

# MARKET REPORTS

## WEDNESDAY

### 5th December 2018

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#### PRIME LAMBS - 2341

*Auctioneer - Richard Hyde*

An excellent entry for the Christmas show and sale very ably judged by Matthew Barrett. SQQ 183.9p with every sheep averaging £78.22. Heavies to £105, £98, £97, £96 etc. Best export 226.8, 223.4, 223.3, 217.8 with all good export lambs 180p +. Euro at 89p is better and the French appear to have backed down over the fuel duty so the lorry congestion has eased. The second highest price at this time since 2012, but we may be quietly rising for Christmas. Three quarter meat is still what is required, please don't get them too fat.

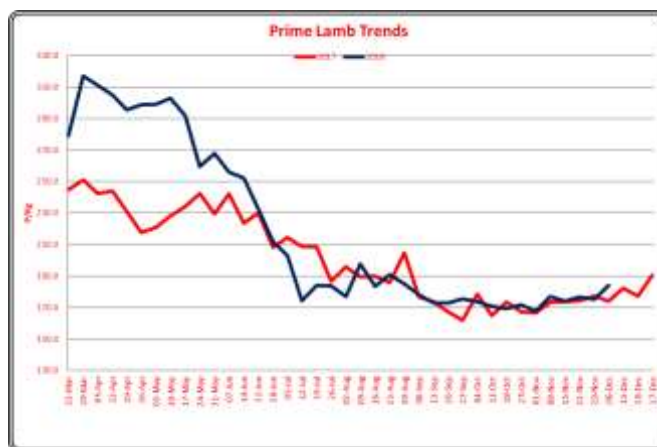
2000 + needed every week

	TOTAL NO.s	LIGHT		STANDARD		MEDIUM		HEAVY		+ HEAVY	
		25.5	32.0	32.1	39.0	39.1	45.5	45.6	52.0	52.1	>
		PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME
<b>PRIME LAMBS</b>	<b>2341</b>	213.6	165.7	214.7	184.3	226.8	184.6	223.4	172.9	174.5	158.5

**Today In History - p/kg**  
2018 - 183.9p 2017 - 173.9p 2016 - 170.3p 2015 - 161.0p 2014 - 191.7p 2013 - 175.8p 2012 - 154.1p

#### LAMBS SQQ Average 183.9p/kg

*Top Price/Head £105.00  
for Lambs grading 47.0kg  
Overall average £78.22/head*



#### Top Ten p/kg

#### Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
41.0	D Meredith	93.00	226.8	47.0	A Rees	105.00
47.0	A Rees	105.00	223.4	45.0	A Bishop	98.00
43.0	A Rees	96.00	223.3	49.0	R & J Carter & Sons	97.00
45.0	A Bishop	98.00	217.8	43.0	A Rees	96.00
34.0	Messrs GA & HM Francis	73.00	214.7	55.0	M L & C O M Pugh	96.00
29.5	Messrs GA & HM Francis	63.00	213.6	59.0	R Shail	94.00
41.0	A Rees	87.50	213.4	41.0	D Meredith	93.00
39.0	G Mathias	82.50	211.5	44.0	A G Baker	92.00
41.0	Tenbury Farm Supplies	86.50	211.0	54.0	R Wallis	91.50
44.0	A G Baker	92.00	209.1	54.0	M T Abberley	90.50

## A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS



### WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

#### **10,000 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME LAMBS - 9.30am**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**5000 STORE LAMBS - 11.15am**

**200 BREEDING/IN-LAMB EWES - 12.15pm**

To include a consignment of 87 Cheviot cross ewes - 2's running with a Cheviot ram from 28th October for 3 weeks and then with a Blue Faced Leicester ram from then on  
Also 30 Suffolk ewes - 3's/4's scanned to lamb 1st Feb onwards

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Store sheep/calf entries to the office by  
Monday 10th December at 5.00pm*

### THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER

At 11.00am

Catalogued sale of

#### **200 STORE CATTLE**

**BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES**

**FEEDING/STOCK BULLS**

**BARREN COWS**

*Entries close on Wednesday 12th December at 12 noon*

And at 10.30am sale of

#### **PIGS**

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

*Entries to the office by Tuesday 18th December at 2.00pm*

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## CHRISTMAS SHOW OF PRIME LAMBS

