

# MARKET REPORTS

**WEDNESDAY**  
**10th April 2019**

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## PRIME HOGGS - 2469

*Auctioneer - Richard Hyde*

Phenomenal trade of 213.4p SQQ with every sheep averaging £92.86 including those at 30kg. Heavies to £102.00 - 5 times, £101.50 - twice, £101.00 - twice etc. Best export 239.5p, 234.5p, 233.3p etc. with all good quality lights 215p +. EURO at 86.15p is not moving but demand for Easter and a general shortage of numbers dictates the trade. A large proportion of hogs selling from £95 to £100, handy weight hogs short of requirements and more of these were needed, this is the case nationally with sheep having done exceptionally well in the last few months. Some hogs plenty thick enough.

2000 + can be sold every week without difficulty.

Thanks to everyone for their patience today as the show and sale somewhat held up proceedings but we hope the trade compensated for this! Next week we will be starting at 9.30am prompt.

	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>2469</b>	212.5	209.9	239.5	212.6	234.5	213.8	213.0	200.5	190.7	190.7
<b>PRIME LAMBS</b>	<b>287</b>	245.9	245.9	275.0	252.6	258.8	231.2	227.7	205.8	194.4	194.4

## HOGGS SQQ Average

**213.5p/kg**

*Top Price/Head £102*

*for Hogs grading 56kg*

*Overall average £92.86/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>
38.0	A G Baker	91.00	239.5	56.0	A R Aylett	102.00
42.0	R Llewellyn & H Thomas	98.50	234.5	53.5	A R Aylett	102.00
40.5	Eckley Bros	94.50	233.3	53.5	A R Aylett	102.00
41.0	A G Baker	95.50	232.9	54.0	G Arrowsmith	102.00
40.0	E J Davies	92.50	231.3	62.0	V E & B M Samuel & Son	102.00
42.0	J Heath Partnership	97.00	231.0	70.0	D R Jones	101.50
42.5	A G Baker	97.50	229.4	55.0	D J & G A Watkins	101.50
35.5	R Llewellyn & H Thomas	81.00	228.2	49.0	A R Aylett	101.00
43.5	A G Baker	98.50	226.4	50.0	A R Aylett	101.00
41.0	A Thomas	92.50	225.6	48.5	Eckley Bros	100.00

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

**WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL**

**7,000 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am**

**PRIME LAMBS**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**1000 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am**

**150 IN-LAMB EWES/HOGGS - 11.15am**

**1000 STORE AND EWE HOGGS - 12 noon**

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Entries close Monday 15th April at 5.00pm*

**THURSDAY 18th APRIL**

At 11.00am

**1000 CONTINENTAL STORE CATTLE**

To include native breeds

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

**100 FEEDING/STOCK BULLS**

**35 BARREN COWS**

*Entries for catalogue to the office by Wednesday 10th April at 12 noon*

*And at 10.30am sale of*

**PIGS**

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

*Entries to the office by Tuesday 16th April at 2.00pm*

Please note that the Market Office will be closed on  
Friday 19th and Monday 22nd April for Easter.  
Please use our answerphone/email/website services to book in stock.

**Wednesday 1st May 2019**

Early notification -

Show of ewes/hoggs with lambs

For the **Ball of Madley Challenge Cup**

*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 - 287

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A good Easter show and sale entry met an excellent trade for quality but older larger lambs were at hoggett price or just under. A large part of the entry consisted of Dorset x lambs, which is reflected in the average. The fresher lighter lambs were easy to sell and regularly 255 - 270p/kg. The heavy lambs were harder work and it was surprising how many lambs of 42kg were forward. In the next few weeks lambs from 32 to 38kg will be easiest sold.

## EASTER SHOW OF SPRING LAMBS

**SPONSORED BY T H White Agriculture**

Judge: Matthew Barratt

### Class One – Best pen of 5 or more Texel lambs

1)	258	R T Watkins, Penyparc	38kg	104.50
2)	259	R T Watkins, Penyparc	40kg	103.50
3)	260	R T Watkins, Penyparc	34.5kg	89.00

### Class Two – Best pen of 5 or more Charollais lambs

1)	281	L J & G V Rea, Middlewick Farm	42kg	n/s
2)	282	V J Eaton, The Lynch	41kg	95.00
3)	284	D W Dale & Son, Boarshill Farm	37.5kg	98.50

**This year's show was kindly sponsored by TH White Agriculture, Hereford, ably judged by Mr Matthew Barratt with the Champion pen awarded to:**

### **M/s L J & G V Rea, Middlewick Farm**



**L - R: Mrs Rea, Richard Hyde (Auctioneer), Will Farr for T H White Agriculture**

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 24**

**Auctioneer - Michael Evans**

A better quality entry sold to much more interest on all sorts. The 12 rearing calves sold to £310 for a 15 day old Blonde cross bull, 11 British Blue cross heifers from Tack Farm Ltd sold to £270 with all from £225 to £270. 12 weaned calves also included several British Blue cross, 4 months - they sold to £430 for 2 lots of steers, with bulls at £420 and £360. Both Simmental cross and Hereford cross heifers also sold at £360.

