

# MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

16th October 2019

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## PRIME LAMBS - 1511

*Auctioneer - Richard Hyde*

1000 less than last week and SQQ 164.3p. Heavies a very good trade to £90, £86.50, £86, £85.50 etc. Best export 202.8p, 196.6p, 196.3p etc. Euro at 88p is 1p worse but every lamb sold averaged £71.72 from £43.50 to £90. Quality sheep sold exceedingly well to 202.8p/kg.

*2000 needed every week*

	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>1511</b>	166.7	152.6	202.8	167.1	196.6	164.5	172.9	160.5	161.7	151.8

### Today In History - p/kg

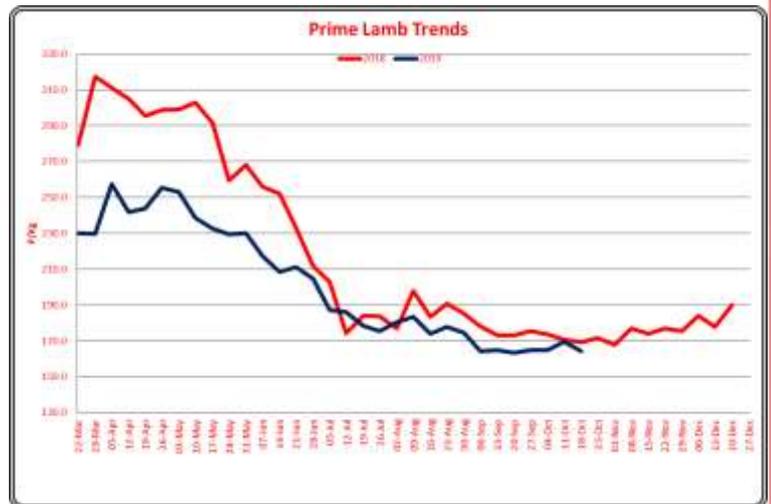
LAMBS	2019	164.3	2018	169.6	2017	173.4	2016	162.7	2015	173.5	2014	154.4	2013	181.1
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## PRIME LAMBS SQQ

Average 164.3p/kg

Top Price/Head £90

for lambs grading 58kg



### Top Ten p/kg

### Top Ten £/head

Kg	Vendor	£	/kg	Kg	Vendor	£
73.00	D J B & E C D Davies	73.00	202.8	58.0	W E & M G Morgan	90.00
86.50	D J B & E C D Davies	86.50	196.6	59.0	R Wallis	90.00
78.50	Messrs Cresswell & Oliver	78.50	196.3	53.5	D S Smith	86.50
73.00	W J & E Williams	73.00	184.8	44.0	D J B & E C D Davies	86.50
66.50	M J Gray & Son	66.50	184.7	55.5	J I Mills & Son	86.00
68.00	J Mills	68.00	183.8	56.0	Messrs Cresswell & Oliver	85.50
78.50	D P Davies	78.50	182.6	60.0	G E & E A Williams & Son	85.50
82.00	Hinton Fields	82.00	182.2	51.5	F D Grosvenor & Co	84.50
78.00	A G Baker	78.00	181.4	56.5	J J Dale	83.50
81.00	Messrs Cresswell & Oliver	81.00	180.0	51.5	K J Goodwin	83.50

