

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

20th March 2019

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PRIME HOGGS - 1563

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A good quality entry met a flying trade especially on the lighter weights with standards averaging 212.8p, SQQ 205.4p. Heavies to £97. Best export 225p with all good export hogs 205p+. Numbers now getting quite short but the lighter hogs are seriously in demand with all weights improved, including the supermarket weights and heavies. Have a look at this against dead price 410p-430p - this is 455p/kg. Demand and competition is the recipe not closed shop monopoly. More sheep needed every week to supply the independent abattoirs still supporting the markets.

2000+ per week can be sold 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 | 1563 | 219.4 | 200.0 | 219.7 | 212.8 | 225.0 | 203.8 | 203.3 | 186.4 | 177.4 | 160.8 |

Today In History - p/kg

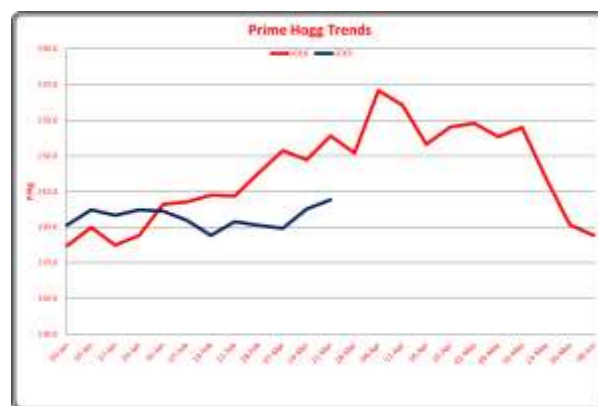
2019 - 205.4p 2018 - 241.2p 2017 - 182.1p 2016 - 179.6p 2015 - 203.4p 2014 - 218.4p 2013 - 199.7p

HOGGS SQQ Average 205.4p/kg

Top Price/Head £97

for Hoggs grading 50kg

Overall average £87.29/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 | A G Baker | 90.00 | 225.0 | 50.0 | S Barden | 97.00 |
| 39.5 | Eckley Brothers | 88.00 | 222.8 | 45.0 | A G Baker | 94.50 |
| 40.5 | A G Baker | 89.00 | 219.8 | 43.5 | A G Baker | 94.00 |
| 38.0 | V A Harper & Son | 83.50 | 219.7 | 47.5 | A G Baker | 94.00 |
| 31.0 | M A Bowkett | 68.00 | 219.4 | 60.0 | N M & J M Winney | 94.00 |
| 37.0 | T R James & Son | 81.00 | 218.9 | 68.0 | N M & J M Winney | 94.00 |
| 32.5 | P M & D M Mills | 71.00 | 218.5 | 53.0 | E T & V Morris & Sons | 94.00 |
| 39.0 | B Robinson | 85.00 | 218.0 | 62.0 | A Bishop | 94.00 |
| 39.0 | N M & J M Winney | 85.00 | 218.0 | 49.0 | J Corrick | 93.50 |
| 40.0 | Tenbury Farm Supplies | 87.00 | 217.5 | 44.5 | A G Baker | 93.50 |

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

6,000 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2000 CULL EWES - 11.00am

500 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am

150 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

1000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

To include 16 Hereford x steers/heifers - 5/6 months

Home bred, BVD/IBR free herd

Entries close Monday 25th March at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 4th APRIL

At 11.00am

500 CONTINENTAL STORE CATTLE

To include show & sale of

HEREFORD CROSS STORE CATTLE

Sired by a registered Hereford bull

Kindly sponsored by Hereford Cattle Society

BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES

FEEDING/STOCK BULLS

BARREN COWS

Catalogue entries to the office by Wednesday 27th March at 12 noon

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

Entries to the office by Tuesday 2nd April at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL

EASTER SHOW OF

PRIME LAMBS

Sponsored by T H White Ltd

Classes for best pen of five or more

Texel lambs

Charollais lambs

Suffolk lambs

Dorset lambs

Champion awarded the T H White Ltd Perpetual Challenge Cup

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REARING/WEANED CALVES - 35

Auctioneer - Michael Evans

All rearing calves this week, few less customers for all sorts. Best interest in the British Blue crosses with 6 nice heifers £180 to £200. 3 good bulls from £190 to £210. Many of the entry were British Friesian x bulls - they ranged from £20 to £80. Younger Hereford x heifers from £100 to £125, with bulls from £30 to £100.

