

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

20th February 2019

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PRIME HOGGS - 1049

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A very small entry as farmers' hogs dry up and feeders' sheep are not ready to face the terms. SQQ 193.1p. A much better trade than the beginning of the week, with a price much better than the 415-420p available dead. Lighter weights in best demand with 42kg, 45kg and 50kg all making £85. Heavies to £90.50. Best export 215.9p, all good export hogs 195p+. Every hogg sold averaged £81.78 including those of 25kg.

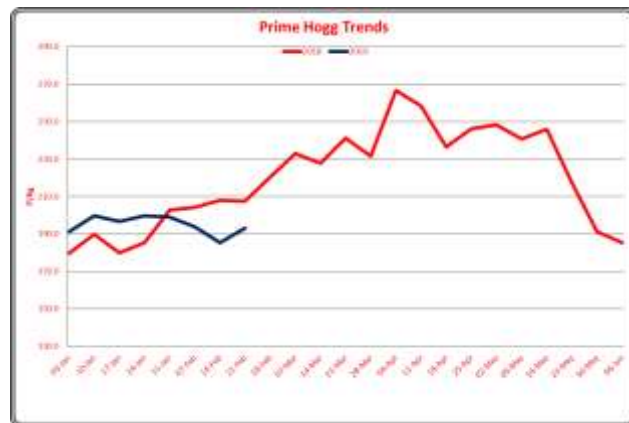
More quality hogs needed every week, 2000+ can be sold every week without affecting trade

	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	1049	214.5	175.7	215.9	200.6	207.1	191.5	191.3	178.0	171.4	159.7

Today In History - p/kg
2019 - 193.1p 2018 - 207.9p 2017 - 170.0p 2016 - 185.7p 2015 - 186.0p 2014 - 185.1p 2013 - 162.4p

HOGGS SQQ Average 193.1p/kg

*Top Price/Head £90.50
for Hogs grading 56.5kg
Overall average £81.78/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>
34.5	B Blandford & Sons	74.50	215.9	56.5	E L Evans	90.50
31.0	B Blandford & Sons	66.50	214.5	58.0	E T & V Morris & Sons	90.00
39.0	Daniel Price	39.00	212.8	56.0	J Heath Partnership	90.00
38.5	A G Baker	81.00	210.4	49.0	A G Baker	90.00
38.0	P C Brigg	79.50	209.2	60.0	B A Sirrell	90.00
39.0	D & T Thacker	81.50	209.0	62.0	J Pugh	90.00
42.0	B Blandford & Sons	87.00	207.1	50.0	T E, E S & T B Stephens	89.50
36.5	M Lloyd	75.50	206.9	59.0	S M Jones	89.50
42.0	P D & T M Price	86.50	206.0	50.0	B R Albert	89.50
39.5	A G Baker	81.00	205.1	53.5	J Heath Partnership	89.00

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS

WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

7,500 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am

150 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am

200 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

60 Suffolk x yearlings in lamb to Texel ram due 1st April

2000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

Entries close Monday 25th February at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 7th MARCH

At 11.00am

Catalogued sale of

400 STORE CATTLE

BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES

FEEDING/STOCK BULLS

BARREN COWS

Entries to the office by Wednesday 27th February at 12 noon

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

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

SILAGE FOR SALE

Near Ross on Wye

1000 tonne Ryegrass Clamp Silage

DM: 68.5, CP: 10.2, DV: 57.9, MR: 9.3, sugar: 2.3, NDF: 58.1, ADF: 41.3

All enquiries to Richard Hyde - 07977 467165

FOR SALE PRIVATELY

A genuine dispersal of

BREEDING IN-CALF COWS AND BREEDING EWES FROM M/S J J PRICE & SON, NEWHOUSE 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

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

For all enquiries please contact Greg Christopher - 07770 972815

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REARING/WEANED CALVES - 20

Auctioneer - Michael Evans

The smaller entry comprising 14 rearing calves with 6 weaned. Rearing calves sold to £280 for a strong British Blue Bull out of a Friesian Cow, with other stronger sorts £205 to £240 and a smaller bull at £110. Heifer calves again included 7 good British Blue cross that found customers from £160 to £200. A nice Limousin cross heifer also sold for £200.

