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# MARKET REPORTS

## WEDNESDAY

### 20th December 2023



#### PRIME LAMBS - 3017

*Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls*

An unbelievable trade from start to finish, averaging a phenomenal 286p/kg up to 336p/kg for 38kg from Dunswater Farms that made £127.50/head. Pen after pen £3/kg plus, in fact the 32-39kg averaged 289p/kg!! The light lambs have had a serious jump with the 29 to 32kg trading from 260p-286p/kg, some of the Welsh lambs look a serious trade.

The 40-42kg were in strongest demand with 40kg from Mr D P Davies, Neuadd Coed sailing to 315p/kg. A pen of 45kg from M/s A Williams, Lower Blaencurdy topping at £137/head or 304p/kg and plenty of those 47-50kg trading places at £130 to £140/head. The real heavies a staggering price topping at £165/head for 63kg and others at £162.50, £162, £161 and 5 pens at £160.

**All in all an absolute flyer!**

| 3017             | LIGHTS<br>< 25.5 - 32.0 |       | STANDARD<br>32.1 - 39.0 |        | MEDIUM<br>39.1 - 45.5 |        | HEAVY<br>45.6 - 52.0 |        | + HEAVY<br>52.1 - > |        |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
|                  | PREMIUM                 | PRIME | PREMIUM                 | PRIME  | PREMIUM               | PRIME  | PREMIUM              | PRIME  | PREMIUM             | PRIME  |
| PRIME LAMBS/KG   | 290                     | 267   | 336                     | 289    | 321                   | 288    | 290                  | 276    | 290                 | 271    |
| PRIME LAMBS/HEAD | 89.80                   | 79.03 | 127.50                  | 104.98 | 139.00                | 123.80 | 145.00               | 133.56 | 165.00              | 152.09 |

**PRIME LAMBS**  
**SQQ 285.9p/kg**



#### Summary of Prime Lamb Weights/Prices

Top/kg

Top/head

| Weight | Price-£/head | Price-p/kg | Vendor             |
|--------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 38.0   | 127.50       | 336.0      | Dunswater Farms    |
| 34.0   | 113.50       | 334.0      | N A Bufton         |
| 35.0   | 115.50       | 330.0      | F D Grosvenor & Co |
| 40.5   | 130.00       | 321.0      | W L Jerman & Sons  |
| 40.0   | 126.00       | 315.0      | D P Davies         |
| 36.0   | 113.50       | 315.0      | E Williams         |
| 35.5   | 111.50       | 314.0      | E Williams         |
| 39.0   | 122.00       | 313.0      | Dunswater Farms    |
| 37.5   | 116.50       | 311.0      | A Knowles          |
| 42.0   | 130.50       | 311.0      | J Watkins          |

| Weight | Price-£/head | Vendor              |
|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| 63.0   | 165.00       | HBJ Farms           |
| 60.0   | 162.50       | S I Rogers          |
| 62.0   | 162.00       | J Heath Partnership |
| 55.5   | 161.00       | W L Jerman & Sons   |
| 62.0   | 160.00       | HBJ Farms           |
| 65.0   | 160.00       | AD & KJ Williams    |
| 60.0   | 160.00       | HBJ Farms           |
| 67.0   | 160.00       | H & H Layton        |
| 67.0   | 160.00       | HBJ Farms           |
| 57.0   | 158.00       | HBJ Farms           |

## **FORTHCOMING SALES**

**TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2024**

**NO SALES**

**WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY**

**PRIME HOGGS - 10.00am**

**CULL EWES - 12 noon**

*All sheep penned on arrival*

**THURSDAY 4th JANUARY**

**150 STORE CATTLE**

**BARREN COWS**

**COWS IN OR WITH CALVES**

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS**

**STORE CATTLE**

*Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 27th December at 12 noon*

*Please note the office is closed on 28th/29th December*

**TUESDAY 9th JANUARY**

**5000 SHEEP**

**800 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am**

**4000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon**

**REARING & WEANED CALVES**

*Store sheep/rearing calf entries by Friday 5th January at 5.00pm*

*The Directors and  
Staff at Hereford  
Market  
would like to wish  
all our customers  
a very Happy  
Christmas*



## **VET ATTESTATION NUMBERS**

**If your farm is not Farm Assured you will need to obtain a V.A.N. from your vet. Without a V.A.N. your livestock will not be eligible for export and your livestock may reduce in value because of fewer buyers. If you sell the following classes of livestock and are not Farm Assured you MUST obtain a V.A.N. :**

**PRIME LAMBS & HOGGETS**

**STORE LAMBS & HOGGETS**

**CULL EWES**

**PRIME CATTLE**

**STORE CATTLE**

**BARREN COWS**

**THIS IS NEEDED FROM TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER**

## **CULL EWES - 1852, GOATS - 60**

*Auctioneers - Rob Meadmore/Phil Jones*

Bigger and better show of ewes with the overall average up to an impressive £97. Pure bred Texels to £198, others between £158 and £182. Plenty of well bred strong Suffolk and Texel crosses forward, easily sold between £125 and £150. Mules right sharp - most around £100. Welsh and Speckles well competed for, generally £60 to £80. Rams to £150, best all over £100.

The goat trade is suffering from a slacker demand, however a top price of £130 and an average of £109.

### ***Overall ewe average £97.69***

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Continental</b>        | <b>£198</b>   |
| <b>Suffolk</b>            | <b>£142</b>   |
| <b>North Country Mule</b> | <b>£110</b>   |
| <b>Welsh Mule</b>         | <b>£100</b>   |
| <b>Speckles</b>           | <b>£80</b>    |
| <b>Welsh</b>              | <b>£82.50</b> |
| <b>Cull Rams</b>          | <b>£150</b>   |
| <b>Cull Wethers</b>       | <b>£111</b>   |
| <b>Goats</b>              | <b>£130</b>   |

**For advice on marketing cull stock please contact;  
Phil Jones - 07895120404 or Rob Meadmore - 07774763971**

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

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

FOLLOWING A RECENT MEETING WITH DEFRA  
IT WAS MADE VERY CLEAR THAT ANY VENDOR PRESENTING LAME OR UNFIT SHEEP MAY FACE PROSECUTION BY THE  
AUTHORITIES

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#### **FARM ASSURANCE**

##### **HEREFORD MARKET AUCTIONEERS LTD**

**WE ASSUME THAT ALL FARM ASSURED SHEEP PRESENTED FOR SALE HAVE BEEN  
ON THE PREMISES FOR A MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS TO COMPLY WITH RESIDENCY  
REQUIREMENTS.**

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO INFORM THE AUCTIONEERS IF THE  
60 DAY RESIDENCY HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED**



## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS -** **2023/24**

NORMAL -

**TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER**

Store lambs ~ in-lamb ewes ~ calves

**WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER**

Prime lambs ~ cull ewes

**THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER**

Sale of

**130 IN-CALF COWS**

From Upper Court Farms

To be sold first at 10.30am

Followed by

**BARREN COWS ~ FEEDING BULLS ~ STORE CATTLE**

**FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER - TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER 2023 inc.  
CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY 27th DECEMBER - OPEN**

Prime lambs & cull ewes only

all stock penned on arrival

Market opens at 6.30am ~ weighing from 7.00am

Sale starts at 10.00am with prime lambs

**THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY 1st JANUARY 2024 inc.  
CLOSED**

**TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2024**  
**NO SALE**

**WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024**

Prime hogs ~ cull ewes

First cattle sale of 2024 - **THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024**

*Entries close Wednesday 27th December at 12 noon*

***A Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy  
New Year to all our Customers***