

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

6th March 2019

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PRIME HOGGS - 1740

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

An entry of mediocre hogs met an excellent trade for the quality hogs, SQQ 189.4p. Best export to 223p. All good export hogs 195p+ but the poorer quality sheep lowered the average. Euro at 86p is not helping and the export requirement wanted is only up to 42kg. Heavies to £95. Lighter, better quality hogs needed every week to meet demand.

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	1740	207.9	176.4	223.0	195.0	214.8	188.2	196.8	175.4	173.6	153.5

Today In History - p/kg

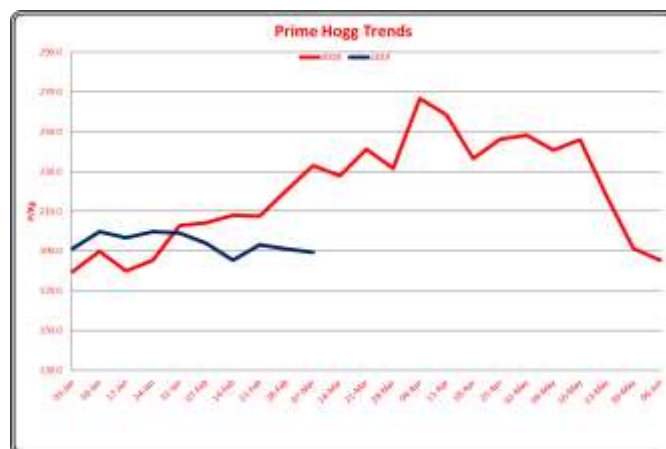
2019 - 189.4p 2018 - 233.2p 2017 - 173.0p 2016 - 190.0p 2015 - 196.2p 2014 - 203.8p 2013 - 190.6p 2012 - 203.2p

HOGGS SQQ Average 189.4p/kg

Top Price/Head £95

for Hoggs grading 66kg

Overall average £79.21/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>
37.0	Y Edwards	82.50	223.0	66.0	D J Powell & Son	95.00
40.5	A G Baker	87.00	214.8	47.0	A G Baker	92.50
32.5	A H & A M Thompson & Son	69.50	213.9	48.0	A G Baker	92.50
40.0	D A & C A Howells	84.00	210.0	53.0	D A & C A Howells	92.00
37.0	Birchwood Forge	77.00	208.1	52.0	A G Baker	92.00
37.5	J Heath Partnership	78.00	208.0	44.0	A G Baker	91.00
31.5	Y Edwards	65.50	207.9	45.0	A G Baker	91.00
43.0	Eckley Brothers	89.00	207.0	47.0	A G Baker	91.00
43.5	A G Baker	90.00	206.9	43.5	A G Baker	90.00
44.0	A G Baker	91.00	206.8	44.0	A G Baker	90.00

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

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH

6,500 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2000 CULL EWES - 11.00am

300 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am

Including

**Three Counties Farmer Show & Sale of
EWES WITH LAMBS**

Sponsored by The Hereford Times

500 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

1500 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

Entries close Monday 11th March at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 21st MARCH

At 11.00am

Spring Show & Sale of

500 CONTINENTAL CROSS STORE CATTLE

TO INCLUDE NATIVE BREEDS

Sponsored by Towergate Insurance

BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES

FEEDING/STOCK BULLS

To include pedigree British Blue bull - 2016

Newpole Luther

BARREN COWS

Entries to the office by Wednesday 13th March at 12 noon

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

Entries to the office by Tuesday 19th 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

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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' hoggets 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

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 39

Auctioneer - Michael Evans

The larger entry included 22 rearing calves which sold to a sharper trade on all sorts. More customers in attendance. Top price was for a British Blue x bull from M/s A & L M Williams - the first in the sale he made £330, all other bulls from £240 to £320. An excellent selection of 15 British Blue x heifers saw most from £210 to £270, and only a couple of smaller sorts at £60 and £130. Limousin x heifer calf at £210. A Blonde x heifer at £190 and £235.

