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### PRIME HOGGS - 1758

*Auctioneer - Richard Hyde*

A national shortage of finished hogs is keeping the price up, as numbers generally are disappointing in the face of the best trade in living memory at this time of year. SQQ 213.6p with every sheep averaging £88.65 including those of 24kg. Light and standard weights in tremendous demand! Lights top 231.7p (average 216.0p), standards top 235.9p (average 218.3p). 213.6p would equal to £4.64 dead which is far better than dead price quoted at present with no deductions for heavyweights! As farmers are clearing their hogs to start lambing there is certainly a shortage as the store hogs tend to come back until later in March and April. Therefore please support the live auction as competition can create a proper trade whereas deadweight is trying to pay the least possible, we try to make the most possible. There is a big difference and we must not allow the prime sheep trade to go the same way as the prime cattle trade where the price is controlled by 6-7 large deadweight companies with very little market competition to bring a 'lift' which the sheep trade most certainly has. Sell live to thrive for the sake of the whole sheep industry!

	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>1758</b>	231.7	216.0	235.9	218.3	229.3	211.5	207.6	201.9	199.1	190.7

#### Today In History - p/kg

HOGGS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	213.6	199.8	189.9	167.9	176.6	189.5	176.0

### PRIME HOGGS SQQ

Average 213.6p/kg

Top Price/Head £110.50

for hogs grading 59kg



#### Top Ten p/kg

#### Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
39.0	G A & H M Francis	92.00	235.9	59.0	T E, E S & T B Stephens	110.50
30.0	J L & M R Lloyd	69.50	231.7	60.0	A G Baker	110.50
41.0	G W & G W Green	94.00	229.3	55.0	R Wallis	109.50
35.0	J Thomas & Son	80.00	228.6	59.0	T S Badger	109.50
32.0	G A & H M Francis	73.00	228.1	55.0	D R Buffon	108.50
41.0	A G Baker	93.00	226.8	56.0	R Thatcher	107.00
37.5	W J & E Williams	85.00	226.7	56.0	M J Gray & Son	106.50
36.0	J R Lloyd & Son	81.50	226.4	57.0	K H Davies	105.50
36.5	J R Lloyd & Son	82.50	226.0	55.0	Pritchard Brothers	105.00
33.5	Y Edwards	75.50	225.4	55.0	A C Morgan	105.00

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

**WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY**

**10,000 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**5000 STORE HOGGS - 11.15am**

*(note new time)*

**800 IN-LAMB EWES - 12 noon**

To include from J P Sevenoaks, Greidol Farm -

60 Suf x ewes - 2's due 12th Feb

70 Suf x ewes viz. 30 x 2's & 43 x 3/4's due 4th Feb -

Scanned to Texel rams

100 coloured Mule ewes - 2's/4's, scanned to Suffolk rams due 1st March (200%)

Hep P, Enzovax, Toxovax

**EWES & LAMBS**

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Sheep/calf entries close Monday 13th January at 5.00pm*

**THURSDAY 16th JANUARY**

At 11.00am

**500 STORE CATTLE**

**CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS**

To include

**20 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS**

**IN OR WITH CALVES**

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS**

**25 BARREN COWS**

*Catalogue available*

And at 10.30am sale of

**PIGS**

**WEANERS, STORES, CUTTERS,**

**BREEDING & CULL STOCK**

*Pig entries to the office by Tuesday 14th January at 2.00pm*

## **COUPLES - 36 ewes with 62 lambs**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A nice entry for the first sale of the New Year, with Tom Pearson leading the way at £225 for 4 Suffolk full mouth ewes with 7 lambs (£81.50 a life), and again from the same home at £222 for Suffolk double couples. Mike Ford sold 5 Suffolk 3 year old ewes with 9 lambs at £200, and also Texel ewes with a lamb and a half at £180. Jack Tattersall sold Texel 2/3 year olds with doubles at £190, and there was a selection of ewes and lambs from £110 to £165, generally £60 to £70 a life.

Prospective vendors are encouraged to contact Rob Meadmore to discuss sales.

