

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

27th March 2019

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PRIME HOGGS - 1767

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A good entry of numbers and more very good hogs on offer. SQQ 274.3p, with every hogg averaging £87.10 from 23kg to 70kg. Heavies £99.50. Best export 226.2p, all good export hogs 285p. Euro at 85p is lower, but the numbers will now dictate. It appears that in 2018, 750,000 less ear tags were ordered than 2017 and there were obviously a large quantity of lambs killed in the "beast from the east" in April 2018. The numbers of hogs available now may start to dry up due to these losses and trade could well rise accordingly. If contracts are being offered at £112.50 you can bet your last pound that the 'powers' in the meat trade know they will rise farther than this! Be careful. Keep your options open, deadweight and market can live together but if deadweight rules, lookout!

	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	1767	208.9	177.0	221.6	201.7	226.2	205.3	208.7	187.4	179.1	165.2

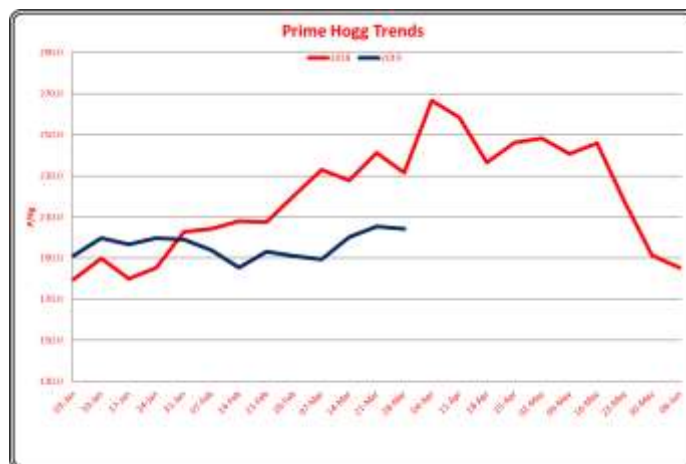
Today In History - p/kg

2019 - 204.3p 2018 - 231.5p 2017 - 186.6p 2016 - 194.6p 2015 - 192.8p 2014 - 215.3p 2013 - 209.7p

2000+ per week can be sold without affecting trade

HOGGS SQQ Average 204.3p/kg

*Top Price/Head £99.50
for Hogs grading 58kg
Overall average £87.10/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>
42.0	D S, D J & T T Evans	95.00	226.2	58.0	D R Jones	99.50
42.0	A G Baker	94.50	225.0	55.0	D R Jones	98.50
42.0	P P Pudge & Sons	94.00	223.8	45.0	A G Baker	97.00
37.0	G J Williams & Co	82.00	221.6	55.0	E J Davis	96.50
40.5	S & G E Bowen & Son	89.50	221.0	46.0	A G Baker	96.00
43.0	A G Baker	95.00	220.9	70.0	R J Watkins	96.00
41.0	A G Baker	90.50	220.7	56.0	S & G E Bowen & Son	96.00
36.0	J Heath Partnership	78.50	218.1	55.0	J D R & J L Corbett	96.00
40.0	K M Hammett	87.00	217.5	53.5	A J Stoakes	95.50
43.5	A G Baker	94.50	217.2	50.0	J D Rogers	95.50

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET GREEN MARKET STATUS

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

6,500 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am

700 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am

200 IN-LAMB EWES/HOGGS - 11.15am

To include 104 strong in-lamb hoggs
being Texel cross out of Mules

Due from 18th April

1000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

Entries close Monday 1st April at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 4th APRIL

At 11.00am

750 CONTINENTAL STORE CATTLE

To include show & sale of

HEREFORD CROSS STORE CATTLE

Sired by a registered Hereford bull

Kindly sponsored by Hereford Cattle Society

To include a part-herd dispersal from M/s G T Sayce & Son -

9 Hereford x cows & 11 Hereford sired calves - 5/7 months

Also Hereford bull - Lower Grove Neptune - 26.10.15

Also annual draft consignments

55 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES

80 FEEDING/STOCK BULLS

30 BARREN COWS

Catalogues available

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

Entries to the office by Tuesday 2nd April 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*