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

**WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

**11,000 SHEEP**

**2000 PRIME LAMBS - 9.30am**

**2500 CULL EWES - 11.00am**

**5000 STORE LAMBS - 11.15am**

**250 BREEDING RAMS - 11.30am**

*Ram entries to the office by Friday 18th October*

**800 BREEDING EWES - 12 noon**

**70 REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.45am**

*Sheep/calf entries close Monday 21st October at 5.00pm*

**TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER**

At 11.00am

**Third Special Sale of**

**3000 EWE LAMBS**

**To be sold through the ring**

*Entries for catalogue by Friday 18th October at 4.00pm*

**THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER**

At 11.00am

**650 STORE CATTLE**

**CONTINENTAL & NATIVE BREEDS**

To include

**25 BEEF TYPE COWS/HEIFERS**

**IN OR WITH CALVES**

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS**

**BARREN COWS**

*Catalogue closes 30th October at 12 noon*

And at 10.30am sale of

**PIGS**

Weaners, stores, porkers, breeding stock

*Pig entries to the office by Tuesday 5th November at 2.00pm*

## **BREEDING RAMS - 178**

*Auctioneers - Michael Evans/Matthew Williams*

Best sheep still in demand but a smaller crowd of purchasers today. Top selling a Texel yearling from M/s J & M C Hartwright at £546 with other better Texels from £315 to £504. Several poorer sorts difficult to move from £147 to £284. Suffolk the same results. Better from £315 to £504, top seller M/s L E Lloyd & Son with others harder to move from £168 to £252. Charollais sold to £451.50 with better types from £315, others £168 upwards.

Crossbred sheep saw the better from £315 to £504, top price for a Suffolk x Charollais. Rams need to have conformation with plainer, smaller sorts from £100 to £200. Blue Faced Leicester yearlings from £84 to £420. Ram lambs sold to £399 twice, both being Suffolks. Others from £126 to £252. Texel lambs from £168 to £252. Good clearance on the best with vendors keen to do business.

## **REARING/WEANED CALVES - 61**

*Auctioneer - Michael Evans*

Another good entry of 42 calves under 42 days sold to a better enquiry. Quality was better and sold to £340 for a British Blue cross bull out of a Fleckvieh cow with 6 other bulls all over £320, other stronger Blue cross bulls from £220 to £285, smaller sorts from £100 to £200. With 32 British Blue cross calves on offer there was plenty of choice with stronger heifers £190 to £250, younger heifers from £50 to £130. Other breeds included Charolais cross heifers from £50 to £225 and Limousin cross bulls from £70 to £320, Limousin cross heifers also from £70 to £150.

19 weaned calves topped at £570 for a 6 month Limousin cross bull with other 4 month from the same farm at £530 and heifers at £450. Other younger dairy cross weanlings 12 to 15 weeks sold from £230 to £350. Total clearance effected.

*Early entries for next week include  
20 weaned calves 3 to 5 months being bulls, heifers and steers*

### **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 11th September 2019 or since can be sold from farms that are TB clear without needing to be tested at our next sale on 23rd October 2019*

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

### **WAKE UP!**

We have all seen what has happened to the beef trade now that the prime cattle auctions are nearly over and deadweight is in control. Do you want the same for the sheep trade because it will happen if too many are delivered deadweight? Without an auction system how can you see a rise in trade due to competition? You can't. 25 years ago in Southern Ireland all purchase of primestock in markets was stopped to make vendors sell deadweight only. The results have kept Irish livestock prices below those of the U.K. and now 70% of red meat slaughtered on the mainland is controlled by six meat companies and the term 'beef cartel' has been used in the national press.

If you want an auction system to survive you need to sell live to make the main abattoirs send buyers back out into the market place. If you don't there will be a monopoly and the industry will only have itself to blame. It is not too late but we don't have a single supermarket abattoir account at Hereford Market. We rely on the export firms, ethnic sales and smaller independents. The larger firms have boycotted markets to stamp out competition, is that what you want?

**BREEDING EWES - 1119**

*Auctioneer - Robert Meadmore*

Still plenty of business to be done in the breeding section, with the top twenty prices all over £100. Texel yearlings topped the day at £130 and again at £129, with the same breed 3's and 4's to £91 and then around £70. Suffolk yearlings to £127 (twice) with 3's and 4's to £115, £97 and £92. Welsh Mule yearling to £123, £122 and £120, North Country yearlings to £120 with full mouth around £70. Good call for the harder bred sheep with yearlings to £96, 3's and 4's to £111, and several pens from £70 to £90. Older Welsh and Cheviot ewes from £40 to £60. Only a handful of sheep unsold at the end of the sale.