**MORE CALVES COULD BE SOLD EACH WEEK.  
Strong bull calves under 42 days wanted  
EARLY ENTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK INCLUDE  
20 Hereford cross calves from one farm under 42 days**

### **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 6th March 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 17th April 2019*

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

## **IN-LAMB HOGGS - 30**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

The smaller entry were all Texel cross hoggs scanned to lamb from 20th April, they sold to good interest from £98 to £116 with total clearance.

## **EWES & LAMBS - 631/1011**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

The largest entry to date this spring sold to a good clearance although there were less customers in attendance. Quality lots sold to best interest topping at £208 for Beltex cross 2 year olds with doubles alongside. Couples with stronger lambs always sell to highest prices - those with twins from £150 to £198, younger lambs or older ewes from £130 to £162. Stronger singles from £130 to £170, others from £90 to £115. Hill ewes were mostly older sorts often with singles they ranged from £60 to £90. A pen of couples catching the eye were 12 strong improved Welsh with their 24 lambs at £122, other doubles from £70 to £105.

First hoggs with lambs sold to £168 for Texel cross with twins, others at £145. Those with singles at £142 on two occasions.

Overall average £132.50 for couples being £50.92 per life.

## STORE HOGGS - 1121

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

Another large entry of store hogs which did include a few more ewe hogs. A good show of store hogs found another excellent trade by a large crowd of purchasers, strongest stores to £94, with several other pens trading £85 to £93.50. Well bred farming hogs all £72 to £82, although some nicely bred hogs plain enough and would have been better sold a month ago. Smartly bred continentals a good trade - £75 to £83. Medium keep hogs from £60 to £70 depending on condition, harder bred sorts and plainer hogs slightly less money although all meeting very good demand. Smaller longer term hogs £45 to £59 with these generally plainer and hill bred sorts. Well bred small hogs still mid to late £50's. Very small and rare breed types from £30 to £40 with more of these forward this week and several vendors clearing up hogs.

Ram hogs to £78 with strength £65 to £75, plainer sorts £55 to £64 with smaller, hill bred and plainer sorts trading £48 to £60 depending on condition.

A nice entry of ewe hogs with an excellent run of Welsh mules from M & J Evans, these created excellent interest and topped at £100 on five occasions, others in the run to £95 and £91 Suffolk cross hogs to £100. More customers looking for ewe hogs today, again hogs must be strong and well bred for any premium.

**Overall Average £68.50**

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	£90	£75.50	-
CHAROLLAIS	£94	£72.50	-
SUFFOLK	£83.50	£78	£100
WELSH MULE	£79	£78	£100
WELSH	£53	£74.50	-
SPECKLES	-	-	-

## CULL EWES - 2380

*Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls*

Firstly apologies for the delay in starting the show and sale of fat stock, lets just say it held up proceedings.

Another strong entry sold to a superb trade resulting in a stronger trade than last week. Best Texels to £138/head and others at £137, £135 and £127/head. Those little Welsh and Speckle ewes were just a phenomenal trade with any amount of these types selling between £60 and £75/head.

With no less than eight separate cull ewe buyers in attendance the competition is fierce and the trade is great. Once again thanks for your patience but we hope this trade made up for it and normal service will be resumed next week.

**Average £/head £76.00**

Continental	£138, £137
Suffolk	£110
North Country Mule	£88.50
Welsh Mules	£80.00
Speckle	£71.00
Welsh	£79.00
Cull Rams	£122.00
Cull Wethers	£90.00



## 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

### NOTICE TO VENDORS OF STORE HOGGS

We are having increased incidence of C.Ovis being reported by abattoirs when slaughtering hogs. This condition in the carcass of hogs is caused by worms from dogs which can lead to the carcass being 100% condemned.

Most farm dogs are correctly wormed, but please make certain that your worming programme is up to date and be aware that most incidences of C.Ovis arise from land with public access, footpaths or common land where dogs roam. Unauthorised dog-walking on your land can cause problems - please be aware.

All ram hogs need to be declared and sold separate to bunches of mixed hogs. Any ram hogs found in a bunch of mixed hogs not declared to the auctioneers will be subject to a price reduction. We have buyers for ram hogs so please do not put them in bunches of clean mixed hogs. Vendors please note - any hogs not presented correct for sale and not declared to the auctioneers will risk being deducted.

ALL HOGGS PRESENTED IN THE STORE SECTION NEED TO BE TAGGED WITH AN ELECTRONIC SLAUGHTER TAG AS MINIMUM. VENDORS ALSO NEED TO PROVE THEIR HOGGS ARE FARM ASSURED AS THIS HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

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