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REPORT

796 STORE CATTLE

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2024

STEERS & HEIFERS - 572

*Auctioneers - Matthew Nicholls/
Greg Christopher/Rory Matthews*

An absolute straight price!! The general consensus was that the trade would be £60 to £70/head dearer on average than the previous sale. Not quite the overall quality of cattle forward today overall but some excellent runs from noted vendors.

The sale ring was packed to the rafters with an abundance of buyers from all corners of the country and several fresh faces forward again.

The numbers forward and the show of cattle were key to generating this demand and trade. Its marvellous to see this trade and lets hope it encourages the producers to keep the cows! A large proportion from Mid Wales highlighting the quality of stock produced from the area and the need for stock levels to be maintained at their current level.

The quality in the homebred sucklers were a credit to vendors, an exceptional run of 18 Limousins from M/s Price Brothers, Tyleheulog rang the bell which resulted in their steers and heifers averaging £1686/head or 327p/kg topping at a phenomenal £2010/head for a 600kg steer. Their heifers equally as dear topping at £1940 for a 600kg heifer. The heifers topped at £1950 (600kg) for a pedigree Limousin from R M & G L Watkins, The Cwm.

Another superb run from the Bridgewater family resulted in a run of 40 averaging £1466/head selling up to £1760 for a 540kg Limousin steer.

Plenty of buyers for those stronger feeding Charolais, with an entry of 14 steers and heifers from F H & M L Morgan, Nantygwrreiddyn averaging £1678/head up to £1880/head for a 570kg Charolais steer.

The averages speak for themselves as mentioned earlier a varied show of cattle forward and yet the steers averaged over £1400/head or 292p/kg, up to 381p/kg for a 9 month 370kg steer that flew to £1410/head from M/s Havard Brothers, Llwynrhys. The heifers averaged 283p/kg or £1254/head up to 341p/kg for a 480kg Limousin from M/s Price Brothers, Tyleheulog that made £1635/head.

Some large consignments forward today to include a marvellous run from Mr W Jones, Craigol that averaged just shy of £1480/head, up to £1800 & 1780/head for steers.

Numerous runs of first cross Blues forward which were in serious demand. A good 580kg Blue heifer from M/s Wagstaff sparked fierce bidding topping at £1840/head, others from the same stable trading places at £1780, £1725, £1710 and the 12 heifers averaging £1552/head.

The trade without a doubt got dearer as the sale progressed with an entry of 33 from Garnstone Farms looking a serious price, averaging £1412/head up to £1690/head for three Charolais heifers, another pair of heifers from the same stable selling to £1650 for 520kg.

Continued.

A good proportion of Native bred Angus & Hereford cattle, these remain very good to sell, Angus steers to £1700 (600kg) from N C Davies, others to £1565, with feeding types from £1300 to £1350, the Herefords climbing to £1475 & £1420 from M/s R & R J Mills, other feeding types £1200 to £1355, with younger grazing cattle £850 to £1100. Angus heifers to £1590, with feeding sorts £1050 to £1265.

Smart younger grazing cattle starting to gain more momentum with more purchasers present, smart steers 310 to 350p/kg with plenty 325 to 335p/kg, £1200 to £1450, younger sorts with potential nearly all £1050 plus, with plainer types £800 to £1000.

Heifers the same story as the steers with smart heifers £1100 to £1300 (310 to 335p/kg) the next step down from £950 to £1080, with plainer younger sorts from £750 to £900 depending on shape and growth. Younger, fitter cattle would be slightly harder work.

Overall average for all store cattle a fantastic £1305.85/head

Next store cattle sale - Thursday 7th March 2024

Very good entries to hand, we anticipate 850 plus cattle for our next sale



Overall Averages
Steers - £1401/head 292p/kg
Heifers - £1254/head 283p/kg

STEERS - p/kg					STEERS/head			
Vendor	Breed	Weight	£	p/kg	Vendor	Breed	Weight	£
Havard Brothers	LIM	370	1410.00	381	Price Bros	LIM	600	2010.00
W T J & J E Bridgewater	LIM	480	1670.00	347.9	F H & M L Morgan	CHAR X	570	1880.00
A L Davies & Sons	CHAR X	450	1550.00	344.4	F H & M L Morgan	LIM	590	1850.00
R M & E Powell	CHAR X	433	1475.00	340.6	Price Bros	LIM	550	1850.00
Price Bros	LIM	470	1600.00	340.4	Price Bros	LIM	550	1810.00
W Jones	LIM	453.3	1540.00	340	W Jones	LIM	550	1800.00
J G Williams & Co	LIM	350	1190.00	340	Price Bros	LIM	530	1795.00
A J Abberley	CHAR X	450	1530.00	340	W Jones	BRB	525	1780.00
W Jones	BRB	525	1780.00	339	W T J & J E Bridgewater	LIM	540	1760.00
Price Bros	LIM	490	1660.00	338.8	A J Abberley	CHAR X	540	1745.00

