

MARKET REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

6th December 2023

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Auctioneer - Matthew Nicholls

PRIME LAMBS - 1712

A pleasing entry especially considering the difficulties in the trade reported yesterday, but nevertheless it didn't deter a super show of lambs for the Christmas Fatstock Show. Vendors were rewarded with an SQQ of 263p/kg, 10p-15p/kg dearer than many centres recorded yesterday. In fact the 39kg-45kg averaged an impressive 267.43p/kg. The show section was very well supported and our thanks go to all exhibitors, sponsors and particularly the judges who backed their judgement purchasing the Overall Champion Pen that made £192/hd or 463p/kg for 41.5kg lambs, presented by M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern. The same family also took reserve for a pen of 44kg lambs that made £170/hd and were purchased by Mr Jake Jones. Congratulations to all prize winners, a full schedule of results on page 3.

The commercial lambs all easily sold with the 42kg to 45kg the easiest selling weights, these trading from £110 to £124/hd. The 46 - 48kg not a lot faster but the nicer pens selling to £131/hd.

The very heavies 53kg to 55kg generally trading places from £135 to £145/hd, the very heaviest types at £168.50/hd for 70kg from M/s S C & G S Stell, others at £159.50, £158.00, £157, £156.50 and £155.50.

The light lambs equally as dear with several pens of 35kg and 37kg trading in excess of 270p/kg up to 297p/kg for a pen of 37kg.

A very pleasing Christmas Fatstock day. **Don't forget your V.A.N. numbers will be needed next week.**

	LIGHTS < 25.5 - 32.0		STANDARD 32.1 - 39.0		MEDIUM 39.1 - 45.5		HEAVY 45.6 - 52.0		+ HEAVY 52.1 - >	
	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME
PRIME LAMBS/KG	269	218	297	258	463	267	288	258	271	253
PRIME LAMBS/ HEAD	78.00	59.25	115.00	94.28	192.00	114.43	137.00	124.80	168.50	142.84

PRIME LAMBS SQQ 263p/kg



Summary of Prime Lamb Weights/Prices

Top/kg

Top/head

Weight	Price-£/head	Price-p/kg	Vendor
41.5	192.00	463	W L Jerman & Sons
44	170.00	386	W L Jerman & Sons
43	142.00	330	Dunswater Farms Limited
37	110.00	297	M O Bevan & Sons
39	115.00	295	D Meredith
44	128.50	292	D P Davies
43	125.00	291	D Meredith
37	107.50	291	J P Price & S E Lloyd
36.5	105.50	289	E Williams
47.5	137.00	288	R J Pritchard

Weight	Price-£/head	Vendor
41.5	192.00	W L Jerman & Sons
44	170.00	W L Jerman & Sons
70	168.50	S C & C S Stell
60	159.50	W E & M G Morgan
68	158.00	L E Lloyd & Son
58	157.00	J & M C Hartwright
61.5	156.50	W E & M G Morgan
62	155.50	S C & G S Stell
60	153.00	G W & N G Farmer
68	152.00	R J P Thomas & Sons

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET ~ GREEN MARKET STATUS

FORTHCOMING SALES

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

6,000 SHEEP

Section for

250 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

6000 STORE LAMBS - 11.30am

SECOND SPECIAL SALE OF SUCKLED CATTLE

Catalogue available

REARING CALVES

Store sheep/rearing calf entries by Friday 8th December

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

PRIME LAMBS - 10.00am

CULL EWES - 12 noon

All sheep penned on arrival

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

400 STORE CATTLE

Special Sale of Suckler Herd

90 CONTINENTAL CROSS IN-CALF COWS

6 STOCK BULLS

From

Upper Court Farms, Clifford

To be sold first at 10.30am

Catalogue available

Followed by

50 BARREN COWS

COWS IN OR WITH CALVES

STOCK/FEEDING BULLS

STORE CATTLE

Store entries to the office by Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon

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. WE suggest that if you sell the following classes of livestock and are not Farm Assured you should obtain a V.A.N. :

Prime Lambs & Hoggets

Store Lambs & Hoggets

Cull Ewes

Prime Cattle

Store Cattle

Barren Cows

THIS WILL BE NEEDED FROM TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW OF PRIME LAMBS



