medium 501-590kg	5	200.00	252.00
Heavy 590+	4	239.00	257.00

UTM STEERS (3) Max. 228p/kg & £1153

Only a handful of steers to feed rather than kill however plenty of demand for feeding steers. Standard quality O grade to 228p/kg.

UTM STEERS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Blue	228.00	C & P Milton, Frome	1153	C & P Milton, Frome
	224.00	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne	1097	F Pearce & Son, Devizes

UTM HEIFERS (12) Max. 257p/kg & £1949

A well finished R grade Simmental heifer topped at 257p/kg and £1949 from LJ Curry. Hereford heifers from VI & GR Doggrell to 253p/kg and £1593 with others to 252p/kg and £1471. Blue heifers to 247p/kg from PJ JM & A Evans and OTM Blues to 236p/kg.

UTM HEIFERS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Simmental	257.00	LJ Curry, Felton	1949	LJ Curry, Felton
Hereford	253.00	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton	1593	VI & GR Doggrell, Wincanton
Blue	247.00	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne	1249	PJ JM & A Evans, Colerne
South Devon	243.00	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse	1433	DO Webb, Stratton on the Fosse



BREEDING BULL SALE



ANNUAL STIRK FAIR

CULL COWS (33) Beef to 236p/kg Dairy to 207p/kg

An absolute flyer of a trade for cull cows topping at 236p/kg for Devon x grossing £1438. A super run of well-fed Holstein cows from RL Clapp & Sons topped at 208p/kg and £1832. Others from the same consignment to 205p/kg, 199p/kg, 198p/kg, 196p/kg and 195p/kg grossing £1639, £1585, £1589, £1574, and £1527.

Grade 1 cows 175p/kg +.

Grade 2 cows to 167p/kg to 178p/kg.

Grade 3 cows to 155p/kg to 168p/kg.

Grade 4 cows to 147p/kg to 159p/kg.

Dairy cows to kill 147p/kg to 152p/kg and those with feeding potential 155p/kg+.

Cows averaged 178.92p/kg and £1242. Cull bulls to 169p/kg and £1848 for a Simmental.

CULL COWS				
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR
Devon	236.00	R & G Sheppard & Son, Witham Friary	1438	R & G Sheppard & Son, Witham Friary
Friesian	208.00	RL Clapp & Sons, Glastonbury	1832	RL Clapp & Sons, Glastonbury
Brown Swiss	167.00	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary	850	J Trott & Sons, Castle Cary
Blue	153.00	GA Pike & Son, Trowbridge	870	GA Pike & Son, Trowbridge

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Jade Scott-Dalgleish Our
New VetTech



Calf Routines: are new services we are offering for youngstock. These include growth checks/calf weighing, disbudding, vaccinations, colostrum immunity testing and reports. These routines ease your workload and ensure youngstock are getting quality and regular care, keeping every animal up to date with disbudding and vaccinations and talking the pressure off you. You can make use of these services at a frequency that works for your farm e.g. weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Fly control: We have a new way to deal with the pesky flies that drive us all mad every year. Clover Friendly Flies are pteromalid wasps, also known as fly parasites. They attack fly larvae, reducing the number of larvae that turn in to flies. This is a sustainable approach to fly control, leading to less fly treatment being needed for your animals and in the parlour.

Small Holder Services: We are offering full detailed health calendars and services to help our smallholders stay on top of routine treatments, such as hoof care, vaccinations, faecal egg counts, worming and much more. Our VetTech will provide regular reminders for routine interventions and can attend your holding to give any help needed in administering treatment.

Samples: Our VetTech is trained to collect a variety of samples for diagnostic testing e.g.

Faecal egg counts, bloods, milk samples for disease identification and will issue reminders for routine testing.



Anything else?

Or if you just need extra hand for few hours, whether that is needing extra labour for your tb test, vaccinating, or even just getting sheep in from the field ready for lambing, give us a shout and we might be able to help. It can save you paying someone for all day or if you're struggling for staff.

