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# SALE REPORTS & INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 2ND MAY 2025

## **TOTAL HEAD SOLD 2080**



#### TRADE AT A GLANCE

PRIME CATTLE TO 412P/KG & £2799 TO 327P/KG & £2729 CULL COWS/BULLS SPRING HOGGS TO 318P/KG & £157.50 CULL EWES/RAMS TO £215 STORE HOGGS TO £106 CAL VES TO £650 **PIGS** TO £204 DAIRY TO £2720 STORE STEERS TO £2580 STORE HEIFERS TO £2360

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- Health and wellbeing checks
- Advice on lifestyle and concerns affecting your emotional wellbeing
- Guidance towards any support you may require in the future

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#### **HEALTH HUB**

9am – 1pm Drop In - no appt needed Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### **FOOT CLINIC**

9am – 1pm Pre-booking required Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May ● IMPORTANT BLUE TONGUE RESTRICTION ZONE CHANGES AS 14/02/2025

Please see the most recently updated map to see whether the new zone now affects your farm. <a href="https://link.edgepilot.com/s/d1877cff/R3MfAcw490iTzvXANA751Q?u=https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=514ec88edec74575958d860f0196d2ea">https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=514ec88edec74575958d860f0196d2ea</a>

Outside the Zone

If you are outside of the zone, then no restrictions apply to buying or selling at Frome Market

● Inside the Zone ●

For Wednesday Prime Stock market (prime & cull cattle, prime & cull sheep) - a general license FXD634 will need to be obtained from:-

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/85605744/t8JbDQL8BEWaAPjOP9pEtA?u=https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67acc8da4fd41c3a24cd21cf/EXD634 E GL-movement-to-slaughter-out-of-the-BTVZ during the seasonal vector low period 12.02.25.pdf

Your stock will be declared as coming from the BT zone and can be purchased by any Abattoir as well as being able to go home. NO OTHER MOVEMENTS COMPLY WITH THIS LICENCE.

Store animals for Wednesday & Friday Markets (calves, store lambs & store cattle) see update below. Please note that pig movements do not apply to these restrictions.

The tests are carried out by Farmcare UK. Please note the test is free of charge.

20800 6125289 Email:- admin@ukfarmcare.com

Results will take 48 hours to be confirmed and then animals must be accompanied by License to Frome Market. If you require any assistance in this matter and would like to speak to one of our team please see numbers below:-

Frome Market office 01373 830033

**Bradley Towell 07496 263916** 

Trevor Rowland 07968 480401

**Tom Rogers 07384 462288** 

**Andrew Frizzle 07977 136863** 

Clive Peach 07970 62085

Details for Licence Application: Market Holding: 36/122/8000 BA11 2QB

Contact: Bradley Towell: 07496 263916 Grid Ref: ST 822 005 0000 Frome Farm Vets: 01749 601899 office@fromefarmvets.co.uk

#### BLUE TONGUE UPDATE WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

DEFRA have extended the temporary easing of pre-movement testing for Blue tongue for non-breeding livestock leaving the restricted zone. Specific licence EXD632 is still required but non-breeding cattle, goats and sheep over 60 days can now move without a BT pre-movement test. Only the following animals still require testing:

- Entire males intended for breeding
- Pregnant females (or pregnancy status unknown)
- Stock aged 60 days or younger (unless travelling at foot with the maternal dam where the maternal dam should be tested by PCR and ELISA)

This is a temporary change that will apply until 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. DEFRA reserve the right to withdraw the extension at any time should new disease be confirmed.

## WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

TOTAL HEAD SOLD 1537

#### **FLA ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Directors of Frome Livestock Auctioneers (FLA) sadly inform our loyal customers and followers of the news that Bradley Towell will be leaving FLA at the end of June for pastures new. Brad and his wife Phylli have been given an amazing opportunity to expand their family farming business and have decided to prioritise this in their lives.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brad for his loyalty and hard work since he joined us in his roles as senior auctioneer and managing director, which have undoubtedly contributed to the market's growth and the positive position it is in today, He leaves Frome Livestock Market in very good shape and still on the rise as witnessed in recent months by the increase in stock numbers and, of course, the fantastic trade we have seen for all classes of stock, in particular Store cattle. Business will continue as normal in the hands of the very capable and well-established team.

