FROME LIVESTOCK

AUCTIONEERS LTD MONDAY 14th APRIL

SALE OF 396 TB RESTRICTED CATTLE

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STORES (212) STEERS £2,620 TO HEIFERS £2,190

Overall today a wonderful sale of quality stock. Thank you to all who supported this month.

PRIME CATTLE (10) Max. 358p/kg £2230

Trade continuing to be lively for the finished cattle but those on offer were from the Blue Tongue Zone on a General License, which saw some purchased being restricted. Good to see a number well fleshed types forward with thick Hereford Heifers topping at 358p/kg from Viv Doggrell and Family, Wincanton. Hereford and Shorthorn x Steers (Non-Assured) General License to 336p/kg from Pipplepen Farm.

CULL COWS (8) Max.359p/kg £2175

Strong demand for the few cows on offer and more needed. Best feeding cows from Cadenham Farms saw their Shorthorns to 359p/kg. No real Black and White export cows today but Hereford x cows from F. Rutter at 270.50p/kg £2174.

STORE CATTLE (212)

Well...What a trade and entry in our store section this month. Over 200 penned for sale and the quality of animals on offer was very high.

ANGUS & HEREFORD

As expected, some large consignments of Angus on offer. The quality was tremendous with both dairy bred and suckler bred types very keenly sought throughout the sale. An outstanding consignment of 50 single suckled top quality Angus steers and heifers 14-18mo from Kellaway & Prideaux, Dorset creating furious bidding which saw plenty of bunches of steers in excess of £2000 and the top bunch to £2620! Heifers from the same home regularly £1850 - £1950 topping at £2080. 12mo suckled steers £1405 and heifers to £1360. Forward dairy bred Angus commanded excellent prices. RJ Phillips & Sons 22-25mo steers peaked at £2250 with heifers at £2270 with Holland Farms seeing steers at £2100 and heifers at £1930. A super consignment of 34 Dairy x 'R' conformation Angus steers 17-18mo presented by Walter Maidment Ltd easily to £2010 and always over £1700. TC Cox, Dorset saw their 20 good Angus 14-17mo regularly £1500 - £1990 with best pen of steers at £1950 and heifers £1990. Demand and trade for these cattle was equal to any Friday trade at the moment. Hereford stores very much as the Angus and all very well sold. Thicker forward types generally seeing steers £1900 - £2270. Fleshed Hereford heifers £1800 - £2000 on a regular basis. X bred Hereford Steers 16-18mo £1100 - £1440 with heifers £1200-£1500 all from the Trowbridge family, Dorset.

FRIESIAN

Not large numbers today but all forward sold to strong demand. Over 30mo steers from Roger Phillips took top spot at £1800! Younger 19mo fresh steers from Walter Maidment Ltd £1575 - £1675. 16mo steers from TC Cox £1040.

CONTINENTAL

All the Continentals were Blue x today; the majority had good conformation and sold at top levels. Smart 15mo Blue steers from M Sawyer peaked at £1800 closely followed by the Padfield family 16mo steers £1530. The strongest of the Blues were heifers this month with some excellent thicker types on offer. Holland Farms (Blandford) presenting their normal high quality 23mo to £1990. Others from M Sawyer and C & R Padfield £1750 and £1100 respectively.

| STEERS | | | | HEIFERS | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|------|---|
| BREED | £/HEAD | AGE | VENDOR | BREED | £/HEAD | AGE | VENDOR |
| Hereford | 2620 | 21mo | Kellaway & Prideaux, Dorchester | Hereford | 2190 | 20mo | Kellaway & Prideaux, Dorchester |
| Angus | 2620 | | Kellaway & Prideaux, Dorchester | Angus | 2080 | 17mo | Kellaway & Prideaux, Dorchester |
| Belgian Blue | 2360 | 18mo | BJ & J Pocock & Sons, Calne | Belgian Blue | 1990 | 23mo | Hollands Farms Blandford Ltd, Blandford |
| Holstein Friesian | 1800 | 35mo | RJ, Philips & Sons, Coleford | Holstein Friesian | 1890 | 27mo | Hollands Farms Blandford Ltd, Blandford |
| Norwegian Red | 1665 | 19mo | Walter, Maidment Ltd, Pewsey | Longhorn | 895 | 15mo | C & R Padfield, Melksham |

CALVES & REARED CALVES (166) Max £685

A firm entry of both calves and reared calves and the price gap between TB Restricted and TB free cattle is getting smaller.

CONTINENTAL BULLS

Best Blue bulls to £600 and heifers to £550 with plenty of smart tidy Blue bulls £480+ and best heifers £400-£500 quite comfortably for quality sorts. Medium Blue bulls from £250-£400 and heifers £150-£300. Smaller end a good price with bulls from £80-£140 and heifers £60-£120. Simmental heifers a good trade to £440.

NATIVE BULLS / HEIFERS

Stronger Angus bulls from £170-£255 and medium type bulls from £115-£160. Smaller Angus bulls all £80-£100. Medium type Angus heifers £100-£128 and the smaller end out of x bred cows looking a good trade from £32-£78. Medium Longhorn bulls flying to £222 and Hereford x bulls to £200. Small Hereford x heifers to £95.

DAIRY BRED

Medium Holstein Friesian bull calves to £150 and Brown Swiss bulls to £145.

REARED CALVES

Beef Shorthorn steers 6mo to £685 and a fresh Blue heifer only 8wks flying to £584. Blue steers 7mo to £640 and heifers 7mo to £490. Angus x 6mo wanted to £520 and a younger, fresh Angus heifer to £275. A number of Holstein Friesian heifers here today topping at £500.

Please pre-book your stock via market office: 01373 830033 Tom Rogers: 07384 462288 or email: info@fromelivestock.com

NEXT ORANGE RESTRICTED SALE MONDAY 19th MAY

BARREN COWS, PRIME & STORE CATTLE, STIRKS & CALVES

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