

# MARKET REPORTS

**WEDNESDAY**  
**29th May 2019**

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## PRIME LAMBS - 2299

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

A good entry of lambs met an excellent trade throughout with increased buying support and more lambs needed, with all firms busy in this section. Best export to 287.5p/kg with all the smartest lambs 245p-270p/kg. Heavy lambs dearer topping at £115, with several £100 to £103.50. As hoggs dry up, heavier lambs will be wanted. Lambs 30-36kg very much sought after - these 240p-250p/kg, with firms wanting these for the festival this weekend and Monday.

Vendors please monitor demand next week for these smaller lambs as some firms may well be switched off due to the festival.

*More lambs can be sold each week - 2500+ needed*

	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 LAMBS</b>	<b>2299</b>	251.6	249.5	255.4	236.7	247.5	227.4	213.1	208.1	-	-
<b>PRIME HOGGS</b>	<b>704</b>	190.9	177.6	192.5	174.3	190.1	180.8	187.6	175.1	152.0	145.5

## PRIME LAMBS SQQ

Average 230p/kg  
Top Price/Head £115  
for lambs grading 40kg



### 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 Bishop	115.00	287.5	40.0	A Bishop	115.00
36.0	R Helme	97.00	269.4	55.5	E J & J M Westoby & Sons	103.50
37.0	E J & B E Bufton & Son	96.00	259.5	50.5	W S Layton	102.00
38.0	Eckley Bros	98.00	257.9	50.5	M J Higgins	102.00
33.5	T J Davies	85.00	253.7	43.0	T W Stephens	101.00
36.5	M P & M E Bowen	90.00	253.5	47.5	A J Pitt & Son	100.50
33.5	J A & B M Price & Sons	84.80	253.1	48.0	J M & S N Pritchard	100.00
34.0	J A & B M Price & Sons	86.00	252.9	43.0	Eckley Bros	100.00
31.0	J A & B M Price & Sons	78.00	251.6	52.0	A D & K J Williams	100.00
39.0	J T Hartland	98.00	251.3	48.0	D E, E D E & D E Williams	100.00

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GREEN MARKET STATUS  
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**WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE**

**7,000 SHEEP**

**500 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am**

**2500 PRIME LAMBS**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**500 EWES/HOGGS & LAMBS - 11.15am**

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

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Entries close Monday 3rd June at 5.00pm*

**THURSDAY 6th JUNE**

At 11.00am

**850 STORE CATTLE**

Continental and native breeds

**100 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS**

**IN OR WITH CALVES**

To include a reduction of 8 pedigree Charolais cows & calves

Together with several consignments of

top quality beef heifers and cows with calves at foot

**20 STOCK & 80 FEEDING BULLS**

Show and sale of

**PEDIGREE BREEDING BULLS**

**Champion awarded the Collins Bull Hire Challenge Cup**

**BARREN COWS**

*Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 29th May at 12 noon*

*And at 10.30am sale of*

**PIGS**

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

*Entries to the office by Tuesday 4th June at 2.00pm*

*Early notification -*

**WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE**

**Three Counties Show**

**Butchers Lamb Competition**

*Please call the office for further information*

*If you would like this report sent to you via email every week,  
please visit our website and sign up for emails*

**PRIME HOGGS - 704**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

Nearly 600 hogs for the last week of May. Meat still very much sought after, leaner sorts slightly less money which is to be expected. Big hogs to £93, with other heavy hogs £85 to £91.50 (180p-191p/kg). Smart handy weight hogs to 200p/kg, others 190p-197p/kg. Lighter hogs with meat 185p-195p/kg with leaner sorts 150p-170p/kg. Hogs with teeth up to £88 for very strong sorts. Others £77 to £83, lighter weight hogs with teeth £65 to £72.

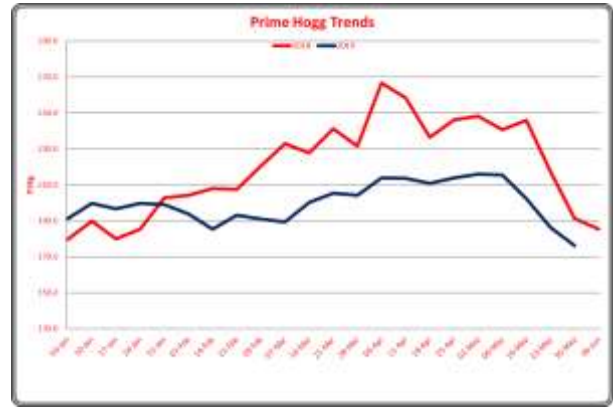
**HOGGS SQQ Average**

**176.1p/kg**

*Top Price/Head £93*

*for Hogs grading 70kg*

*Overall average £71.40/head*



**Top Ten p/kg**

**Top Ten £/head**

<b><u>Kg</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>/kg</u></b>	<b><u>Kg</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
37.0	D E & C A Evans	74.00	200.0	70.0	P & D Pritchard	93.00
32.5	Mrs E Norman	64.00	196.9	48.0	B Price	91.50
32.0	S Morgan	63.00	196.9	50.0	M J Price Esq	89.50
41.0	B Price	80.00	195.1	50.0	A Wear	88.50
39.0	S Morgan	75.50	193.6	64.0	S Morgan	87.00
43.0	Layton Farming Partnership	82.20	191.2	50.0	M/s C, J & R Pugh	86.50
48.0	B Price	91.50	190.6	52.0	J M & S N Pritchard	86.50
38.0	S Morgan	72.00	189.5	45.5	Powell Partners	85.80
37.0	E T Morgan	70.00	189.2	49.0	L K Levinge	85.50
38.0	D E & C A Evans	71.80	189.0	56.0	E T Morgan	85.00