Although we are sad to see Brad go, we understand and are fully supportive of his decision. We wish him and his family all the very best in this new chapter of life on their farm in Dorset.

## PRIME CATTLE (48) to 412p/kg and £2799 AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 Start 12.30pm

More clean cattle presented today and no let up in the demand and trade

TOP PRICE STEER	401p/kg for a Blue from RE & AM Hicks							
TOP PRICE HEIFER	412p/kg for a Limousin from WA Waterman							
UTM FAT TOTALS:	No	No MIN P/KG MAX P/KG						
STEERS								
Steer 100-550kg	5	320.00	401.00					
Steer 551-650kg	12	335.00	395.00					
Steer 651kg+	5	350.00	384.00					
Steer 100-550kg	7	272.00	390.00					
Medium 501-590kg	12	342.00	408.00					
Heavy 590kg+	6	349.00	412.00					

#### UTM STEERS (22) Max. 401p/kg £2799

A few more fleshed types on offer with good conformation (R & U) produced keen competition. Quality Continentals once again coming from RE & Am Hicks with their Blue x steers 401p/kg and Charolais 395p/kg. Plenty of steers 360-380p/kg again this week. Traditional Hereford x steers peaked at £2642 from LM Maidment. Butchers' lighter cattle with good cover wanted generally 350-370p/kg. Traditional bred steers seeing a similar trade at 350-370p/kg but varied in quality with fewer O grades today.

UTM STEERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg) VENDOR		MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Blue	401.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2719	MB & LC Haskell, Dorchester		
Charolais	395.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2430	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol		
Limousin	384.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	2799	EM Horn & Son, Southampton		
Simmental	382.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	2674	EM Horn & Son, Southampton		
Stabiliser	372.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2102	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol		
Hereford	365.00	S Powell, Horton	2642	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham		
Angus	356.00	DP Tucker, T/A Tucks Tyres, Binegar	2216	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		
Devon	348.00	EJ White, Braydon	1911	EJ White, Braydon		

#### **UTM HEIFERS (25) Max 412p/kg £2592**

Thicker fleshed Continental heifers all selling to a ready trade with the Hicks family taking 6 out of the top 7 Blue prices per kilo topping at 408p/kg. Top spot overall for Continental heifers went to WA Waterman, Dorchester seeing their outstanding Limousins at 412p/kg and 400p/kg. One or two fleshed O grade heifers 270-280p/kg. Thanks to all who supported me today.

UTM HEIFERS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	412.00	WA Waterman & Sons, Dorchester	2592	WA Waterman & Sons, Dorchester		
Blue	408.00	RE & AM Hicks, Bristol	2335	BJ & EM Yandle, Martock		
Hereford	365.00	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham	2216	LM Maidment & Sons, Corsham		
Angus	358.00	J Powell & Son, Frome 2145		J Powell & Son, Frome		
Beef Shorthorn	349.00	MJ & RD Russell, Chew Magna	2237	MJ & RD Russell, Chew Magna		

#### CULL COWS/OTM'S (31) to 327p/kg and £2729 AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401 Start 12.30pm

30+ forward today and all were wanted with some good meat types on offer. Export black and white Dairy cows regularly 280-300p/kg with a super run for the Heal family topping at 292p/kg closely followed by Steven Fry's British Friesian at 288p/kg grossing a massive £2420!! Holstein Friesian from WJ Masters & Sons to £2308! Some excellent beef cows were on offer and these were on fire too. Cracking Blue x export and steaking types from Hares Partnership all over 300p/kg topping at 320p/kg. Very well conformed Limousin beef cows from EM Horn produced furious bidding topping at 327p/kg followed by MF Fry at 287p/kg. Herefords regularly 260-314p/kg again from Hares Partnership. Thick deep bodied Angus all easily sold to a fast trade with the best over 307p/kg (£2242) from Phil Parrett and family. Plainer cows far and few between but all over 200p/kg. Feeding dried up cows wanted and often 250-280p/kg. Overall an amazing day in this section.

