

# MARKET REPORTS

## WEDNESDAY

### 30th January 2019

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#### PRIME HOGGS - 1626

*Auctioneer - Richard Hyde*

Considering the weather an excellent entry of numbers with SQQ 199p, mediums 200.2p. Every sheep sold to average £84.08 including 25kg! A lot of upland and harder bred lambs steadied the average but good export sheep 219.5p with all good export hogs 200p+. Euro has dropped to 87p after the vote, from 90p last week but heavies to £100, so an excellent trade for the state of the Euro with deadweight dropped to 410p/kg, whereas this trade would be 440p-450p. Be very careful about signing contracts because strange things can happen and a contract can be enforced by law to your detriment. We don't ask for contracts nor do we turn vendors away when the yard fills up! Auction can live with deadweight but a deadweight monopoly could be very uncomfortable for the producer. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

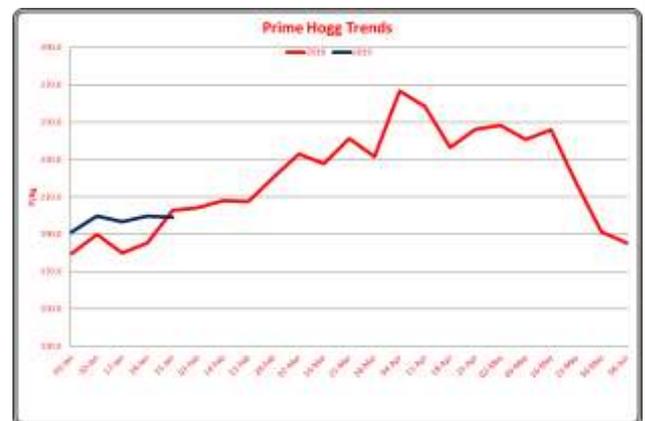
*Live and let live - keep it live to thrive!*

	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 HOGGS</b>	<b>1626</b>	180.0	168.0	211.4	198.2	219.5	200.2	202.2	190.9	183.0	175.0

Today In History - p/kg  
2019 - 199p 2018 - 202.8p 2017 - 172.9p 2016 - 170p 2015 - 179p 2014 - 181.6p 2013 - 149p

#### HOGGS SQQ Average 199.1p/kg

*Top Price/Head £100  
for Hogs grading 56.5kg  
Overall average £84.08/head*



#### Top Ten p/kg

#### Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
41.0	A G Baker	90.00	219.5	56.5	T E, E S & T B Stephens	100.00
42.0	Eckley Bros	90.00	214.3	57.5	M A T Skyrme	100.00
42.0	W J & E Williams	89.50	213.1	57.0	J H & M S Powell	100.00
43.5	M R W Johnson	92.50	212.6	55.0	A Layton	98.50
41.0	M Lloyd	87.00	212.2	54.0	R J Watkins	97.50
43.0	A G Baker	91.00	211.6	58.0	F G Woodyatt	97.50
35.0	J Hathway	74.00	211.4	58.0	A G Baker	97.00
43.0	S J Adams & Sons	90.50	210.5	56.0	M A T Skyrme	97.00
43.5	M Lloyd	91.50	210.3	53.0	D Partridge	97.00
41.0	S J Adams & Sons	86.00	209.8	51.5	Eckley Bros	96.00

## **A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS**

### **WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY**

#### **9,000 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**80 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am**

**500 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am**

To include several consignments of  
flock age ewes including

Suffolk x Mule, N.C.M, Texel x Mule and Welsh Mule

**3000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon**

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Entries close Monday 4th February at 5.00pm*

### **THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY**

At 11.00am

Catalogued sale of

#### **400 STORE CATTLE**

Including several excellent consignments of

Continental x cattle from 12/24 months

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

**FEEDING/STOCK BULLS**

To include pedigree British Blue - 6 yrs, Millichap Harley  
Pedigree Limousin - 3 years (Walters breeding - UK729170/200255)

**BARREN COWS**

*Catalogues available*

And at 10.30am sale of

#### **PIGS**

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

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

*If you would like this report sent to you via email every week,  
please visit our website and sign up for emails*

## **STORE HOGGS - 3427**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

Another very good entry which for the second week running was affected by the weather, with over 600 hogs not forward due to snow and ice, however a very good entry with several good runs of hogs forward. A smaller crowd of purchasers although plenty of buying power and easily coped with the numbers forward.

Strength short on the ground however topping at £83.50 with other strong sorts from £77 to £83 throughout the sale. Mr John Bishop kindly donated a Texel hogg to the Merry Millers charity which was purchased by regular supporter Mr Andrew Baker for £90. Well bred farming hogs generally very similar on the week, maybe £1 or £2 easier but trading £72 to £79.60. Suffolk x Mules to £79. Falling deadweight quotes on Monday knocking the confidence of some short term feeders, however the live ring leading the way with our SQQ at 200p - sell live and thrive. Numbers are certainly tightening and in the hands of fewer men. Some firms do not deserve sheep at prices quoted. With plenty of the better hogs £75 plus, more of these can be sold each week. Shapley Texels in excellent demand and topping at £78.80, all smart sorts £65 to £75 with the smaller smart Texels £60 to £70. Strong Mule wethers to £73, other stronger farming sorts from £65 to £70, medium keeping sorts £60 to £64 with longer term Mules £52 to £58.