SHEEP (754) Start 10.30am**AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985 737****PRIME HOGGETS (538) Max 436p/kg £239**

A smaller entry which sold to an absolute stormer with best hogs flying to 436p/kg and £239. Overall average flying at a market record of £182.88. Light hogs to 346p/kg and £135 from R S Williams & Son. Handy weights to 414p/kg from D Whitcombe of Clayhidon and £183 from Jason Matthews. Heavies flying to 436p/kg and £220 from Brian Clothier & family. Over 52kg to 377p/kg from Steve & Anette Bevan and £239 from Jamie's Farm. An incredible achievement today with a run of 166 prime hogs entered from Brian Clothier & family averaging over £200 per head; congratulations Brian, Emma & family for a cracking run of hogs. More hogs could have been sold to the advantage.

PRIME HOGGETS		
KG	£	Vendor
65.00	239.00	Jamie's Farm, Ditteridge
64.00	230.00	MJW Lailey, Medstead
56.00	211.00	S & A Bevan, Shepton Mallet
53.00	200.00	S & A Bevan, Shepton Mallet
43.00	205.00	SA Bishop, Bristol
44.00	180.00	HR Whitcombe, Glastonbury
42.00	160.00	J Pittard, Ilminster
41.50	154.50	JL Matthews, Dorchester

PRIME LAMBS (17) Max 460p/kg £221

A tidy entry of prime lambs which sold to a flying trade. Best lighter types from Sue Bishop which flew to 477p/kg and £205. Heavier sorts from Stuart Coombes of Bridgwater sold to 460p/kg and £221. Over 52kg lambs to £219.50 from Clive Peach. More lambs will be wanted, don't hold back with the cake bag this year!

STORE HOGGS (70) Max £136

A shorter entry of store hogs selling to a record average of £116.08 and topping at £136 from Lower Silton Farm.

CULL EWES (84) Max £181

A neat entry of cull ewes which enjoyed the fastest trade seen at Frome, flying to £181 from E Bower of Keynsham, with others to £180, £170 and £169.

COUPLES (15 & 26) Max £180

A small entry of ewes & lambs which sold to a fast trade considering their condition. Best outfit sold to £180 from Ashworth Agri Contracting.

ORPHAN LAMBS Max £28

A small entry of orphan lambs looking well sold at £28 from Henry & Lily Whitcombe.

PIGS (167) Start 10.15am

AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A smaller entry forwards this week selling to a stronger trade for all pigs forward. Another good line up of buyers with some going home empty handed.

FAT PIGS (74)

A cracking run of 50 heavies from PB Weeks selling to an average of £224 and topping at £232, £230 and £226. Lighter fat pigs to £195 from Steven Horn. Saddlebacks from the Slow Farming Company to £180.

STORE PIGS (7)

Very few store pigs forward this week. Stronger stores to £80 and £72 from Sam Beach.

CULL SOWS & BOARS (86)

Cull boars to £263 for S Hutchings of Gloucester. Another good run from Chris Down to £250 x 7, £230 x 10 and £218 x 12. Best also from J Jones of Pembrokeshire to £215. Overall average £189.05.

NEXT PIG SALE: WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

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

DAIRY Start 11am

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

Calved Heifers to £1980 & £1900

Trade buoyant for all types and quality fresh milk seeing lively bidding. Super quality Holstein Friesian heifers from RJ Goss & Son twice over £1900 and topped at an excellent £1980. Smaller, plain in calf Friesian x heifers due May/June to £940. Plain Holstein type heifers youngstock to £650.

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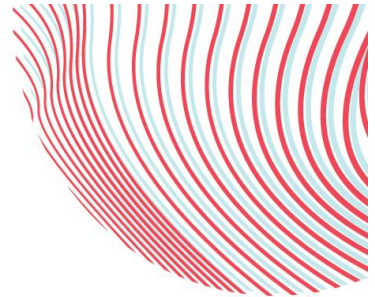


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CALVES (135) Starts 9.30am

AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

A very brisk trade with all grades and sorts looking very dear.

CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £385 / HEIFERS TO £265

Best Blue bulls from Wardour Farms steaming to £385 and £335. Best Blue heifers to £265 from Church Farm Partnership, £205 from Bayley Partners, £185 from Paul Jackson and £170 from WC & P Craig. Saler heifers from P & D Trowbridge to £165. Another tidy run from NF Clothier & Son saw Blue bulls to £300, £280 and £270. Simmental steers from WC & P Craig again to £228. Young Blonde bull from Andrew Dolman to £140.