CULL COWS						
BREED	MAX (p/kg)	VENDOR	MAX (£)	VENDOR		
Limousin	327.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	2729	EM Horn & Son, Southampton		
Blue	320.00	Hares Prtrs, Warminster	2249	Hares Prtrs, Warminster		
Hereford	314.00	Hares Prtrs, Warminster	2269	Hares Prtrs, Warminster		
Angus	308.00	PM & SM Parrett, Felton	2242	PM & SM Parrett, Felton		
Friesian	292.00	DR & SJ Heal, Bath	2420	JA Fry & Son, Seend		
Beef Shorthorn	327.00	EM Horn & Son, Southampton	2729	EM Horn & Son, Southampton		
Blonde	264.00	MF Fry, Somerton	1364	MF Fry & Son, Somerton		
Simmental	260.00	RJ & DC Banwell, Wedmore	1557	RJ & DC Banwell, Wedmore		



#### SHEEP 1053) Start 10.30am

AUCTIONEER: ROSS WHITCOMBE 07815 985737

#### PRIME LAMBS (49) Max 354p/kg £170

A smaller entry of spring lambs which sold to a more selective trade. The number of hoggs is affecting the price of spring lambs. Best lambs to 354p/kg and £170 from J Smith of Bath. Overall SQQ to 322p/kg.

#### PRIME HOGGETS (755) Max 318p/kg £157.50

A large entry of hoggs today which sold to an easier trade on the week but all well sold. Best hoggs to 318p/kg from S & M Farming and £157.50 from DR & PS Osborne. Overall average to 295p/kg and £140.41 to include a large proportion of Blue Tongue restricted sheep. Handy weights to £3.08 from S & M Farming and £137 from GJ Warren. Heavies to 318p/kg from S & M Farming Ltd and £151 from GJ Warren. Over 52kg to 285p/kg from Brian Clothier and family and £157.50 from DSR & PS Osborne. More hoggs could have been sold to the advantage.

PRIME HOGGETS					
KG	£	Vendor			
63	157.50	DR & PS OSBORNE, QUEEN CHARLTON			
59	156.00	WALLMEAD FARMS P'SHIP, TIMSBURY			
54	152.00	NF CLOTHIER & SONS LTD, RADSTOCK			
51	151.00	GJ WARREN FARMING, MARTOCK			
47	148.00	WALLMEAD FARMS P'SHIP, TIMSBURY			
46	146.50	S & M FARMING LTD, DEVIZES			
45	137.00	GJ WARREN FARMING, MARTOCK			

#### **EWES & LAMBS, ORPHAN LAMBS**

A storming trade considering the entry with best singles to £270 from S J Legg. Orphan lambs to £24 from D Beatty.

#### STORE HOGGETS (54) Max £106

A small entry of store hoggs which flew to £106 from Fonthill Farms. Other strong types to £100 with an overall average of £94.63. Smaller types harder work.

#### CULL EWES & RAMS (168) Max £215

A larger entry of cull ewes which sold to a storming trade. Best ewes to £215 from Pat Apsey with rams to £200 from BA & CM Godwin & Sons. Plenty of ewes in the £180's-£200's with only smaller, leaner types under £150.

