

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

16th January 2019

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PRIME HOGGS - 1617

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A much better trade than expected at SQQ 196.7p. Best export to 221.3p, all good export hogs 200p +. Heavies and mediums a much faster trade than expected to £96, £94, £93.50, £92.50 etc. Euro has dropped to 89p from 90p but the export trade was flying, much improved on Monday and Tuesday's trade. More numbers would have been better but every hogg averaged £82.34 and vendors were generally pleased with the results. The highest trade for this time of year since 2012.

More Needed every week - 2000 +

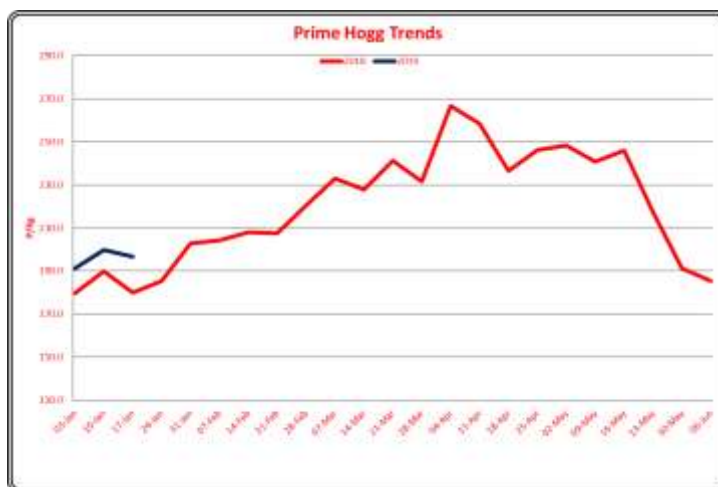
	TOTAL NO.s	LIGHT		STANDARD		MEDIUM		HEAVY		+ HEAVY	
		25.5	32.0	32.1	39.0	39.1	45.5	45.6	52.0	52.1	>
		PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME
PRIME HOGGS	1617	218.3	173.8	211.3	196.6	221.3	198.0	197.8	184.3	169.8	156.9

Today In History - p/kg

2019 - 196.7p 2018 - 179.8p 2017 - 176.1p 2016 - 171.8p 2015 - 192.0p 2014 - 177.5p 2013 - 149.5p

HOGGS SQQ Average 196.7p/kg

*Top Price/Head £96
for Hoggs grading 59kg
Overall average £82.34/head*



Top Ten p/kg

Top Ten £/head

<u>Kg</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>/kg</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>£</u>
40.0	I Jones	88.50	221.3	59.0	D E Ayres & Co	96.00
30.0	C G Thomas	65.50	218.3	51.0	Messrs Cresswell & Oliver	94.00
42.0	A G Baker	90.00	214.3	52.0	D P Davies	93.50
41.5	Cobb Estates	88.50	213.3	45.0	I Jones	93.50
35.5	I Jones	75.00	211.3	52.0	J Griffiths & Son	92.50
37.0	W J & E Williams	78.00	210.8	52.0	D I Jones	92.00
43.0	A G Baker	90.00	209.3	57.0	T E, E S & T B Stephens	91.50
34.5	P T W & R H Jones	72.00	208.7	49.0	T E, E S & T B Stephens	91.50
42.0	S J Parker & Son	87.50	208.3	48.5	G B & M E Griffiths	91.50
38.5	R Helme	80.00	207.8	49.0	J & M H Stevens	91.50

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS

WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY

10,000 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am

1200 BREEDING/IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

To include genuine dispersal of

95 NCM ewes and 20 ewe hoggs from one farm
all in lamb to Suffolk rams due 10th March onwards
150 Suffolk x Mule ewes scanned to Texel rams due 25th Feb
on behalf of M J Bufton & Co, Tyllicci, Llandefalle

Genuine retirement dispersal - first draft

100 Texel x ewes - 3's/4's in lamb to Texel ram due 1st March
Fluke & wormed, Bravoxin, abortion vaccinated as ewe lambs

4000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

To include 10 Blonde x bull calves - 7 months from one farm

Entries close Monday 21st January at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY

At 11.00am

Catalogued sale of

400 STORE CATTLE

BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES

FEEDING/STOCK BULLS

BARREN COWS

Entries close on Wednesday 30th January at 12 noon

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

Entries to the office by Tuesday 5th February at 2.00pm

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STORE HOGGS - 5204

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A larger entry with more numbers being found following last weeks' trade. A very good yard of hoggs again with a crowd as large as last week all exceptionally fit for hoggs. Sheep going to all four corners of the county and more hoggs could easily have been sold.

Despite our politicians doing their best efforts to make a mess of this Brexit vote and some places seeing the finished hoggs yesterday come under pressure, our store trade would be very similar to last weeks' extreme trade, even with an extra 1000 hoggs.

Strong hoggs short in number but topped at £91. Several others trading £80 to £88.20, to include very strong Welsh Mule ram hoggs to £88 with over 300 hoggs trading £80 plus and no end £75 to £80.

Good farming hoggs very similar and an animated trade throughout with hoggs trading £72 to £80, one of the last pens sold to £79.50. A lot of well bred Texel x hoggs on show - these £75 to £79.50 for the best end including 100 at £77.50. A super run of 230 hoggs from one farm topped at £76.20 for Texel x, others to £75.80, £73.50 and £72. Some smaller shapely Texels from £67 to £77 depending on strength.