A larger show of medium keeping hogs, these would be less money on the week, however the well bred hogs from £67 to £72, plainer sorts and harder bred types from £60 to £66. A larger entry of longer keeping hogs, the main £50 to £60 depending on the breed and size, smaller and plainer types from £42 to £49.50 with harder bred types generally £45 to £55. Several very small and backward hogs today, these from £20 to £35 for some rare breeds and Black Welsh. Also included in the average are some £1 specials with joint ill!!

Several ram hogs, these topped at £83 for a bunch of 20, all strength £72 to £80, well bred farming sorts from £64 to £70, hill bred sorts from £40 to £60 depending on strength and condition, Clun sorts to £70 with others £55 to £60. Very plain and small sorts in the late £30's to mid £40's.

Another large entry needed for the 6th February with excellent demand for store hogs.

### **Overall Average £62.60**

	<b>MIXED HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWE HOGGS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>£90.00</b>	<b>£83.00</b>	-
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>£79.20</b>	<b>£80.50</b>	-
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>£79.00</b>	<b>£79.00</b>	-
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>£73.00</b>	-	-
<b>WELSH</b>	<b>£60.50</b>	<b>£64.00</b>	-
<b>SPECKLES</b>	<b>£56.20</b>	-	-

### **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?

## **EWES & LAMBS - 32/52**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A nice selection of ewes and lambs, and given the trade it is surprising there are not more with plenty of demand at present. Top price of £230 for Suffolk doubles from M/s Cheaker, and again at £226 from the same home. Myra Powell sold well at £220 for 11 ewes with 17 lambs.

## **IN-LAMB EWES - 681**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A complete clearance in the in-lamb section with a show of nearly 700 sheep. Plenty of customers but with a bigger variation in price. Best all sold easily over £100 to top at £133 for a pen of Texels, 2's to full mouth lambing 5th March. Next top and part of a lovely consignment from M/s Bufton, Tynlicci was £131 for a pen of Texel 2 year olds, the same holding selling at £114 and £112. Chris Merrett again showed an excellent bunch of North Country Mule, Suffolk and Cheviot x Mules and sold to £116. Several quality lots of different breeds from £90 to £110. After that plenty of pens from £60-£80 of various sorts and looking good value. Please keep an eye on the website for next week's entry.

*Missing from last weeks report -*

*Were the first of the season's in-lamb ewe lambs being part of an exceptional consignment from M/s Patrick, Easthook Farm. Scanned in lamb they comprised two pens of ten, the first realising £124, the second £120.*

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 73**

**Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls**

A very nice entry of calves to include some very nice Blue calves that were sold to a brisk trade topping at £260/head for a bull calf. There was certainly a shortage of those stronger bull calves and these could have been sold to vendors' advantage. A nice run of young Angus calves forward saw varied interest selling between £30 and £150/head. The Limousin x calves saw stronger interest selling between £100 and £220/head depending upon size, shape, age and sex. The bull calves a bit stronger.

The older weaned calves topped at £465/head for a pair of heifers from M/s A P Holland & Son who had another pair at £455/head. Other weaned calves from M/s Davies, Oakfield at £450, £430 and £395/head. This entry saw a large crowd in attendance resulting in an overall average of £173/head. A good entry is required next week.

### **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 26th December 2018 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 6th February 2019*

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

### **FOR SALE PRIVATELY**

A genuine dispersal of

### **BREEDING COWS & CALVES AND BREEDING EWES FROM ONE FARM**

35 Blonde x & Blue x cows, PD in-calf to a pedigree Angus bull due 1st April

6 Blonde x heifers, PD in calf to Angus bull

4 Blonde x heifers suitable for bulling

Pedigree Angus bull - 2016

All cows are BVD & Lepto vaccinated & tested clear of TB on 23.1.19

### **SHEEP**

160 Texel x Lleyn flock aged ewes

Scanned 180% due 10th April to Texel x Lleyn rams

All on Hep P system, Enzovax & Toxovax vaccinated

For sale by private treaty - genuine enquiries only. Can be split

*For all enquiries please contact Greg Christopher - 07770 972815*

## **CULL EWES - 1493**

*Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls*

A much reduced entry of ewes sold to a much sharper trade. Again there was a significant majority of smaller plain ewes forward but nevertheless the trade would be £10/head dearer which is reflected in the overall average of £64.84/head. Those best Suffolk ewes, not over fat would be at least £10/head up with any amount £90 to £108/head. A shortage of very best continental ewes but still Texels to £123/head.

All types in strong demand and it looks as though the trade is showing every sign of improving further. The rams were also much improved topping at £107.50/head for a pen of 7. More ewes required next week.

### **Average £64.84/head**

<b>Continental</b>	<b>£123.00</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>£108.00</b>
<b>North Country Mule</b>	<b>£85.00</b>
<b>Welsh Mule</b>	<b>£76.00</b>
<b>Speckle</b>	<b>£62.00</b>
<b>Welsh</b>	<b>£64.00</b>
<b>Cull Rams</b>	<b>£107.50</b>
<b>Cull Wethers</b>	<b>£70.00</b>

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> May. For tickets please contact Ian Pugh on 07970 090000 or Janie Cotton on 07790 374387.