#### **DAIRY Start 11am**

AUCTIONEER: TREVOR ROWLAND 07968 480401

#### CALVED HEIFERS TO £2720, £2550 & £2500

A really well supported dairy section this week and what a trade for all types. First through the ring was a super consignment of quality Pedigree Holstein Friesian calved heifers from NR & D Norris. Top spot was £2720 for their 'Peak Mauney' sired daughter while Solito Red x Breaking News daughters from the same home all over £2500. Well presented in calf June/July calving Friesian Holstein heifers (Organic) from Waldegrave Farms seeing another strong trade regularly £1900-£2000 and topped at £2080! Heifer calves (under 42 days) having a tremendous day and saw very keen competition with best bunches 3 times over £200 topping at £270. Jersey 3-way cross calves under 42 days, produced a blistering trade at £340!! An excellent day in this section.

#### WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY

Herd dispersal 70 quality Friesian Holstein Heifers & Cows, Due July – January Predominantly homebred, closed herd. Catalogue online.

#### PIGS (270) Start 10.15am

#### AUCTIONEER: WILL WALLIS 07833 453482

A larger entry this week with more demand and trade for fat pigs. Cull still selling to a slower trade. Please can vendors ensure that pigs are either slap marked or tagged before coming to market.

#### **FAT PIGS (131)**

Trade stronger with the sun out and BBQs started! Best heavies to £204 for PB Weeks. Others to £198 from MF Fry. Medium weights from PB Weeks to £194, £193 and £182. Best also from new vendor TAB Young from mid Wales to £180 and £178. Any lighter pigs to a flying trade.

#### **STORE PIGS (21)**

Numbers of stores still short nationally. Best strong stores to £132 from R Lewis. Younger stores to £70 for CT Baker and MAC Brown of Newquay top £60. More store pigs wanted.

#### **CULL SOWS/BOARS (119)**

Trade similar again with a good entry this week. No large sows forward this week. Best to £190 for C Down. Others to £150 from J Bodman and FE White. Cull boars to £165. Overall average £108.95.

Next sale of Reared Calves: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Next sale of Pigs: Wednesday 14th May



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#### CALVES (104) Starts 10am AUCTIONEER: TOM ROGERS 07384 462288

Hot temperature! Hot trade! Quality sorts very much in demand and all grades continuing to sell to a premium. <u>All calves under 41 days unless stated.</u>

#### CONTINENTAL BULLS TO £650 / HEIFERS TO £505

Charolais and Simmentals the stars of the day with best Charolais bulls from RJ & JC Banwell to £650 tidy younger sorts from G & R House Ltd saw Charolais bulls to £505, £470 and £455 and their Charolais heifers to £245. Smart Charolais bull from NR & D Norris to £435. A cracking run of Simmentals from M Carver & Son saw £560 and £550 and Simmental heifers flying to £498 and £485. Simmental heifers from NAC Taylor to £460. More Simmental bulls from JAW Bendall to £350. Limousin bulls from RE Trowbridge to £400 and a single Inra 95 heifer from KJ Osborne looking well sold at £275. On to Blues and more quality from Daniel & Hole with bulls to £490, £470 from Pinniger & Son, £450 Waddon Farm Ltd and £400 RJ Jackson. Blue heifers a super trade to £505 again from RJ Jackson, £470 GN & KM Langley and £355 NF Clothier.

#### NATIVE BULLS TO £495 / HEIFERS TO £460

Best Angus bulls from GN & KM Langley to £595, £498 and their smart Angus heifers also taking pole position at £460. A nice run of Angus from Pinniger & Son saw bulls to £385 with others from NF Clothier to £370 and £340 from JAW Bendall & Sons. Tidy Angus heifers from Waddon Farm to £355. Hereford again from M Carver & Son saw bulls to £498 and heifers to £458, Hereford bulls from AK & AD Parker to £408. Hereford bulls from RG & SE Hawker to £350 and heifers to £370. Longhorn bulls to £270 and heifers to £330 all from NR & D Norris.