With thanks to our judges: Shaun Greves-Jones, Herefordshire Meats and Clive Davies

Class 1: Best pen of 5 Beltex/Beltex x lambs – any weight

- 1) 286 M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern
- 2) 287 M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern
- 3) 290 Mr D Meredith, Holywell

Class 2: Best pen of 5 Texel/Texel x lambs – any weight

- 1) 275 J & M Hartwright, Springfields
- 2) 276 J & M Hartwright, Springfields
- 3) 278 W E & M G Morgan, Tyngarn

Class 3: Best pen of 5 Charollais/Charollais x lambs – any weight

- 1) 313 Mr G B Essex-Potter & Co, Stanford Court
- 2) 310 Mr D Meredith, Holywell
- 3) 311 Mr A Layton, Stall House

Class 4: Best pen of 5 Suffolk/Suffolk x lambs – any weight

- 1) 352 Mr P Maund, Lower Town
- 2) 355 Mr G W Farmer, Oxhall
- 3) 354 Mr D Williams, Copsgrove

Class 5: Best pen of 5 lambs exhibited by a Young Farmers Club member

- 1) 321 Ella Baker, Dunswater
- 2) 320 Lucy Baker, Dunswater
- 3) 322 Ollie Davies, Paradise Farm

THE HEREFORD TIMES CUP

For champion pen of lambs

286 M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern

RESERVE CHAMPION

Pen of lambs

287 M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern

THE DAVID BISHOP CUP

For Best pen of 5 lambs exhibited by a Young Farmers Club member

321 Miss Ella Baker, Dunswater

THE HEREFORD BUTCHERS CUP

For Best pen of 5 lambs exhibited by a Herefordshire producer

286 M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW OF PRIME LAMBS

Champion Pen of Lambs

Awarded to Richard Jerman, M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern presented by Councillor Roger Phillips



£192.00 (41.5kg)

Reserve Champion Pen of Lambs M/s W L Jerman & Sons, The Wern



1st Texel -
J & M
Hartwright



2nd Texel -
J & M
Hartwright



3rd Texel -
WE & MG Morgan



1st
Charollais -
G B Essex-
Potter & Co



2nd
Charollais-
D Meredith



3rd
Charollais -
A Layton



1st YFC
Ella Baker



2nd YFC
Lucy Baker



3rd YFC
Ollie Davies



With thanks to our sponsors - Herefordshire Meats, R M Jones, Cllr Roger Phillips, NFU Hereford, Torgate Insurance, Whistance Feeds (representatives pictured) and Caleb Roberts, T H White, Tenbury Farm Supplies, Hereford Times and HSBC Bank



CULL EWES - 1551, GOATS - 92

Auctioneers - Rob Meadmore/Phil Jones

The largest entry for some time with 8 buyers in attendance to join in the festive fun. Hereford prices, service and convenience stand better than several other local markets and with the influx of sheep from the north of the country looking as though it is drying up, now is the time to think about selling surplus ewes.

The pure bred ewes easily £20 to £40 dearer this week with a fresh buyer lifting the trade. Good crossbred ewes dearer by £5 - £10 from £125 to £150. Good competition ensured by the abundance of buyers especially on those £70 to £90 ewes, these buoyed up by grazing work. Welsh and Cheviots very similar at £50 to £70!

Several rams forward although none very heavy but all well sold to a top of £129.

The goat entry keeps on increasing, numbering 92 today, top price £158 and averaging £126.

Annual Christmas Fatstock Show of Cull Ewes

Best pen of Lowland Ewes

- 1) P Monahan £216.00
- 2) J & M C Hartwright £218.00
- 3) L E Lloyd & Son £180.00

Best pen of Hill Type Ewes

- 1) G E Powell £76.00
- 2) J R Joseph & Co £81.00
- 3) R J P Thomas & Son £66.00

Overall average £78.00

Continental	£230.00
Suffolk	£155.00
North Country Mule	£110.00
Welsh Mule	£102.00
Speckles	£75.00
Welsh	£82.00
Cull Rams	£129.00
Cull Wethers	£100.00
Goats	£158.00

**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
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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

Store hogs ~ in-lamb ewes ~ calves

All stock penned on arrival

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