NEW SEASON LAMBS - 24

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A small entry for Mothering Sunday made:

35kg	-	£87.00	-	248.6p/kg
35.5kg	-	£86.00	-	242.3p/kg
49.5kg	-	£98.00	-	197.9p/kg

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 62

Auctioneer - Michael Evans

Both a larger entry and a better trade; topping the sale of 33 rearing calves was a strong Blonde x bull at £350 from M/s C K & J I Bevan. A lack of strength on offer but customers looking for better sorts. Other bulls to £290. Heifers sold to £235 with stronger sorts from £170 to £210. Younger calves remain more difficult with bulls from £30 to £100. Heifers from £20 to £100.

29 weaned calves included a well reared consignment of 15 week old British Blue crosses. Bulls sold at £390. Heifers at £300. Older Hereford x heifers sold from £355 to £390, with steers to £390.

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 20th February 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 3rd April 2019

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

IN-LAMB EWES

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

A small entry this week but with an outstanding pen of Suffolk ewe hoggs scanned in-lamb to Charollais x Beltex rams due mid-April, after much interest sold at £145. The same holding has 100 Texel in-lamb ewe hoggs next week.

EWES & LAMBS - 543 / 786

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Largest show of couples so far this year, everybody agreed that generally better, end was £5 to £10 a head dearer. Several very nice lots forward with Keith Williams, Brooks Farm, top at £225 for 12 Suffolk 2 year old ewes with 22 lambs. Travelling all the way from Lampeter was Messrs Jones, and achieved the same figure of £225 with 2 Texel ewes and 4 lambs. Messrs Cheacker showed their normal excellent consignment and sold at £223 and £202.

The next twenty lots sold between £162 and £200. North Country Mule ewes with lambs to £158. Best of the single ewes with lambs from £120 to £150. A selection of lesser meated crossbred ewes from £80 to £105, 4 year old Cheviot Welsh ewes and lambs to £118, Welsh ewes and lambs to £73, several between £50 and £60.

STORE HOGGS - 750

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A smaller entry with a huge crowd of purchasers present, still men travelling for hogs and the trade the dearest of the season. Top of £90, several bunches of continental hogs £80 to £88. Farming sorts all £72 to £80 throughout. The smaller, the dearer with 12 purchasers all very keen for hogs. Well bred smaller sorts all £64 to £70. Harder bred and Welsh hogs generally £55 to £65 with very little less than £50. Very small £40 to £48 and the dearest sold.

Ram hogs very similar story - strongest to £88. All strength £78 to £87.50. Farming sorts £68 to £75, with plainer types and harder bred hogs from £54 to £60. Very small Welsh ram hogs £35 to £47.

Overall Average £68.23

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	90.00	88.00	-
CHAROLLAIS	88.00	87.50	-
SUFFOLK	85.00	77.20	-
WELSH MULE	79.20	-	-
WELSH/CHEVIOT	69.50	70.00	-
SPECKLES	-	-	-

CULL EWES - 2080

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

A reduced entry sold to a flying trade, resulting in an overall average of £74.50/head, topping at £143.50/head for a pen of nice Texels from Messrs R.M & G.L Watkins, Upper Cwm.

Plenty of these strong types £120/head plus, other ewes at £134, £133.50, £131, £130.50 and £128/head. In fact the top 20 prices were all over £121/head. All types a lot sharper with any amount of Welsh and Speckle ewes £70/head.

A very buoyant trade throughout and more ewes required next week.

Average £/head £74.50

Continental	£143.50
Suffolk	£111.00
North Country Mule	£90.00
Welsh Mules	£83.00
Speckle	£75.00
Welsh	£80.00
Cull Rams	£118.00
Cull Wethers	£80.00
Goats	£94.00

*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:

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.