#### **DAIRY**

Holstein Friesian bulls to £208 from G & R House with their medium sorts to £135 and £98. Lightweight Black and White bulls to £455 and crossbred dairy bulls from Whitehouse Farms from £25 to £62. Please continue to pre-book; it really helps with buyer procurement. Text or phone Tom Rogers or email the office <a href="mailto:info@fromelivestock.com">info@fromelivestock.com</a>

#### **WEEKLY TOP PRICE CALF WINNER!**



This week's winner of £25 for the top price Continental Sired Bull under 41 days was a Charolais to £650 from RJ & JC Banwell

Next week's prize will be for the top price Holstein Friesian.

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## FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2025 STORE CATTLE 10.30AM

TOTAL HEAD SOLD

543

**AUCTIONEERS:** 

TREVOR ROWLAND BRADLEY TOWELL

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LESTER WILLIAMS 07778 646 031

STEERS TO £2580 HEIFERS TO £2360

A fantastic May market with grazing cattle up a gear and forward cattle first as dear on the week. Over 600 cattle averaged £1468.

#### **ORGANIC**

Good entries of organic cattle forward for our May sale. A superb consignment of Charolais and Aubrac 6-7mo steers and heifers from Gore Farm Partners Shaftsbury created furious bidding. Best bunches of their Charolais steers all over £1200 and peeked at £1270 while Charolais heifers virtually all over £1000 and topped at an excellent £1240!! Aubrac 7mo steers really establishing their breed in the auction ring topping at £1170. Dairy bred 17-20mo Blue x heifers presented by local vendor Daniel & Hole had storming trade at £2440, £2000 & £1700. 13mo Hereford x steers and heifers from the same home to £1510 and £1390 respectively. Stronger 21-24mo cattle from Aquetong Farming commanded strong interest with Angus steers £2200 & £1990, their heifers to £2110 and £2040. 11mo South Devon heifers £1780 with older South Devon heifers at a grand £2180. Amazing trade for the organic feeding bulls, although 24mo the Hereford x on offer always over £1600 and peeked at £1950.

YOUNG STEERS			YOUNG HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blue	2580	16mo	L Bodman, Devizes	Limousin	1740	14mo	R & A Moderski, Hailsham
Limousin	2080	13mo	O & B Comer, Swindon	Blonde	1650	14mo	I & Mrs MS Watson, Chippenham
Blonde	2030	14mo	I & Mrs MS Watson, Chippenham	Simmental	1600	17mo	BF Best & Son, Wareham
Simmental	1880	17mo	PF Best & Son, Wareham	Hereford	1510	14mo	RM Watkins Ltd, Chippenham
Hereford	1790	14mo	RM Watkins Ltd, Chippenham	Charolais	1495	14mo	D & GJ Stevens, Maiden Bradley

#### YOUNG CONTINENTAL

What a trade in this section, so many good quality cattle on offer and plenty of men forward to buy them. Excellent numbers of cattle over £1200. Top class Simmental (12mo) steers and heifers home bred single suckled from Nigel Hitchins sold at £1430 and £1400 respectively. Superb Limousin pedigree (11mo) heifers from Comer family Swindon saw furious bidding at £1700 with same age steers at £2080. More quality suckled commercial Limousins from the Moderski family produced a remarkable trade 13mo steers regularly over £1700 and topping at £2000!!! Same home and age heifers equally as dear at £1740 & £1460. A marvellous run of suckled Blonde steers and heifers from Ivor Watson Bromham (11-12mo) produced an outstanding trade with huge demand. Steers always £1500- £1800 peeked at £2030. Their 12mo heifers were dear too often £1300-£1400 and topped at £1650. Derick & Graham Stevens continuing to provide wonderful 13mo homebred Simmental & Charolais steers to £1630, heifers at £1470 & £1495. A truly marvellous trade and surprisingly dearer again this week with more men coming to Frome this week.

