

PRIME HOGGS - 1434

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

A desperately short entry but phenomenal trade of 221p. Every hogg sold averaged £95.52 up to £121. A national shortage of hogs as so many were killed to beat the Brexit deadline of 31st October! Little did we think... Best export 243.1p, 239.7p, 239.2p etc.

Just look at the difference between the beef and cattle price: Cattle £3.50/kg Hoggs £4.90/kg. The difference is that the sheep trade is rising due to competitive auctions, the beef is controlled by a "cartel". The auction system is critical to keep the livestock industry buoyant. Deadweight can only react after the auction system has risen the trade, be part of the driving not a passenger.

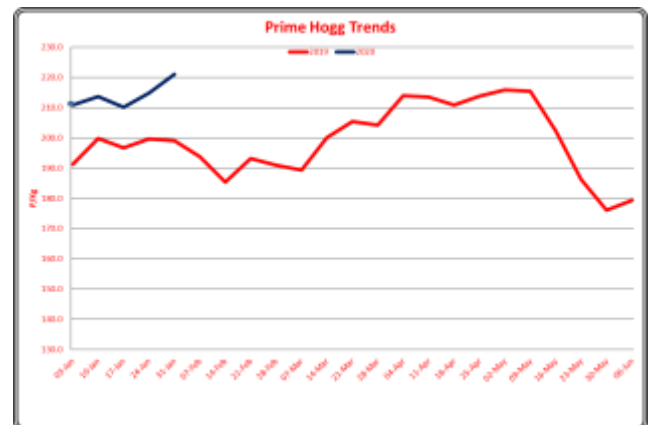
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	TOTAL NO.s	LIGHT		STANDARD		MEDIUM		HEAVY		+ HEAVY	
		25.5	32.0	32.1	39.0	39.1	45.5	45.6	52.0	52.1	>
		PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME
PRIME HOGGS	1434	237.5	191.0	243.1	225.8	239.2	220.1	226.1	209.7	212.3	192.9

Today In History - p/kg

HOGGS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	221.0	199.0	202.8	175.2	170.0	179.0	181.6

PRIME HOGGS SQQ
Average 221p/kg
Top Price/Head £121.00
for hogs grading 60kg



Top Ten p/kg

Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
32.5	N V & R H Smith	79.00	243.1	60.0	D M Davies	121.00
39.0	M Lloyd	93.50	239.7	72.0	K F & C O Lawrence	119.00
39.5	R M O'Neill	94.50	239.2	75.0	G Williams	119.00
33.0	J Hathway	78.50	237.9	71.0	R Wallis	118.50
32.0	R C & S E Sayce	76.00	237.5	60.0	R Wallis	117.50
35.0	T V James-Moore	83.00	237.1	65.0	G Williams	117.50
37.0	N V & R H Smith	87.00	235.1	60.0	TE, ES & T B Stephens	116.00
29.0	H Lloyd	68.00	234.5	54.0	W J & E Williams	114.50
38.0	M Lloyd	89.00	234.2	65.0	W J & E Williams	114.00
33.0	G T R Gough	77.00	233.3	56.0	J J Rees	113.00

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

WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY

8,500 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2000 CULL EWES - 11.00am

3500 STORE HOGGS - 11.15am

800 IN-LAMB EWES - 12 noon

To include 150 quality Suffolk & Mule ewes

2/4 years from one farm

100 EWES & LAMBS

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

Sheep/calf entries close Monday 3rd February at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

At 11.00am

600 STORE CATTLE

CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS

To include several excellent consignments of
well bred strong cattle, 18/24 months

25 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS

IN OR WITH CALVES

60 STOCK/FEEDING BULLS

40 BARREN COWS

Catalogue available

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

WEANERS, STORES, CUTTERS,

BREEDING & CULL STOCK

Pig entries to the office by Tuesday 4th February at 2.00pm

COUPLES - 113 Ewes & 167 Lambs

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Definitely a big premium for stronger lambs today, with a top price of £235 for Suffolk 3 and 4 year old ewes with doubles, and again a similar outfit at £234. A lovely pen of Texel ewes (3 years) with singles at £194 and Suffolk 3 to full mouth with singles at £186, a lot of couples then between £145 and £185 and easily sold. Younger lambs more difficult to place and vendors' expectations sometimes hard to achieve, but nevertheless a 99% clearance effected. Prices per life from £30 to £90 and averaging £60.

