



# REPORT

## STORE CATTLE

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### STORE CATTLE - 407

A smaller entry of store cattle with some resistance starting to be shown but not as much as might be expected considering the prime cattle trade. A good crowd of purchasers with plenty of competition for all sorts with a much better trade than that reported in some other centres. The steers topped at £1160 for a bunch of Angus, with Limousin x steers to £1150 and £1130, strength all £1000 to £1100, although £1070 is a large barrier to cross. Farming steers from £850 to £1000 (190p-210p/kg) with steers with condition easiest sold. Native steers a nice trade with Hereford x to £940, other farming sorts from £800 to £900. Plainer types and smaller Hereford x steers quite hard to place from £600 to £700. Plainer steers from £650 to £750 and with huge fodder stocks these look a good buy, anybody with excess fodder should consider some cattle at present.

Yearling cattle saw the best selling to £1005, other smart sorts from £870 to £980 (200p-225p/kg). Smaller types slightly harder work from £600 to £750 (200p-220p/kg). Plainer sorts from £520 to £600 (170p-190p/kg). Again these younger sorts look well bought, next spring may well see a brighter picture and those cattle could easily pay as well as anything this autumn.

Heifers to £1030, with few breaking £1000. Plenty from £900 to £995 - these 180p-195p/kg. Smart butcher type heifers a sharp trade with these £900 to £1015 (190p-215p/kg). Farming heifers from £800 to £950 for the better sorts, with plainer types harder work in line with the finished price. Several plainer types forward in the heifers which is reflected in the overall average. Yearling heifers to £930, other smarter sorts from £800 to £860 (200p-215p/kg). Smaller and three cornered sorts harder to place and plainer heifers from £550 to £700 (170p-185p/kg). With cattle at these levels, and corn and fodder stocks plentiful farmers are encouraged to purchase cattle.

*Averages: Steers - £835 - 180p/kg ~ Heifers - £720 - 171p/kg*

STEERS - p/kg					STEERS/head			
Vendor	Breed	Weight	£	p/kg	Vendor	Breed	Weight	£
D J & M A Hughes	CHX	395.0	890.00	225.3	J D Burman & Son	AAX	620.0	1160.00
D A Williams	LIM	435.0	970.00	223.0	J D Burman & Son	LIM	595.0	1150.00
D J & L A Pritchard	LIM	310.0	680.00	219.4	M/s L G, VR & MG Christopher	SMX	595.0	1130.00
D A Williams	BRB	480.0	1040.00	216.7	M/s L G, VR & MG Christopher	SMX	630.0	1100.00
W R Thomas & Son	LIM	440.0	945.00	214.8	M G & E Jones	LIM	610.0	1090.00
T L Stokes	LIM	470.0	1005.00	213.8	W A T Jones & C R Samuel	LIM	600.0	1080.00
D A Williams	LIM	455.0	970.00	213.2	J J Dale	BA	550.0	1060.00
W R Thomas & Son	LIM	350.0	745.00	212.9	M G & E Jones	LIM	570.0	1050.00
D T Edwards & Co	CHX	425.0	900.00	211.8	D A Williams	BRB	480.0	1040.00
T L Stokes	LIM	490.0	1020.00	208.2	W A T Jones & C R Samuel	LIM	625.0	1035.00

HEIFERS - p/kg					HEIFERS/head			
Vendor	Breed	Weight	£	p/kg	Vendor	Breed	Weight	£
W R Thomas & Son	LIM	350.0	750.00	214.3	J D Burman & Son	AAX	595.0	1030.00
E L Morgan & Sons	BRB	440.0	930.00	211.4	M & R Thomas	BAX	555.0	1015.00
B J & L A Pritchard	LIM	340.0	710.00	208.8	M & R Thomas	CHX	545.0	1015.00
D A & S E Jones	LIM	470.0	980.00	208.5	J J Dale	BA	500.0	1015.00
M & R Thomas	BRB	480.0	995.00	207.3	C E & D M Dale	BAX	530.0	1000.00
J J Dale	BA	460.0	950.00	206.5	E P & A L Lloyd	CHX	565.0	1000.00
J J Dale	BA	500.0	1015.00	203.0	M & R Thomas	BRB	480.0	995.00
J J Dale	BA	490.0	990.00	202.0	W A T Jones & C R Samuel	BAX	560.0	990.00
H E Powell & Co	CH	405.0	815.00	201.2	J J Dale	BA	490.0	990.00
J J Dale	BA	480.0	960.00	200.0	E P & A L Lloyd	CHX	520.0	990.00

## FEEDING & BREEDING BULLS - 42

A good entry of bulls with yet again most of the entry as late entries. A super trade throughout with plenty of buyers forward resulting in an average of 191p/kg up to 230p/kg for a pair of 300kg Limousin bulls from Mr S Bigley, Quakers Farm. Those nice continental bulls 8 to 12 months were very well sought after. A very nice 21 month pedigree Limousin bull from M/s Phillips, The Batch saw terrific interest and flew to £2750.

More bulls required next sale. An overall average of £840 achieved.

## BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS IN OR WITH CALVES AND BULLING HEIFERS - 14

A varied entry of cows and calves with as many late entries as entered into the catalogue. Late entries from Messrs Bushell, Old Gaines Farm saw nice interest topping at £1400/head with others at £1300 and £1250. A Limousin cow with her Angus bull calf from Mr M Walsh, Norbrook sold to £1240/head. A lovely run of pedigree Herefords from Mr A P Rogers, Lucton Hall sold well with a pedigree cow with her bull calf selling to £1200. There is plenty of demand for the right sorts and could be sold to advantage.

## BARREN COWS - 30

A nice entry of barren cows sold to a sharp trade, well in excess of what was expected considering the drop in the deadweight. The cows averaged 119p/kg up to 140p/kg for a 700kg Limousin cow from M/s V E & B M Samuel & Son. The best cows to £1135/head and any amount £800 to £900/head. The cows averaged a very pleasing £825/head and more could have been sold on the trade. Strongest, meated types easiest sold. More required at our next sale - 7th November.

### **THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER**

At 11.00am

#### **650 STORE CATTLE**

To include

#### **CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS**

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

**STOCK/FEEDING BULL ~ BARREN COWS**

*Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 30th October at 12 noon*

### **THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER**

At 11.00am

#### **500 STORE CATTLE**

To include

#### **CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS**

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

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS ~ BARREN COWS**

*Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 13th November at 12 noon*

## THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS HEREFORD MARKET

We have been very honoured by the visit of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. He has come from the business community and told me he was once a salesman of oil. Sadly livestock aren't the same value as oil but he does fully appreciate the business that we are in.

I think he appreciated the day here and I think that the messages he has been given will be acted upon and questioned at as high a level as possible. The most important point we have tried to explain is that there needs to be an enquiry into the power of supermarkets and their prices to producers and the wish of abattoirs to finish the auction system to stamp out competition. I am going to keep in touch with his Grace and I hope the day here will stay with him for many years to come.