***Early entry for next week - 16 home bred Hereford x steers and heifers,
5/6 months from BVD and IBR free herd***

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 13th February 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 27th March 2019

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

IN-LAMB EWES - 79

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

A small entry as the season draws to a close, but any amount of customers and many more could have been sold. Top price of £105 for a pen of Texel ewes, with Lleyn x to £92. Welsh ewes to £90 and again at £88, with all sheep on offer averaging over £82.

EWES & LAMBS - 401/624

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Another lovely show, with quality possibly even better than last week. Best of the day belonged to Keith Williams, Raglan, with a super bunch of Suffolk two year old ewes with 20 lambs making £204. Next was the very last lot of the day, 16 Mule two year old ewes with 27 lambs at £190. Several lots of various breeds then from £160 to £188 per outfit, with all breeds easy to dispatch and the general consensus that the couples were £5 to £10/head better. Best ewes with single lambs from £130 to £140, and generally £50 to £70/life. Very few lots under £100, trading to an average of over £146/head and £57.27/life.

STORE HOGGS - 1301

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

Numbers remaining good for mid-March and trade exceptional, with a large crowd of purchasers. Again hogs going to the south west and east, throughout the Midlands and West Wales. With many more hogs needed to satisfy the current demand, our entries are attracting purchasers from a wide area.

Some very well bred hogs forward and these would be the dearest trade of the season. Super Texel x hogs to £87, Suffolks to £87 and several bunches £80 plus. Farming hogs all £74 to £80 with condition and strength very easy to place. Well bred medium keeping hogs trading from £62 to £72 depending on breeding, harder bred types from £60 to £67. Longer keeping hogs easy to place and trading from £54 to £60 throughout. Smaller, harder bred types £47 to £54, very little under £40.

Ram hogs to £86.20, other strength from £76 to £80 for all hogs with condition. Farming hogs trading from £68 to £75 with well bred Cheviot x hogs at £72. Longer term ram hogs from £50 to £65, depending on strength and condition.

Overall Average £66.86

| | MIXED HOGGS (£/head) | RAM HOGGS (£/head) | EWE HOGGS (£/head) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TEXEL | £87.00 | £86.20 | - |
| CHAROLLAIS | £80.80 | £79.00 | - |
| SUFFOLK | £87.00 | £77.00 | £88.00 |
| WELSH MULE | £70.80 | £77.00 | - |
| WELSH/CHEVIOT | - | £72.20 | - |
| SPECKLES | - | - | - |

CULL EWES - 3163

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

Another superb entry of ewes sold to another buoyant trade, averaging just short of £70/head. The easiest selling types are those Suffolk and continental ewes with meat. Ewes flying to £148/head with other pens from two separate vendors at £140/head. Plenty of ewes £115 to £120/head. Strongest Suffolks to £114/head and any amount £90 to £105. A nice pen of Welsh meated ewes would break the £70 barrier, with several £60/head plus. Even the very plain and lean ewes were selling well. The Mule ewes would be no dearer and would struggle to break £80/head, but plenty £70/head plus. Nearly 100 goats forward, selling to a superb trade. Nine buyers in attendance, representing many more firms. More ewes required next week.

Average £/head £69.00

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| Continental | £148.00 |
| Suffolk | £114.00 |
| North Country Mule | £84.00 |
| Welsh Mules | £79.00 |
| Speckle | £68.00 |
| Welsh | £71.00 |
| Cull Rams | £110.00 |
| Cull Wethers | £82.00 |
| Goats | £93.00 |

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

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 COMPLETE U-TURN

I am disgusted to say that our government has now done a complete 'U-turn' from the statement produced earlier in the year, and for another year we will have to proceed with this farce of 'mouthing' hoggetts to determine as to whether or not their carcasses have to be split. This is another farce related to Brexit as apparently the UK government don't want to upset the Europeans by implementing what we thought was common sense after nearly twenty years of nonsense.

I am very sorry to say that the old regime will be back in place and we will be mouthing again as has been done over the last number of years.

Richard Hyde

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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:

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| 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.