NATIVE BULLS TO £325 / HEIFERS TO £135

A bright trade for Angus bulls with best sorts from Stalbridge Estate Farms to £325; other good Angus bulls from NF Clothier & Son to £298, £285 and their Angus heifers to £135. A smart Angus bull from Daniel & Hole to £265. Younger fresher types from Gerring Partners saw Bulls to £170. Only a handful of Herefords forward and only very young. A fresh young bull from C & P Milton to £165.

DAIRY TO £50 FLECKVIEH TO £172

Again, a fast trade with Fleckvieh bulls from Bayley Partners to £172 and £118 from JAW Bendall. A run of smaller British Friesian bulls from P & D Trowbridge from £50 down to £20. Only a few of the very smallest under £15.

Please state clearly on your entry form if your male cattle are **STEERS** or **BULLS**; please don't just enter as male on entry form.

Don't forget our Annual Stirk Fair on Wednesday 24th April
450 already booked.

NEXT REARED CALF SALE: WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

**PLEASE CALL TOM ROGERS ON 07384 462288 BY TUESDAY PM TO
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We're inviting levy payers to register with us to have a say on the vital work we do to support farming.

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 29TH MARCH 2024

STORE CATTLE

**TOTAL
HEAD
SOLD
312**

Starts 10.30am

AUCTIONEERS:

TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480 401

BRADLEY TOWELL 07496 263 916

LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 031

STEERS TO £1585 HEIFERS TO £1520

A quieter show of cattle for this bank holiday with trade as dear as ever. Some excellent headline prices again this week and the younger farming cattle looking dear.

CONTINENTAL

An exceptional trade for Good Friday forced the best cattle in excess of 350p/kg. Demand outstripped supply with all grades receiving ferocious bidding and many more would have been sold to advantage.

Well bred and reared Limousin yearlings met an exceptional trade with steers selling to an amazing £1435 (only 12mo) from PJ & A Boulton of Pucklechurch and their younger steers selling to £1265.

Quality reared yearling Blues also sold well to £1110 and £1105 all from PE King (Bristol) Ltd. Rearing cattle also in demand with Simmental steers selling to £1155 from LO Clothier & Sons of Chewton Mendip.

Heifers equally in demand as the bulling interest fuels the trade. Large framed Simmental heifers lead the way selling to £1365 (only 19mo) from Mark Blackeney & Family of Mere and £1015 for SP Creed of Batheaston.

Yearling Blue heifers also met a fast trade to £1085 (only 12mo) from PE King (Bristol) Ltd and closely followed at £962 for Steve North & Family of Chard.

The Frome trade goes from strength to strength; please take advantage of this by selling early this season.

FRIESIAN

All grades wanted with heifers topping at £1225 for LO Clothier & Sons and steers from SP Creed to £1020 and £992. Younger sorts to £840 for 16mo from LO Clothier & Sons and £530 for 8mo from M Sawyer T/A Cobb Farm Partnership.

ANGUS

Another excellent show of Angus with steers from RH Snook & Partners achieving the top price overall of £1585 with others from the same consignment to £1480 & £1450. A pen of 4 steers from Biddesden Farm, warm and ready to finish, achieved £1325. Top price heifers of the day being £1520 from PW CC & JC Gould and £1300 from Biddesden Farm. Heifers from RH Snook & Partners also sold well at £1260. Heifers from PJ & A Boulton sold to £1120 and a pen of 9 from J Visser & D Behennah to £925. Yearling Angus selling to £1065 for a pen of 4 from DB & BJ Hill & Sons and £1060 for CE Hillier & Sons. A cracking pen of 4 yearling steers from T Brown & Sons selling to £960 and £855 (only 8-9mo).

