

PRIME HOGGS - 1752

Auctioneer - Richard Hyde

An absolutely fantastic trade - 230.8p with every hogg sold averaging £99.43 including those of 25kg. Heavies £124, £123, £122, £121.50 etc. Best export hogs 259.1p.

The highest trade at this time of year ever with an increase in numbers not about to 'dampen' the trade.

1. A national shortage as vendors sold hard up to 31st October when it was thought Brexit might have brought in tariffs on lamb. Thank goodness not!
2. Import of New Zealand lamb is less than for many years.
3. Increased demand for sheep from the Gulf states and North Africa.
4. More New Zealand lamb going to China and very little Australian lamb available at all.
5. 1 billion pigs less in China after their pig herd is crippled by African Swine Fever, being replaced partly by New Zealand lamb.

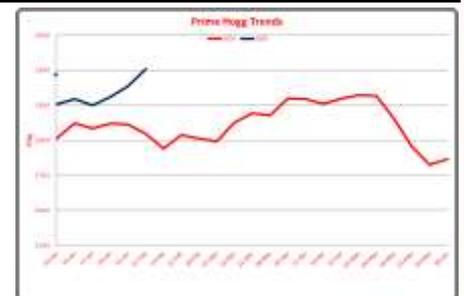
All of these factors have combined to lead to the most fantastic sheep trade with hogs well over £5 per kilo dead but beef is lagging behind at £3.40-£3.50. The difference is that there is a vibrant sheep auction system with plenty of competition to keep the sheep trade up. The beef auction system has been boycotted by the big supermarket abattoirs and the beef trade is controlled by the 'cartel'.

	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	1752	246.7	223.7	254.5	229.8	259.1	231.4	237.5	225.4	219.8	207.5

Today In History - p/kg

HOGGS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	230.8	193.8	204.3	171.5	190.0	193.2	184.0

PRIME HOGGS SQQ
Average 230.8p/kg
Top Price/Head £124
for hogs grading 63kg



Top Ten p/kg

Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
44.0	J Lewis	114.00	259.1	63.0	R C Phillips & Son	124.00
33.0	I Jones	84.00	254.6	62.0	Lord Milford	123.00
37.0	M R Allfrey	93.00	251.4	68.0	SDR & L J Price	122.00
41.0	A G Baker	102.00	248.8	72.0	Lord Milford	121.50
42.0	A G Baker	104.00	247.6	61.5	TE, ES & TB Stephens	120.00
30.0	J Lewis	74.00	246.7	59.0	L & D Morgan	120.00
43.0	A G Baker	106.00	246.6	56.0	R Wallis	120.00
39.5	W J & E Williams	96.50	244.3	56.0	D G & M Morgan & Son	120.00
35.5	T S Badger	86.50	243.7	65.0	E T Morgan	120.00
38.0	R Farr	92.50	243.4	54.5	G Williams	119.50

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

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

8,000 SHEEP

2000 PRIME HOGGS - 9.30am

2000 CULL EWES - 11.00am

3500 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon

600 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.45am

100 EWES & LAMBS - 11.15am

(note new timings)

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am

Sheep/calf entries close Monday 10th February at 5.00pm

THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY

At 11.00am

500 STORE CATTLE

CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS

To include

25 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS

IN OR WITH CALVES

60 STOCK/FEEDING BULLS

40 BARREN COWS

Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 12th February at 12 noon

And at 10.30am sale of

PIGS

WEANERS, STORES, CUTTERS,

BREEDING & CULL STOCK

Pig entries to the office by Tuesday 18th February at 2.00pm

COUPLES - 57 Ewes & 79 Lambs

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Similar sized show of ewe and lamb couples with a nice bit of life in the trade. Several customers doing their best to secure sheep, with M/s Cheacker topping the market with Suffolk 4 year old ewes with double Texel lambs reaching £250, and again then at £238 with a similar bunch. Continental ewes - 7 ewes with 11 lambs to £215, other nice doubles between £150 and £170. Best ewes with singles to £185 with a selection then between £120 to £145, ewes carrying less back with smaller lambs from £80 to £100. An overall average per outfit of £163 and nearly £70 per life.