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 73**

*Auctioneer - Michael Evans*

The larger entry included 22 rearing calves under 42 days old which sold to good interest throughout topping at £310 for a 38 day Hereford cross bull from Mr P Davies who sold others at £250 and £290. Most calves were smaller sorts including 2 Limousin cross bulls at £240 and £180. Other Hereford cross bulls from £80 to £205, British Blue cross heifers were small and sold at £210 and £170. The run of Hereford cross heifers ranged from £80 to £140.

### **WE NEED A REGULAR WEEKLY SUPPLY OF YOUNG CALVES**

51 weaned calves sold to £480 for an Angus cross steer, 8 months with others at £415. A large consignment of Friesian cross bulls, 8/9 months sold to £350 for a large bunch. Others from £260 to £300. Well reared dairy cross calves sold to best interest with a pen of 5 Angus cross bulls, 12 weeks selling at £345. Others from £250 to £380, customers for all sizes at a price. Again well reared younger heifers met demand with 4 month Blue cross heifers at £370, harder done sorts from £260 to £320. Older Angus cross heifers at £360, Hereford cross at £320 and £325.

EARLY ENTRIES for NEXT WEEK include 6 British Blue cross heifers, 4½ months from one farm.

#### **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 24th April 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 5th June 2019*

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

## **EWES & LAMBS - 615/746**

*Auctioneer - Michael Evans*

The similar entry sold to an improved trade with several customers looking for all sorts and sizes. Top price of £202 for a pen of 10 Suffolk x yearlings with 18 lambs at foot again from Mr R W J Hope who also sold pens at £186, £184 and £178. Younger ewes and bunches of double couples continue to attract the higher money with several lots from £160 to £184. Other old lowland sorts ranged from £90 to £150 with a total clearance effected.

Hill type ewes topped at £130 for Brecknock Hill Cheviots with twin Charollais x lambs from M/s D J & M D Prosser & H R Jones who sold other twins at £129. Others from £75 to £120 dependant on quality of lamb. Those with strong singles sold to £126 and mostly from £80 to £99. Those with younger lambs £55 to £75.

Hoggs and lambs sold well throughout with the best topping at £190 for Suffolk x North Country Mules with twin Charollais x lambs. With single lambs top price was £167 for Texel x hoggs and Texel lambs with many from £148 to £165. Smaller sorts from £110 to £140 with an excellent clearance throughout. Overall average £119.71 being £54.05 per life.

## **EWE HOGGS - 265**

*Auctioneer - Matt Williams*

A similar entry of ewe hoggs with a strong trade throughout. A strong pen of Texel x ewe hoggs to £115 with other smart pens of Texel x hoggs selling regularly from £85 to £114/head. A strong run of Suffolk x Mules sold to £108 twice and £102. Slightly more selective trade on the Mules selling to £82, £79 and £78.

## **STORE HOGGS - 68**

*Auctioneer - Matt Williams*

A smaller entry of store hoggs still selling to a competitive trade. Continental bred hoggs to £70, other sorts £60 to £67.50. Stronger hill bred lambs selling to £69 with farming sorts selling from £45 to £60 depending on breed and condition.

	<b>MIXED HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWE HOGGS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>69.00</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>67.00</b>	-	-
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	-	-	<b>108.00</b>
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>67.50</b>	-	<b>82.00</b>
<b>WELSH/CHEVIOT</b>	<b>57.00</b>	<b>57.00</b>	<b>56.00</b>
<b>SPECKLES</b>	-	-	-

**Overall Average £81.27**

## **CULL EWES - 4340**

*Auctioneers - Robert Meadmore/Greg Christopher*

A huge entry which did nothing to dent an excellent trade from start to finish. Purchasers most keen for well fleshed but not fat ewes, these all between £80 and £90, with the best continentals all over £110 topping at £139. Mule trade similar between £65 and £75. Welsh ewes very sharp generally from £55 to £65. Very few small and plain ewes resulting in an excellent average of £75.33. Ram demand okay with meat from £80 to £107.

**Average £75.33/head**

<b>Continental</b>	<b>£139.00</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>£105.00</b>
<b>North Country Mule</b>	<b>£78.00</b>
<b>Welsh Mules</b>	<b>£77.50</b>
<b>Speckle</b>	<b>£65.50</b>
<b>Welsh</b>	<b>£64.00</b>
<b>Cull Rams</b>	<b>£107.00</b>
<b>Cull Wethers</b>	<b>£70.00</b>

**After several incidents of ewes lambing in markets and abattoirs,  
cull ewe vendors must ensure that their sheep are empty**

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

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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' 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 is now back in place and we are mouthing again as has been done over the last number of years.

Richard Hyde

**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**

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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.