HEREFORD

A breed that's always in demand, with buyers competing strongly every week. Good feeding steers wanted and sold well to £1305 (only 22mo) for Tom Bravin of Bath and his 15mo steers sold to £1055. Other good rearing steers sold to £920 (15mo) from Moo2Yoo Ltd of Pewsey. Fleshed heifers a highlight selling to £1375 (31mo) and £1278 (24mo) all from Steve Crossman of Warminster. Bullers wanted and sold well to £1080 (19mo) from Tom Bravin. Yearling steers met keen interest to £822 and yearling heifers to £808 all from JC Gay & Son of West Harptree with other young heifers to £635 from Simon Bridger of Petersfield.

YOUNG STEERS				YOUNG HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
LIMOUSIN	1435	12M	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch	Angus	1300	17m	Biddesden Farm Partners, Andover
	1265	11m	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch		1055	12m	PE King (Bristol) LTD, Iron Acton
Angus	1325	16m	Biddesden Farm Partners, Andover	Blue	1085	12m	PE King (Bristol) LTD, Iron Acton
	1280	20m	PJ & A Boulton, Pucklechurch		962	12m	S & M North, Chard
Blue	1110	13m	PE King (Bristol) LTD, Iron Acton	Hereford	955	16m	T Bravin, Lansdown
	1105	13m	PE King (Bristol) LTD, Iron Acton		808	16m	JC Gay & Son, West Harptree
Hereford	1055	15m	T Bravin, Lansdown	Simmental	865	16m	SP Creed, Batheaston
	920	15m	MOO2YOO LTD, Pewsey				

FORWARD STEERS				FORWARD HEIFERS			
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Angus	1585	24m	R H Snook & Partners Castle Cary	Angus	1520	28m	PW CC & JC Gould, Warminster
	1480	24m	R H Snook & Partners Castle Cary		1260	24m	R H Snook & Partners Castle Cary
	1450	24m	R H Snook & Partners Castle Cary		1195	28m	PW CC & JC Gould, Warminster
Hereford	1305	22m	T Bravin, Lansdown	Hereford	1375	31m	S J Crossman, Warminster
	1000	20m	T Bravin, Lansdown		1278	24m	S J Crossman, Warminster
Simmental	1155	19m	LO Clothier & Sons, Chewton Mendip	Simmental	1365	19m	MJ & AL Blackeney, Mere
Holstein Friesian	1020	21m	SP Ceed, Batheaston	Holstein Friesian	1225	31m	LO Clothier & Sons, Chewton Mendip
	992	20m	SP Ceed, Batheaston				

Chaplain's Prayer

'He who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labour, for we are God's fellow workers' 1 Corinthians 3 v 8-9.

Teamwork is very important in any walk of life, as it also is in farming! St Paul's Agricultural illustration of planting and watering makes this principle clear...We do our work to prepare the soil/planting/fertilizers etc and then we have to rely on God's providence for the growth..rainfall

and warmth 🙏🙏

This Thursday 4th April I'm attending a Frome Young Farmers meeting to discuss the probability of holding a fundraising function here at the market!? Whatever we decide will be in aid of the Health Hub here! ... watch this space for more details 👍😊

The protection of the nations **hedgerows** had formed part of the 'cross compliance' regime of standards that farmers had to adhere to in order to receive subsidies under the EU's CAP...Now moved to a system of payments based on delivering environmental benefits ie: healthy soil, clean water and habitat creation. When I was a lad there was a grant for ripping out hedges and orchards to create more land for food production!? Those dark days are so long gone..thank goodness! So we can expect new measures in the foreseeable future...the new measures would sit alongside existing restrictions that prevents removing hedgerows without planning consent. 9000 consultation responses had been received and highlighted Clear support from **Farmers and Environmental** groups for hedgerows to be protected by law!? Let's look after what **God** has entrusted in us as farmers to look after? 🙏 Let's look after ourselves and neighbour too...here are numbers/contacts of the organisations that are available to listen/Support and connect you to help if you need it ❤️

FCN(farming community network) 03000 111 999 or help@fcn.org.uk **RABI** 0800 188 4444, **Open Mental Health, 01823 276892, Samaritans 116 123, or** jo@samaritans.org

I can be reached on 07880770887 or find me or my colleague Paul Watts at market on Wednesdays!

Take care, and we pray you'll stay safe too! Blessings to you on a Sunny Easter Sunday! 🙏 He is Risen.. Praise Him!

Neville Dyke(Chaplain)



Frome Market



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