**CULL EWES - 2374**

*Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls*

An excellent entry of ewes again sold to a sharper trade throughout topping at £146/head for Texel ewes from M/s Stell, Shelldon Farm. Other ewes at £140, £132, £130, £124.50 and £120/head. Those strongest Suffolks tickling £100/head and plenty £85 to £95/head. The lean would easily outsell the fat whatever the breed. Several grazing and feeding men forward making those leaner type £30-£55 ewes a very good trade. Again the Mules the hardest sellers but nothing new there. All in all a stronger trade and much sharper than this time last year. Top 20 prices all in excess of £103.50/head.

**Average £54/head**

Continental	£146
Suffolk	£104
North Country Mule	£74
Welsh Mules	£70
Speckles	£62
Welsh	£63
Cull Rams	£115
Wethers	£78

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

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**FORTHCOMING CATTLE SALES 2019**  
**catalogue closes Wednesday week before sale at 12 noon**

<u>SALE DATE</u>	<u>SALE</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE FOR CATALOGUE</u>
THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER	STORE CATTLE	Catalogue closes 30th October
THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER	STORE CATTLE	Catalogue closes 13th October
THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER	STORE CATTLE	Catalogue closes 27th November

## **STORE LAMBS - 4138**

*Auctioneer - Greg Christopher*

A good entry of lambs was met by the largest crowd of the season with several men out for the first time. A very strong Welsh contingent with sheep going to all parts of Wales, throughout the Midlands and into the south west. Trade was fast throughout and generally the lambs would be as dear as we have seen this autumn. Strongest stores may be if anything a little less on the week, however a super bunch of 60 Suffolk x wethers to £71, Texels to £73 and Charollais x lambs to £68.20. Strength £64 to £68 with plenty of bunches mid £60's today. Farming lambs certainly sharper, although several nice runs of well bred farming lambs - these £58 to £63.80, however plenty £62 to £64, especially the level bunches. Medium keeping lambs also a shade dearer - the well bred sorts £54 to £58, with harder bred and plainer types £52 to £55. Medium keep sorts meeting more customers with stubble turnips now well established and plenty of grass.

Longer keep lambs £46 to £53 for well bred lambs with potential, these meeting several customers. Plainer types and hill bred sorts from £38 to £47 depending on strength and condition. Only some very plain and small sorts from £25 to £35.

Ram lambs were fewer in number these topped at £77 for a Texel, other strong sorts from £66 to £71.50. Farming sorts from £60 to £64. Good Welsh to £59.80, other Welsh from £42 to £58 with a large bunch of 105 Welsh ram lambs to £45.80. Generally these medium keeping sorts from £48 to £55.

More ewe lambs forward - these easy to place topping at £91 for some pure Texels. Other Texels to £90 and £88. Smaller smarter headed sorts £75 to £80. Suffolk x Mules to £91, other stronger Suffolk x Mules from £78 to £85. Welsh Mules to £78 for some coloured Mules. Several Mules forward - these stronger sorts £70 to £75. Smaller types from £58 to £68. Nearly everything sold - only a handful of ewe lambs missed. 5000+ lambs needed next week with increased demand for stores.

### **Overall average - £58.97**

	<b>MIXED LAMBS (£/head)</b>	<b>RAM LAMBS (£/head)</b>	<b>EWES LAMBS (£/head)</b>
<b>TEXEL</b>	<b>73.00</b>	<b>77.00</b>	<b>91.00</b>
<b>CHAROLLAIS</b>	<b>68.20</b>	<b>71.50</b>	
<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>71.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>91.00</b>
<b>WELSH MULE</b>	<b>54.00</b>	<b>56.50</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>WELSH</b>		<b>59.80</b>	
<b>NORTH COUNTRY MULE</b>			

<b><u>SALE DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALE</u></b>	<b><u>CATALOGUE CLOSING DATE</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER</b>	<b>THIRD SALE OF EWES LAMBS To include SALE OF STORE LAMBS</b>	<b>FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 4.00pm</b>

## 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.

