

# MARKET REPORTS

## WEDNESDAY

### 27th February 2019

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#### PRIME HOGGS - 1944

Auctioneers - Richard Hyde/Matthew Nicholls

Virtually double the entry of last week, with SQQ 190.9p. The Euro has weakened from 88p to 86p, which is reflected in the trade dropping from 193.1p last week to 190.9p this week. Brexit uncertainty is certainly not helping, but good quality sheep still very much in demand. Heavies £102 for 68kg for the Merry Millers Charity. Best export 213.4p, with all good export sheep 195p+.

	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>1944</b>	178.3	167.0	213.4	193.1	207.1	190.6	187.5	176.1	167.6	160.0

#### Today In History - p/kg

2019 - 190.9p 2018 - 220.4p 2017 - 176.4p 2016 - 190.0p 2015 - 193.3p 2014 - 192.9p 2013 - 183.8p

#### HOGGS SQQ Average 190.9p/kg

Top Price/Head £102  
for Hoggs grading 68kg  
Overall average £79.72/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>
33.5	B Watkins	71.50	213.4	68.0	A Layton	102.00
38.0	A G Baker	78.80	207.4	70.0	E L Evans & Co	100.00
42.5	B L Thomas & Sons	88.00	207.1	62.0	J Thomas	95.00
33.5	B Watkins	69.20	206.6	60.0	D J Powell & Son	95.00
41.5	A G Baker	85.00	204.8	58.0	E L Evans & Co	93.50
42.5	A G Baker	87.00	204.7	60.0	S & J Oliver	93.00
33.0	G R Woolley & Co	67.50	204.6	54.0	O J Durling	90.50
33.0	G R Woolley & Co	67.50	204.6	54.0	P & E Price	90.00
40.5	G R Woolley & Co	82.50	203.7	60.0	L G & C M Williams	90.00
32.5	J A F & J L Morris	66.00	203.1	59.0	J C Adams	90.00

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

### **WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH**

#### **7,500 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**200 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am**

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

**1800 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon**

To include 450 well bred continental x hogs from two farms -  
all been on roots

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Entries close Monday 4th March at 5.00pm*

### **THURSDAY 7th MARCH**

At 11.00am

Catalogued sale of

#### **420 STORE CATTLE**

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

Including dispersal from M/s J J Price & Son

35 Blonde/Blue cows PD in calf to a pedigree Angus bull

4 Blonde x bulling heifers

All cows/heifers are BVD/Lepto vaccinated

Pedigree Angus bull - Dark Lane Ross - 2016

**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*

*Early notification -*

### **WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH**

**THREE COUNTIES FARMER SHOW & SALE OF  
EWES WITH LAMBS**

*Entries now being taken*

### **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*

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## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 7**

**Auctioneer - Michael Evans**

Customers looking for rearing calves but none on offer - please try and find some for next week.

7 weaned calves sold to good interest with younger bulls from £250 to £300. A 7 month Hereford heifer at £385 and older Limousin x heifers at £420.

### **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 23rd January 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 6th March 2019*

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

## **EWES & LAMBS - 132/170**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A marvellous show of couples with the quality of lambs forward complementing the value of the whole outfit. Steve Page, Bosworth Farm gained the top price with £201 for a 4 year old Suffolk double couple, followed by £199 for Texel ewes - flock ages, with a lamb and a half. Several lots then between £130 and £172, with an overall average per head of £153.50 and per life of over £67.

Plenty of customers in the alleys, with more attending for the first time.

## **IN-LAMB EWES - 640**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A smaller entry as expected, but still plenty of quality in the catalogue. A host of purchasers for all sorts throughout the whole sale, with plenty of men unfortunately going home empty handed.

Top 3 prices on the day belong to Dorothy Stephens, Tuthill Farm, with £132, £131 and £127 for 3 pens of very smart Texel yearlings, Ernie Stephens close behind with £124 for a similar ewe.

Suffolk 3 year olds to £125, with yearlings to £94. A lovely run of North Country Mules sold well, with 3 and 4 year olds to £116. Welsh Mule 4 year olds to £112, with yearlings to £110 and again at £104. Several runs of Welsh ewes forward, with a very pretty pen of 3's, 4's and 5's to £88. Flock age Welsh ewes to £75 and broken mouth around £50.

For any enquiries for sales or purchase of either in-lamb ewes or couples, please contact Rob Meadmore on 07774 763971.

## **STORE HOGGS - 1518**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

A shorter entry of store hogs met a stand-on trade, with the shorter entry keeping trade to the same level as last week. Strength very easy to place and trading £70 to £78 throughout, with several large bunches of hogs trading £74 to £77. Well bred farming hogs from £66 to £69.50 throughout, plainer sorts slightly harder work which is to be expected at the end of February.

Nicely bred to medium keeping sorts from £60 to £66, harder bred sorts trading £57 to £65 depending on strength and condition. Longer keeping hogs from £48 to £58 depending on breed and potential, smaller and plainer types £40 to £47. Long term and small hill type hogs from £35 to £45 depending on strength, only very small £25 to £30.

Several ram hogs, those strongest over £70 and topping at £77.80. Farming types from £62 to £70 throughout. Medium keeping Welsh to £59 and others £54 to £57, small Welsh from £40 to £47.

Next week 400 continental hogs from two farms, all been on roots. 1600 - 2000 expected.

### **Overall Average £60.25**

	<b>MIXED HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWE HOGGS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>73.50</b>	<b>76.50</b>
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>77.80</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>77.20</b>	<b>72.80</b>	<b>77.20</b>
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>73.50</b>	<b>68.50</b>	<b>75.50</b>
<b>WELSH</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SPECKLES</b>	<b>53.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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?

## **CULL EWES - 1691**

**Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls**

There we have it, the numbers fall in half and the sale average jumps over £13/head, to average £67.37/head up to £120/head for a ewe from M/s S.G. Davies, Penrheol. Plenty of ewes £100/head plus, with strong Suffolks to £110/head.

All a lot sharper - even the smaller, plainer ewes, with plenty of those Welsh and Speckle types £50 to £60/head. The hardest sellers are those thicker, fatter ewes, especially if they were Mules, but the Mules will also lift over the next few weeks as numbers begin to dwindle.

Eight ewe buyers in attendance and many more ewes are required every week to sustain our current and strong buying support.

### **Average £67.37/head**

<b>Continental</b>	<b>£120</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>£110</b>
<b>North Country Mule</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>Welsh Mules</b>	<b>£76</b>
<b>Speckle</b>	<b>£68</b>
<b>Welsh</b>	<b>£66</b>
<b>Cull Rams</b>	<b>£109</b>
<b>Cull Wethers</b>	<b>£80</b>
<b>Goats</b>	<b>£104</b>

### **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.**

### **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**

### **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.

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