#### **ANGUS**

Over 150 angus met another stunning trade with proper Angus out of British Friesian cows setting the trade of the day with best steers selling to £2270 (25mo) from John Wyatt and family of Englishcombe. Other consignments also keenly bid and selling to £2100 (19mo) from Mike Keen and family of Melksham, £2010 (19mo) from Bryan Read Ltd of Marlborough £1880 to £2010 (21 to 25mo) from Brian & Megan Taylor of Chippenham and £1880 (21mo) from Jamie Harvey of High Littleton. Forward heifers met another stunning trade with fleshed heifers to £1990 (27mo) from L & R Wyatt & Sons, £1970 to £1980 (only 20mo) from Bryan Read Ltd, £1950 (26mo) from Steve Crossman of Horningsham, £1830 (22mo) from PJ Mattick of Radstock and £1800 (24mo) from Chave & Foster of Bath. Well-presented bulling heifers also keenly sought after from £1625 to £1640 (21mo) from Brian & Megan Taylor. Yearling steers met an exceptional trade selling to £1780 (13mo) from JH & JA Cool of the Isle of White, £1725 (14mo) from Freeman Bros of Corsham, £1650 (14mo) from RJ Hopkins of Chippenham, £1470 from B & L Taylor & Partners, £1390 (15mo) from Frost & Frost of Wells and £1370 (13mo) from JH & JA Cool. Younger steers also keenly bid to £1290 (only 9mo) from Lightsky Group Ltd of Green Ore. Yearling heifers equally wanted selling from £1065 to £1190 from G Stopford of Shaftesbury, £1015 to £1065 from Frost & Frost and £1000 (9mo) from Lightsky Group Ltd

#### **HEREFORD & OTHER NATIVES**

Over 50 cattle on offer with fleshed steers selling to an outstanding £2450 (32mo) from AJ & GG Thomas of Bristol. Good turn out steers from £1600 - £1950 from Somerdown Farm of Wells, £1540 to £1790 from RM Watkins Ltd of Chippenham, £1700 (14mo) from Manor Farm East Marden of Chichester, £1680 (15mo) from K & R Hickery of Bristol and £1650 from W Green & Sons of Horningsham. Heifers also wanted with fleshed heifers to £2200 (31mo) from AJ & GG Thomas and bullers to £1915 from PJ Mattick of Radstock, £1890 from Bryan Read Ltd,

and bullers to £1915 from PJ Mattick of Radstock, £1890 from Bryan Read Ltd, £1830 from W Green & Sons, £1820 from Steve Crossman. Younger heifers to £1510 (14mo) from RM Watkins Ltd and £1235 to £1460 (13-15mo) gfrom K & R Hickery and £1240 (13mo) from Manor Farm East Marden.

#### **FRIESIAN**

Friesians topped at £1990 from L & R Wyatt & Sons. Forward feeding heifers to AJ & GG Thomas and others to £1570. Dairy Shorthorn heifers to £1490 from LHE Loder & Sons and £1480, £1450 from HG Perkins.

#### FORWARD CONTINENTAL

The blistering heat produced a blistering trade with forward cattle continuing to sell at exceptional levels and bucking the trend of the easing finished trade. Younger Blue steers dearer than ever and selling to a massive £2580 (only 16mo) from Laura Bodman of Devizes and closely followed by Paul & Olly Hurd's Blonde steers selling to £2550 (28mo). Best Limousin steers also keenly sought after and selling to £2390 (24mo) from Willowbrook Farm of Melksham and their Blue steers selling to £2280 (24mo). The well-presented Blonde steers from Sue, Simon & Chris Loder of Sherborne met a fast trade selling from £2200 to £2250 (21-23mo). Other quality reared Blonde steers also selling well to £2160 from WP Hurd of Hill Deverill. Good conformation turn out steers wanted with younger Limousin steers to £1900 (19mo) from PF Best & Son of Wareham and the Simmental steers selling to £1880 (17mo). Similar Blue steers also wanted and selling to £1890 (19mo) from Bryan Read Ltd of Marlborough.