## **IN-LAMB EWES - 581**

**Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore**

A marvellous show of in-lamb ewes to start the New Year, with purchasers travelling from many parts of Wales and the bordering counties to appreciate the quality on offer. Messrs Sevenoaks, Greidol offered an excellent run of Texel cross 2 to 4 year old ewes, scanned to Texel rams at 200% and lambing at the end of the month selling to £156 (twice), £154 and several times at £142. Older Texel ewes carrying doubles at £135. Mixed age continental ewes carrying triplets to £131 and £118. Suffolk ewes 2 to 4 years carrying twins and due 20th February sold to £150 and £142. Suffolk ewes - mixed ages carrying triplets to £135. Older Suffolk ewes carrying a lamb and a half and due 1st February onwards from £99 to £126. North Country Mule yearlings scanned at 170% to £120 and again at £118 (twice). Mixed age Mules carrying triplets to £131. Full mouth Welsh ewes scanned with a lamb and a half due 1st March to £80 and again at £78.

Several consignments of various breeds promised for next week.

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 36**

**Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls**

A nice entry of calves with a majority of those older weaned sorts and a definite shortage of the baby calves. A strong trade throughout with everything averaging £340/head up to £560/head for an 8 month old Limousin cross bull from Messrs J M Powell, Yew Tree Cottages. A nice run of young British Blue cross bulls (35 to 50 days) from Messrs Hughes generated good interest selling between £270 and £320/head.

A run of 18 Blue heifers (Nov/Oct born) showing promise were well sold between £330 and £410. All in all an excellent trade and more numbers are required to satisfy demand.

Please let us know what you intend to bring.

### **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 27th November 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 15th January 2020*

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

## **STORE & EWE HOGGS - 3166**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

What a start to 2020, a day to be a vendor. We wanted a large entry and just over 3000 was only half the number needed, with purchasers for 6000 hogs. Trade can only be described as exceptional throughout with some lambs £12-£15/head dearer than before Christmas. Several factors have combined to create this demand and maybe a sign that farmers are on top of numbers. A huge crowd of men which would have been even larger if numbers were more with sheep going to all parts today.

Please vendors, if you have stores take advantage of this trade. Feed looks very like the expensive route on this trade.

Strong Texel ram lambs to £108 for a bunch!! Others to £98 and £96.50. A bunch of Suffolk x wethers to £90 for 24, however despite the trade a shortage of strong hogs.

A nice show of farming hogs with some good runs of continentals - these £78 to £89.50, with no end of these bunches £80 to £85. Smart Texels and Beltex a real trade from £80 to £90, with no real strong sorts on offer. Plainer stronger sorts from £74 to £78, with these finding a large audience. Medium keeping hogs from £68 to £75, with well bred types all £72 to £75. Harder bred sorts late £60's with some of these over £70!! Several longer term hogs, these equally like the rest - very dear, £60 to £67 for the well bred longer term lambs. Harder bred sorts £55 to £60 depending on condition. Only some very small Welsh types less than £50, these smaller sorts well over £10/head dearer than pre-Christmas.

Ram hogs easy to place - strength all £80 to £98. Longer term sorts from £65 to £74, with these easy to place throughout. Only small Welsh from £47 to £60. Strong Cheviots to £90, highlighting the strength of the trade.

Next week a much larger entry required, if you're thinking of selling some stores please do not hesitate to contact Greg: 07770 972815.

### **Overall average - £72.55/head**

	<b>MIXED HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM HOGGS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWE HOGGS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>88.00</b>	<b>108.00</b>	-
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>88.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	-
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>96.50</b>	-
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>74.50</b>	-
<b>WELSH/CHEVIOT</b>	<b>68.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	-
<b>SPECKLE</b>	<b>68.80</b>	<b>68.00</b>	-

## **CULL EWES - 2252**

**Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls**

Another solid entry of ewes sold to another absolute flyer with a pen of 20 Texel x ewes to £159/head. Any amount of ewes £120/head plus and plenty in the £130's!! An overall average of £80.24/head was achieved, £8/head dearer than last week. Suffolks to £120/head, any amount of Mules in the £90's and plenty of Welsh ewes well in the £70's. Over 500 ewes sold in excess of £100/head to eight buyers.

All types in excellent demand and more are wanted every week.

### **Average £80.24/head**

<b>Continental</b>	<b>£159,</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>£120,</b>
<b>North Country Mule</b>	<b>£98</b>
<b>Welsh Mules</b>	<b>£90</b>
<b>Speckles</b>	<b>£78</b>
<b>Welsh</b>	<b>£80</b>
<b>Cull Rams</b>	<b>£120</b>
<b>Wethers</b>	<b>£85</b>

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

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