### Champion, Herefordshire Butchers Cup and the Hereford Times Cup



*Mr D Meredith, Holywell with Auctioneer Richard Hyde*

#### **Best Pen of Charollais Lambs up to 42kg**

1st and Champion	D Meredith, Holywell	41kg	£93.00
2nd	W E & N J Powell, Lower Blackhill	41.5kg	£80.00

#### **YFC Class**

1st	L Baker, Dunswater	44kg	£92.00
2nd	D Rogers, Greenhill	49kg	£90.00
3rd	C Howells, Mynyddbrith	36.5kg	£75.50

#### **Best Pen of Suffolk Lambs**

1st	M Pugh, Sheepcote	55kg	£96.00
2nd	J & M Stevens, Bryhampton	42kg	£80.00
3rd	G W Farmer, Oxhall Farm	47kg	£84.50

#### **Best Pen of Beltex/Texel Lambs up to 42kg**

1st	Tenbury Farm Supplies	41kg	£86.50
2nd	R & J Carter & Sons	41kg	£85.00
3rd	D P Davies, Neuadd Coed	42kg	£83.50

#### **Best Pen of Beltex/Texel Lambs 42.5kg +**

1st	A J Williams Overbury	43kg	£84.00
2nd	A E Howells & Son, Mynyddbrith	42.5kg	£81.00
3rd	R & J Carter & Sons, Carswalls Farm	49kg	£97.00

*With grateful thanks to the Judge, Matthew Barrett*

## **STORE LAMBS - 6166**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

A record entry for December in Hereford Market and a trade to match throughout, over 6000 lambs meeting the dearest trade of the season, another large crowd of purchasers with a strong Midland contingent and several men wanting to buy large numbers. Trade exceptional with the lambs going dearer throughout even with the large number, certainly these numbers are attracting more purchasers.

Some more strength about today with these very dear throughout. Strongest stores to £86.50 for a bunch of 30 Suffolk x, others from the same farm to £84, £81.50 and £81 to average £83.65 for a run of 100 cracking Suffolk x North Country Mule lambs. Other strength from £73 to £80. Good farming lambs sharper again this week with the best all £70 plus. Generally well bred sorts from £67 to £72. Smaller farming lambs from £63 to £66.50 with excellent demand for all breeds. Mule wethers forward in good numbers - these topped at £69 for a super bunch of white faced Mules, other strong sorts to £68. Farming Mule wethers £62 to £66 including an excellent run of 150 white faced Mules to average £63. Smaller Mule wethers from £54 to £60, with long-keep Mules £47 to £53. Medium keep lambs all £56 to £62 with most £60 plus for well bred sorts. Harder bred and plainer sorts trading from £54 to £57 and look well sold.

Longer keeping lambs continue to be keenly bid for despite the wet ground conditions, the better bred lambs £50 to £55. Smaller, harder bred types £44 to £50. Some small and plain sorts then £35 to £42. A larger number of Welsh lambs today with a super run of strong Welsh wethers to £61.20, others to £53. Smaller sorts which were forward in larger numbers from £25 to £45 depending on strength.

Ram lambs easy to place, strongest sorts to £78. Other strong sorts £65 to £72. Farming sorts £60 to £64.50. The best Welsh to £65, smaller sorts £50 to £60 with plainer sorts in the £40's.

### **Overall Average £60.70**

	<b>MIXED LAMBS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM LAMBS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWE LAMBS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>77.00</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>83.50</b>
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>75.20</b>	<b>73.80</b>	-
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>86.50</b>	<b>68.80</b>	-
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>69.00</b>	<b>66.80</b>	<b>79.50</b>
<b>WELSH</b>	<b>61.20</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>
<b>SPECKLES</b>	-	-	-

### **SHEEP SCAB**

We all know that sheep scab is a recurring problem throughout the country but at Hereford we have had several examples of sheep being presented for sale with advanced 'scab'. This is totally unacceptable and brings the market into disrepute as 'scab' is highly contagious and can spread from sheep to sheep with alarming speed. From now onwards any sheep in such condition will not be offered for sale and will be put back on the vendor's transport to be returned to them at their expense. The NSA guidance for the prevention and eradication of Scab is total emersion dipping. We trust that you will appreciate the stance that we must take regarding Scab as we are selling large numbers of store sheep, breeding ewes etc., to return to farms and the confidence and value of these types of livestock will be greatly reduced if infected sheep are seen on the same premises.