HEIFERS - p/kg					HEIFERS/head			
Vendor	Breed	Weight	£	p/kg	Vendor	Breed	Weight	£
Price Bros	LIM	480	1635.00	340.6	R M & G L Watkins	LIM	600	1950.00
W T J & J E Bridgewater	CHAR X	500	1700.00	340	Price Bros	LIM	600	1940.00
R M & E Powell	CHAR X	450	1520.00	337.8	Price Bros	LIM	590	1900.00
Price Bros	LIM	520	1750.00	336.5	S F & J H Wagstaff	BRB	580	1840.00
S F & J H Wagstaff	BRB	470	1575.00	335	S F & J H Wagstaff	BRB	580	1780.00
Price Bros	LIM	400	1335.00	333.8	P & D Prichard	LIM	630	1775.00
Price Bros	LIM	530	1750.00	330.2	R M & G L Watkins	LIM	546	1760.00
W Jones	LIM	450	1470.00	326.7	Price Bros	LIM	530	1750.00
H G & E F Davies	LIM	360	1170.00	325	Price Bros	LIM	520	1750.00
R M & G L Watkins	LIM	600	1950.00	325	F H & M L Morgan	CHAR X	540	1730.00

THURSDAY 7th MARCH
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Wednesday 28th February at 12 noon

BREEDING CATTLE - 14

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A small entry of Hereford x in-calf cows. Hereford cow & calf to £1100 and in-calf Herefords to £1280 from Marsh Court Farm, others from £840-£1040 from Col. T J Van Rees.

***7th March - dispersal sale of pedigree Limousins from
M/s Richards, Park Farm (Bridgemeanow Herd)***

FEEDING BULLS - 141

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A very good show of bulls with several excellent runs of Limousin x and Angus bulls. All types proving to be a fierce trade with superb demand. The strength topped at £1710 (565kg) from J Thomas & Son, Tan House. Others to £1660 (520kg) from Mr T F Lloyd, a 20 month Charolais from Mr J Hughes to £1655. M/s I E & M Gittins topped their run at £1645 (535kg) with several bulls £1500-£1600.

A good show of farming bulls - these £1300-£1500 throughout with the smarter sorts 310p-330p/kg. Plenty £1400-£1500/head. M/s J W Hammond & Sons showed a super run of Angus bulls - these seeing 10 x 435kg at £1250, with another 10 x 405kg at £1185. Younger bulls from £1070-£1300, with the best to 344p/kg (320kg, £1100) from Mr B Evans. Other smart bulls 320p-340p/kg. Dairy bred types from £900-£1350. Stronger, over 15 months, Angus £1100-£1280, smaller Blue x bulls from £900-£1100. More bulls could have been sold to advantage, to exceptional competition.

BULLS - p/kg					BULLS/head			
Vendor	Breed	Weight	£	p/kg	Vendor	Breed	Weight	£/head
B Evans	LIM	320	1100.00	343.8	J Thomas & Son	LIM	565	1710.00
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Havard Brothers	LIM	386.5	1300.00	336.4	J Hughes	CHX	600	1655.00
I E & M Gittins & Sons	LIM	430	1445.00	336.0	I E & M Gittins & Sons	LIM	535	1645.00
J Thomas & Son	BAX	480	1610.00	335.4	J Thomas & Son	BAX	480	1610.00
I E & M Gittins & Sons	LIM	400	1340.00	335.0	T F Lloyd	CHX	510	1605.00
M A & J A Griffiths	CHX	460	1540.00	334.8	E J W & M E Griffiths	CHX	565	1595.00
I E & M Gittins & Sons	LIM	450	1500.00	333.3	J Thomas & Son	LIM	520	1590.00
T J Davies	LIM	430	1430.00	332.6	T J Davies	LIM	490	1580.00
B Evans	LIM	425	1400.00	329.4	T F Lloyd	CHX	510	1565.00

BARREN COWS - 68

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A large show of cows and trade excellent throughout, well meated and the better grazing cows attracting the premium. Trade certainly feeling sharper however deadweight firms not rising the cows at all.

A smart Simmental x cow topped at £1870 (720kg) from Mr J Madeley, other better cows to £1865 from M/s R M & G L Watkins. 35 month Shorthorn x heifers to £1840 (650kg) from M/s J A & L R James. A good run of fed cows from M/s Jones, Y Ddol to £1755, £1595 and £1550 for Angus and Salers x cows with 9 cows from this home averaging £1455, 207p/kg. Several cows trading £1450-£1645 for the fed types. Cows to 283p/kg with several younger cows 220p-265p/kg. Meated cows either side of 200p/kg. Strong grazing types £1150-£1350, with smaller meated cows nearly all £1000 plus. Plain cows looking well sold with these all £750-£950.

BARREN COWS - TOP PRICE/KG		
Vendor	BREED	p/kg
J A & L R James	BEEF S/H	283.12
W J Thomas	LIM	265.6
J Madeley	SIM X	259.7
D L & L J Jones	CONT	250.8
R M & G L Watkins	LIM	233.1

BARREN COWS - TOP PRICE/HEAD		
Vendor	BREED	£/head
J Madeley	SIM X	1870.00
R M & G L Watkins	LIM	1865.00
J A & L R James	BEEF S/H	1840.00
D L & L J Jones	CHAR X	1755.00
A T Bennett & Son	CHAR X	1740.00

Overall average £1227.15/head - 190.9p/kg

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Sale of

300 SUCKLED CALVES/YOUNG STORES

Entries by Tuesday 20th February