Weaned calves sold to £620 for the strongest of 4 suckler bred, a Limousin cross steer at 7 months. 4 month old calves from same farm sold to good interest from £435 to £495. An outstanding Limousin cross heifer sold at £385. Total clearance effected.

WE NEED TO KEEP THESE NUMBERS EVERY 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 16th January 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 27th February 2019

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

EWES & LAMBS - 78/107

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Couple trade a little half-hearted especially considering weather conditions. Still some highlights with a top of £202 (twice) for ewe and twins, then a big drop to £155 for a good pen of 10 Suffolk 3 year old ewes with 10 lambs. Several lots sold then between £120 and £150, with an overall average of over £130/outfit. Averages per life would vary between £40 and £60 with the better pens from £67 to £77.

IN-LAMB EWES - 1125

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

A tremendous entry, swelled by several dispersals. The first on behalf of the late Deri Jones, Portway, who had bred Texel sheep for many years. In amongst the consignment were several ram-breeding ewes, and topped £255, £180 and then several pens between £135 and £150.

M/s J J Price & Son, New House dispersed nearly 200 Texel x ewes, with yearlings to £110, 2's to £124, 3's to £108 and full mouth to £98. Mike Labbett and family showed another excellent lot of Welsh Mule 2 to 4 year olds, topping twice at £122 and generally between £108 and £118.

Several pens of ewes carrying triplets on offer, with no difficulty to dispatch them. Suffolk full mouth ewes to £138 and £135. Welsh Mule 4's to £106 and North Country Mule 3's to £107, (twice). A nice run of Welsh Mule in lamb hoggs to £104, £102 and £95. As ever, a selection of ewes of various breeds and ages between £50 to £100.

Vendors must make every effort to ensure that no ewes are lame when they present ewe and lamb couples.

STORE HOGGS - 2630

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A good entry with the hogs dearer on the week in some places by £3-£5, this generally throughout with hogs meeting excellent enquiry. Strongest hogs back over £80 topping at £88 for some Suffolk x ewe hogs, other stronger sorts to £87 and £85. A super bunch of 37 Texels to £78.50. Stronger hogs all £76 to £80. Farming hogs well sold and trading £68 to £75, with plenty of business £70 to £75 and level bunches easy to place to a larger crowd of purchasers.

Medium keeping hogs from £60 to £67 with the well bred hogs generally £64 to £67, plainer and harder bred types early £60's. Several longer term hogs about, the well bred sorts from £52 to £60, with smaller and plainer hogs trading from £44 to £50. Very small sorts from £34 to £40, with very little under £30.

Ram hogs to £85, all strength from £70 to £80. Farming ram hogs from £62 to £69.50. Hill bred sorts very dear and topping at £70 for Mules. Welsh to £65 with stronger Welsh from £55 to £60. Smaller and plainer sorts from £45 to £54.50.

Overall Average £61.90

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	85.00	85.00	87.00
CHAROLLAIS	76.50	74.50	-
SUFFOLK	77.50	77.00	88.00
WELSH MULE	65.80	70.00	-
WELSH	54.00	65.20	73.80
SPECKLES	-	-	-

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

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?

CULL EWES - 2732

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

Still a strong entry of ewes forward, more than expected embraced with a similar trade to last week, a shade less if anything on these in-between ewes. The numbers keep coming but you would think over the next few weeks that numbers are bound to steady and the trade lift.

Those strong Suffolk ewes felt a touch stronger, especially if they were on the leaner side, with any amount £85 to £95/head.

Again a large entry of smaller ewes sold to a similar trade. Those very small, lean and plain ewes are hard work. Those nice meated ewes on the leaner side are outselling the fat all day long. The rams, unless they are big and meat, are not much money.

Average £54.84/head

Continental	£121
Suffolk	£108
North Country Mule	£80
Welsh Mules	£77
Speckle	£62
Welsh	£64
Cull Rams	£90
Cull Wethers	£80
Goats	£64.50

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

IN-LAMB CULL EWES

We have had major complaints from several abattoirs saying they have cull ewes heavily in lamb and lambing in the lairages. The abattoir vets take a very robust stance against this and action is going to be taken. Please ensure you do not sell cull ewes heavily in lamb as this can lead to prosecution.

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.

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