### **PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OURSELVES**

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## **BREEDING EWES - 120**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

Another nice show, with the stars being 3 pure Bleu De Maine ewes at £150. Some nice big continental cross ewes forward all over £120 to a top of £128, these scanned to lamb mid to end of January and carrying 170%. Smaller cross bred ewes carrying a lamb and a half from £80 to £90. Texel ewes, 3 and 4 year old running with rams but not scanned to £69, and again at £59 and £50.

A special entry next week, 12th December of 87 Cheviot cross ewes, 2 year old running with a Cheviot ram from 28th October for three weeks, and with a Blue Face Leicester from then on.

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 67**

**Auctioneer - Michael Evans**

The larger entry which included 54 young calves under 42 days all of which were beef cross. Quality was good throughout and the draft of strong calves from ML & COM Pugh were again keenly sought selling to £400 twice for British Blue cross bulls, others from £340 to £390. 5 Blue cross heifers all sold at £290 and £300. Angus cross from the same farm saw bulls at £285 and £300. Heifers from £150 to £230. Other drafts sold to £260 for Blue cross bulls and mostly £175 to £255. Younger bulls from £120 to £160. Blue cross heifers generally sold to an easier trade from £130 to £190. The draft of 9 Limousin cross calves sold to £235 for a bull with others from £125 to £160. Heifers from £80 to £160. The draft of 10 smart, weaned dairy cross heifer calves - 8/10 months sold from £505 to £540 with Blue cross heifers £480 to £500. Blue cross bulls, 4½ months to £425.

### **BABY REARING CALVES**

**Can purchasers of young calves please make certain that they are removed from the market by 3.00pm on the day of sale at the very latest.**

**MORE CALVES, BOTH REARING & WEANED CAN BE SOLD EACH WEEK VENDORS - PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BY 5.00pm ON MONDAY PRIOR TO THE SALE IF YOU ARE BRINGING CALVES**

*Calves born 31st October 2018 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 12th December 2018*

*Please telephone Mike Evans 07768 601999 or Rob Meadmore on 07774 763791*

## **CULL EWES - 2972**

**Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls**

A terrific entry of ewes sold to a stronger trade again on last week, with these best Texels selling to £140/head and others £138, £127.50, £127 and £124. Suffolk ewes to £100/head and Mules to £88.50/head. All types in stronger demand especially those framier and meated types. Those strongest Cheviot type ewes to £76/head. Rams also a good trade topping at £117/head for a pair. Another excellent crowd of buyers from start to finish with a very competitive edge right though. Keep the ewes coming as we run up to Christmas.

### **Average £54/head**

<b>Continental</b>	<b>£140.00</b>
<b>Suffolks</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>North Country Mules</b>	<b>£88.50</b>
<b>Welsh Mules</b>	<b>£79.00</b>
<b>Speckles</b>	<b>£60.00</b>
<b>Welsh</b>	<b>£76.00</b>
<b>Cull Rams</b>	<b>£117.00</b>
<b>Cull Wethers</b>	<b>£74.00</b>

### **Cull ewe eartags -**

**All cull ewes and rams must have FULL EID TAGS to be sold in Hereford Market**

# CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW & SALE OF CULL EWES



## Best pen of lowland cull ewes

	Name	Pen	£
1)	M/s J & M C Hartwright, Springfields	611	£140
2)	M/s W L Jerman & Son, The Wern	505	£127.50
3)	M/s J & M C Hartwright, Springfields	612	£138

## Best pen of hill type cull ewes

1)	Mr R Keepence, Broadway	564	£67
2)	M/s M & V M Rees, Penralltmeredith	536	£47
3)	Mr E Watkins, Nantygward	3074	£45.50

*With grateful thanks to the Judge*

### **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

**MONDAY 24th DECEMBER - TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY INC. -**

**CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER - CLOSED**

However phone lines will be open until 10.30am

For cattle entries for the sale on 3rd January

*We will also accept cattle entries via email*

*or website booking until 10.30am on Friday 28th December*

**WEDNESDAY 2nd JANUARY - OPEN**

Sheep and calf sale - all stock penned on arrival (no booking required)