17 weaned calves included 4 strong Blue x yearling heifers from £540 to £635. Similarly black Hereford x steers at £585. Others to £400. Hereford x heifers £310 to £395. 4 month Blue x heifers £230 to £295. Angus x heifers £240 to £300.

*Next week - early entry includes
25 calves under 42 days from one farm being
8 Hereford x bulls and heifers and 17 Friesian bulls*

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 30th January 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 13th March 2019

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

IN-LAMB EWES - 345

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

The season is slowly coming to an end, but still plenty of decent sheep forward. M/s Stephens, Tuthill, showed two pens of super Texel yearlings, selling at £144 and £140. Next best pen of Mule yearlings at £155, then £108 for the best run of Suffolk yearlings.

Two nice pens of full mouth Texel ewes carrying triplets made £98, afterwards several pens of flock age crossbred ewes made between £70 and £90, with plenty of men to bid and looking well sold. Welsh ewes more difficult, with nothing eye catching on offer, generally £40 to £55.

EWES & LAMBS - 209 / 317

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

The sheep become more and the purchasers become more. 15 active buyers, rustling a sparkling trade throughout.

For the second week running, Steve Page topped the market at £196 for Suffolk 4 year old ewes with two lambs. Mac Price showed and sold three excellent pens at £195, £190 and £172. Other quality pens from £140 to £188. Ewes with single lambs generally £100 to £130. Overall average per outfit of £141.63 and £57 per life.

Once again Hereford was blessed with a very good quality show and we look forward to next week's show and sale for the "Three Counties Farmer" Cup.

STORE HOGGS - 1603

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A good entry of hogs, with several excellent runs coming off roots, meeting excellent demand and certainly dearer on the week. A huge crowd of purchasers for March, with a strong south-west contingent, and sheep bid for by 16 men, remarkable for March with numbers the attraction, although today 2500 hogs were needed.

Top price of £86.50 for nearly the last bunch sold, of Welsh Mule ram hogs, the very strongest all £77 to £83.20. A super show of farming hogs on offer, these trading £72 to £78.50 throughout, with some smart Texel x hogs part of an excellent run from Mr A Smart to £78.50. Plainer types a little less, but still £67 to £71 for the well bred hogs.

Medium keeping hogs a real trade and looked the dearest sold, these all £62 to £68, with the harder bred types £58 to £62. Longer keeping hogs from £54 to £62 throughout, for hogs with ear and potential. Harder bred sorts and plainer types £47 to £55. Hill bred sorts generally well sold from £38 to £50.

Ram hogs to £86.50 for Mules, Welsh ram hogs to £78, all strength £70 plus. Farming sorts £65 to £70, with hill bred and plainer sorts £50 to £60. More hogs needed for next week to meet demand.

Overall Average £64.65

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	£83.20	£75	-
CHAROLLAIS	£78.80	£74.50	-
SUFFOLK	£80	£76.80	-
WELSH MULE	£64.50	£86.50	£81
WELSH	£58	£78	-
SPECKLES	-	-	-

CULL EWES - 2282

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

Another pleasing entry of ewes sold to a very buoyant trade, with a pen of 18 ewes soaring to £123/head.

A very large majority of plainer, smaller hill ewes forward, which has reduced the overall average compared to last week. Today's average is more of a reflex of the type of ewes forward, not the trade we had. Any amount of those good meated Welsh and Speckle ewes £60/head plus. Plenty of Suffolks, especially with frame, £90 to £100/head. Strongest Mules just over the £80/head mark.

This trade is certainly moving in the right direction with numbers across the country significantly less than last week. More ewes required next week.

Average £/head £61.18

Continental	£137
Suffolk	£108
North Country Mule	£84.50
Welsh Mules	£79
Speckle	£66.50
Welsh	£66
Cull Rams	£108.50
Cull Wethers	£85
Goats	£107

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 3rd May. For tickets please contact Ian Pugh on 07970 090000 or Janie Cotton on 07790 374387.

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