Heifers continue in demand with fleshed Blue heifers selling to £2360 (24mo) from Bryan Read Ltd and good Blonde heifers to £2100 (29mo) from Paul & Olly Hurd. Quality bred and reared younger Blue heifers selling well to £2000 from the Loder family of Sherborne and their Blonde heifers to £1990 (21mo).

FORWARD STEERS			FORWARD HEIFERS				
BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR	BREED	£/ HEAD	AGE	VENDOR
Blonde	2550	28mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill	Blue	2360	24mo	Bryan Read Ltd, Marlborough
Hereford	2450	32mo	AJ & GG Thomas, Iron Acton	Hereford	2200	31mo	AJ & GG Thomas, Iron Acton
Limousin	2390	24mo	Willowbrook Farm, Melksham	Blonde	2100	29mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill
Blue	2280	24mo	Willowbrook Farm, Melksham	Angus	1990	27mo	L & R Wyatt & Sons, Bath
Angus	2270	25mo	L & R Wyatt & Sons, Bath	Beef Shorthorn	1960	26mo	T O Mead, Cheltenham
Friesian	1990	27mo	L & R Wyatt & Sons, Bath	Parthenaise	1885	30mo	WP Hurd, Hill Deverill
Beef Shorthorn	1825	23mo	T O Mead, Cheltenham	Friesian	1710	1710	AJ & GG Thomas, Iron Acton

## Next Friday 9th May - Herd Dispersal Sale

40 Angus cows with 40 Angus calves at foot (March/April born) 8 Pedigree Breeding bulls (12-49 months) Farm assured

> BVD Tag & tested, BVD & Lepto Vaccinanted Blue Tongue tested – 28.04.25 Full details to follow in Store Catalogue.



## Friday 9th May

# PEDIGREE BEEF SHORTHORN SALE to be held before the normal weekly store cattle sale 10.30am

Sale to include commercial Shorthorn and Shorthorn x stores suitable for the Morrisons Shorthorn Beef Scheme

#### **Chaplain's Prayer**

'Two are better than one, because they have a better return for their labour. If either of them falls, one can help the other up(Ecclesiastes 4, v 9-10)We give thanks this week for the way in which The Farming Com munity Network volunteers try to walk alongside others in friendship ♥ we pray for all those who feel themselves to be friend-less, especially within our own farming community? Here are the numbers and emails



you can contact, completely confidentially...FCN: 03000 111 999, <a href="help@fcn.org.uk">help@fcn.org.uk</a> RABI: practical care, guidance, financial help to all farming people...0808 281 9490 and in an emergency Samaritans, 365 days 24h, 116 123, jo@samaritans.org

A carbon project development company... Regeneration Earth launched a CARBON CREDIT MARKETPLACE. This offers farmers/landowners the opportunity to generate £100/tonne of carbon! Selling credits they earn for managing their land in a more sustainable way!? It's currently 4/5 times more than elsewhere in the market. This approach seems to me to be a positive way forward to help tackle climate change ....May has for some years been earmarked as national walking month(something we farmers are well practiced at!!) An annual celebration of walking promoted by several charities in both urban and rural areas...Gracious God, As I pass others who share the paths of life with me, I hold them in your presence! Those who smile and nod hello; those who look down with wearied eyes; those who walk joyfully forward with expectations and also those with heavy hearts and wounds both mental and physical; those who are busy and overly anxious... May each one know your grace today O God, your provision, beauty, and your Peace! • AI am here at the market most Wednesdays... please do approach me for a chat about anything at all...I don't bite, and won't judge you!! My FCN colleague Paul Watts is moving on up to Scotland within a couple of months to be closer to family ... so you won't see him around at the market after that! We really do wish him all the very best...and a big thank you from all of us here at the market! Remember your neighbours as you would yourself A You may need them one day!?Please support the **Health Hub** at the market...there for you!

Neville (Chaplain)at Frome Livestock Market and Auctions, Standerwick..mob: 07880770887.



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