Medium keeping hoggs very similar for the better bred sorts. These from £67 to £72 and in good demand. Plainer sorts and harder bred from £60 to £65 and a little less than last week. A larger show of longer keeping hoggs - these look well sold in general with the nicely bred sorts £56 to £62. Plainer types from £50 to £55 for the better bred sorts. Several very plain hoggs today - these from £35 to £48 depending on strength. Very small all £30 to £40 with these in good demand from several purchasers.

More ram hoggs today and these bid for by up to ten men. Strongest to £88 for very strong Welsh Mules, all strength from £75 to £85 with several bunches in the late £70's. Farming types from £65 to £74 depending on condition and strength. A good run of Welsh ram hoggs to £68. Others £55 to £65. Harder and smaller bred sorts from £40 to £50.

Another large entry needed next Wednesday to satisfy current demand - 5000 plus can be handled each week.

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	£91	£87.50	-
CHAROLLAIS	£86.20	£80.50	-
SUFFOLK	£82.50	£81.50	-
WELSH MULE	£74	£88	£77.50
WELSH	£63.80	£79.50	£70.50
SPECKLES	-	-	-

Overall Average £67.15

HOGGET DENTITION

At long last, it has been agreed that all hoggetts in 2019 will not be 'mouthed' but on 1st July 2019 all hoggetts will be deemed to be over 12 months of age and their carcasses will be 'split'. All 2018 hoggetts sold on or before 30th June 2019 will be deemed to be under 12 months and not 'split'. How many years have we been waiting for this obvious common sense practicality to take place?

BREEDING EWES - 1054

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

The first couples of the season arrived today, shown by Mr Tom Pearson, The Forge and were 5 ewes (3's) and 10 lambs, after spirited bidding they finished up at £252. Other ewes with single lambs to £180, £135 and £82.

A wonderful show of in-lamb ewes were much appreciated by purchasers who filled the alleys to capacity. Top of the day were 10 Texel ewes (2 to 4 years) lambing at the end of February at £158, with another pen from the same consignor selling at £148. Next a very impressive pen of Suffolk ewes (3 & 4 years) carrying twins at £148. Some younger Texel ewes (2 years) at the same money. Part of a lovely consignment of Texel 3 & 4 year old ewes lambing in March from M/s Sevenoaks, The Greidol were 2 pens at £146 and £138. Mule ewes (2 years) to £143 with yearlings at £136 (3 times). Suffolk ewes (yearlings) carrying triplets to £140. A lot of sheep of all descriptions sold between £110 and £140. Welsh ewes (3 & 4 years) to £82 and again at £76.

Overall average - £110/head

An entry approaching 1000 ewes is envisaged for next week

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 56

Auctioneer - Michael Evans

A much better quality entry which commenced with 19 continental cross rearing calves under 42 days. Top price of £345 for a British Blue cross bull from Tack Farms Ltd with another 12 stronger bulls from £270 to £315, just 2 smaller sorts at £105 and £150. Heifer calves sold to £340 again for a Blue cross with 3 others from £260 to £280.

The larger entry of weaned calves included 25 continental cross bulls 6/7 months, 14 were suckler bred and sold from £500 to £660, 11 British Blue cross were £380 to £405. A pair of quality Limousin cross heifers, 7 months sold at £580. Other heifers from £300 to £550, other steers £380 to £530.

EARLY ENTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK INCLUDE:

Further draft of suckler bred bulls

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 12th December 2018 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without
needing to be tested at our next sale on 23rd January 2019*

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

CULL EWES - 2353

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

Still plenty of ewes about which is still holding the trade back although you can sense that the trade is ready to lift and we believe it will as numbers are bound to ease over the next few weeks. Stronger ewes forward in a place or two with the best Texels selling to £137.50/head for a pen of 12. Others at £128, £124.50 and £122.50/head. Best Suffolks to just over £100. The hardest sellers are the Mules and when there is plenty of choice these types are the fast hit. It would take a very good Mule to exceed £70/head. The smaller, plainer ewes would almost be a touch dearer. Goats still a good trade up to £99.50/head.

Average £54.80/head

Continental	£137.50
Suffolk	£106
North Country Mule	£74
Welsh Mule	£69
Speckle	£58.50
Welsh	£60
Cull Rams	£101
Cull Wethers	£78
Goats	£99.50

Cull ewe eartags -
All cull ewes and rams must have FULL EID TAGS
to be sold in Hereford Market

Merry Millers Fundraising

As many of you will know, the Merry Millers are possibly the largest farmer-orientated fundraisers in the area with approximately £90,000 having been raised for local charities which they wish to push past £100,000 in the next few months. The charities are in Herefordshire, Powys, Monmouthshire and Worcestershire and up to now the donations have been as follows:

St Michaels Hospice	£11,000
St Davids Hospice, Newport	£11,000
Air Ambulance	£6,000
Prostate Cancer	£13,000
Haven Breast Cancer	£13,000
Wye Valley Trust	£26,000 (for a machine to detect the early signs of cancer)

The Merry Millers have asked us to sell any class of livestock you wish to donate for the Merry Millers to get them past their target of £100,000 and we wholeheartedly agreed to assist in every way possible. If you have an animal or animals you wish to donate to the Merry Millers Charity please let our clerks know when the animals arrive in the market to enable us to make a cheque out directly to the Merry Millers. There will of course be no commission deducted, but unfortunately, we don't have any choice but to make MLC deductions where relevant. The Merry Millers have done a tremendous amount of good work over many years and it is unlikely that you or your family have not been involved with any of the charities outlined. Now is your chance to help out with a livestock deduction for which we and the Merry Millers thank you very much indeed. The Merry Millers dance 2019 will take place at The Three Counties Hotel, Hereford on Friday 3rd May. For tickets please contact Ian Pugh on 07970 090000 or Janie Cotton on 07790 374387.