IN-LAMB EWES - 686

Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore

Another marvellous day in the in-lamb section with what seemed to be at least six purchasers trying to buy at each lot. Top price for some pure Beltex ewes of £180 and again at £170, with Beltex cross around £150. Suffolk 2 - 4 year old ewes scanned with triplets due March to £149 and £140. Older Suffolks from £100 to £120. A good selection of Mule ewes on offer and all well competed for, yearlings to £145, £142 and £140, all scanned about a lamb and half, 3 year olds scanning around 200% to Texel and lambing March onwards to £148, £142 and several pens from £130 to £140. Continental ewes flock ages to £140. A consignment of Romney ewes 3 years old, scanned doubles to Charollais rams, did catch the eye and sold above vendors' expectations topping at £132, other pens at £131, £121 etc. A selection of harder bred smaller ewes between £70 and £90.

REARING/WEANED CALVES - 17

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

A very average show of calves both in terms of numbers and quality. None of those nice fresh 20-40 day young calves forward which was disappointing considering recent trades. The younger sorts that were forward circa 60 days were cold but still sold to £200/head. Some stronger Hereford cross calves from M/s Bray were sold well to £280/head. A top price of £400/head for a weaned calf from M/s Jones, Upper Rheol. An overall average of £222/head achieved. Buyers forward for those fresh baby calves but none forward.

An entry of 20 already booked in for next week and more are required.

*Booked in for next week, 12th February -
6 Hereford x, 2 Angus x & 2 Blue x calves, born August/September
from one organic 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 1st January 2020 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 12th February 2020

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

STORE & EWE HOGGS - 3091

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

As dear as we may see the store hogs, throughout the trade quite simply unbelievable. A large crowd of purchasers battled throughout with demand from the strongest to the smallest. An overall average of just over £80 which includes numerous large bunches of Welsh ram hogs and several smaller clear-up hogs.

Strength to £105, with several bunches over £100. A bunch of Charollais x ram hogs to £103, a super pen of Texel x hogs to £100. Strength all £93 to £105, with no end of hogs mid to late £90's. 640 hogs trading over £90 highlights the trade throughout. For the first week of February still several very good runs of farming hogs - these animated throughout. The better bunches from £87 to £92 with plenty of large bunches late £80's. 100 good Texels from one farm off roots to average £91. Smart Texels and Beltex keenly sought after - these all £84 to £94.

Plainer farming hogs from £82 to £86 and look exceptionally well sold. Medium keeping hogs at times the dearest, with smart sorts all £80 plus. Plainer hogs and harder bred types from £72 to £80, however plenty mid £70's. Still several longer term hogs on show with tail-end hogs forward in more numbers. Smart small sorts from £64 to £72, with plainer types generally £55 to £62. Harder bred £48 to £60 depending on strength, with very few less than £45. Ram hogs animated with the strongest over £100 topping at £103, other strength all to £100. A super bunch of Welsh ram hogs to £98. A very good bunch of Texel x Romney ram hogs from one farm to £96.50 for a bunch of 40. Others to £87.20 and £83 for large bunches. Well bred ram hogs all trading from £85 to £92. Plainer types from £76 to £84 and equally as dear.

Several Welsh ram hogs with several smaller, hardier types however these followed suit and were sharper on the week trading from £50 to £78.20. Several bunches of these £60 to £70 and look well sold. Very small and plain types from £50 to £65. Another good entry of store hogs will be needed for next week, excellent demand which needs to be taken full advantage of at present.

Overall average - £80.09/head

	MIXED HOGGS (£/head)	RAM HOGGS (£/head)	EWE HOGGS (£/head)
TEXEL	100.00	102.00	-
CHAROLLAIS	98.00	103.00	-
SUFFOLK	100.00	97.50	-
WELSH MULE	105.00	88.50	101.00
WELSH/CHEVIOT	74.00	98.00	-
SPECKLE	73.00	76.50	-

CULL EWES - 1781

Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

A solid entry of ewes sold to another excellent trade with ewes flying to £159/head for two separate pens. A serious shortage of strength today with a lot of plainer smaller ewes forward, hence why the top 20 prices were all over £121/head. An overall average of £75/head achieved throughout. Welsh ewes to £85/head and Mules to £107/head. Plenty of competition throughout. All of those nice meated Texel ewes £100/head plus and those strong Suffolk ewes to £130/head. More ewes could have been sold.

Average £74.50/head

Continental	£159, £159, £151, £148.50, £147.50, £137
Suffolk	£130, £127
North Country Mule	£107, £104, £100
Welsh Mules	£90
Speckles	£75
Welsh	£84.50, 82.50
Cull Rams	£123
Wethers	£100

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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