IN-LAMB EWES - 987

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Once again it was a pleasure to see them and a pleasure to sell them. Stars of the day were a lovely consignment of Welsh Mules from R T Jones & Co, Corrin scanning 200% to lamb mid March with 2 year olds to £180. 3 year olds to £179 with the whole consignment averaging £149.

Generally an excellent day trade-wise with Texel 3 year old ewes to £151 and again to £140, Welsh Mule yearlings to lamb 24th March to £142, £138 and £134 with 3's and 4's to £135 and £130 (3 times). Suffolk yearlings to £125 lambing mid-February to Texel, 2 to 4 years to £138, and again at £134, £130 and several pens between £125 and £130. A selection of cross bred ewes between £70 and £100, with the entire entry averaging £125 and a near complete clearance effected.

Overall average £125

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 38

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

A stronger entry of calves and a terrific trade throughout. A ring full of buyers ensuring plenty of competition, resulting in the young calves selling to £350/head for a 28 day old smart Blue bull from M/s Pritchard, Marlas Mill. Another selling to £320/head for a 33 day Limousin x bull calf from M/s Jones, Bailey Bedw and nice shaped Blue heifer, 52 days sold to £270/head. Some of the dearest calves however would be those Hereford x calves, 15-28 days old and not very big selling between £120 and £180/head. Older sterky calves 5/6 months were a nice trade also. A run of Hereford x and Angus x calves selling between £300 and £420/head. Nice to see a stronger entry all well sold and many more could have been sold on the trade.

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 29th December 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 5th February 2020

Please telephone Matthew Nicholls on 07811 521267 or Rob Meadmore on 07774 763791

STORE & EWE HOGGS - 4046

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

Another entry of just over 4000 hogs, the largest entry this week in the country. A large crowd of purchasers found an animated trade throughout with the farming hogs the dearest trade this season.

Strong Texel ram hogs to £104 with Suffolk x wethers to £99. Several excellent bunches of Suffolk x wethers - these to £95 for a bunch of 32. Another bunch of 22 to £98 with 172 hogs over £90. Strong bunches from £88 to £98 with more of these needed to meet the demand. A very good show of farming hogs - these £80 to £87.50 throughout with hogs going dearer throughout the sale. No end of bunches £85 to £88 with plenty of customers for these sorts.

Several runs coming off roots, these very keenly bid for with a run of 100 Texels from one farm to average £86.70. A very good run of shorn Romney x wethers, these to £84.80. Two other large bunches to £80.20 and £80, with smaller sorts from £72 to £78. Medium keeping hogs saw the well bred sorts from £72 to £78. Plenty of these mid £70's. Plainer and harder bred sorts generally £67 to £70 and no dearer than last week.

In general the longer term hogs and some mid-keeping sorts no more money, with some odd plainer bunches a little easier. Purchasers exceptionally keen for farming hogs and types with condition as the relentless rain continues. Longer term hogs saw well bred types £60 to £66 throughout, with Mules and plainer types £54 to £59.50. Some very plain types in the £40's. A handful of very backward sorts in the £30's.

Ram hogs to £104 for some super Texels. Others to £95.50 for a good bunch of Texels. Strong Welsh to £85, with a large bunch of Charollais x Welsh to £89.50. Only strength £80 to £90. Farming sorts £70 to £78 and no dearer on the week. Longer term and hill types £50 to £65 depending on strength and condition.

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	95.50	104.00	
CHAROLLAIS	95.00	-	
SUFFOLK	99.00	89.50	
WELSH MULE	84.00	86.00	
WELSH/CHEVIOT	73.50	83.00	
SPECKLE	-	-	

Overall average - £74.13/head

CULL EWES - 1820

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

A sharper trade again altogether and whilst the average is similar to last week, there was a significant shortage of those better ewes. With a majority of plainer types forward, the market average was still £75/head. The best types sold to £150 for ewes from E G Davies & Co, Llwynchwta, with others at £145 and £138.50. All those stronger types £110/head plus. Welsh ewes to £80/head and plenty of those strongest Mules in the £90's. Strongest Suffolks over £100. Those stronger meated and continental rams a better trade, selling to £117/head. Plenty of buyers, and plenty of competition throughout. The trade got dearer as the day went on.

Average £75/head

Continental	£150, £145, £138.50, £135, £132, £131
Suffolk	£111
North Country Mule	£100
Welsh Mules	£90
Speckles	£77
Welsh	£82
Cull Rams	£117
Wethers	£83

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

**Staff wanted for our busy sheep scanning team,
based at Hereford Livestock Market.
Every Wednesday, some Tuesdays in the autumn.
Computer knowledge helpful.**

Please apply in the first instance to:

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