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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

CATTLE

166 Cattle included 61 prime cattle, 27 overage and 78 stores. Good to see the market full with prime cattle another strong demand for all classes forward. Top per kg this week 314.5pkg (£1,679.43) for a Limousin X heifer from R & G R Freeman and purchased by H G Blake, Costessey, the same vendor having a Limousin steer at 306.5pkg (£1,793.03) and 295.5pkg for a strong Limousin steer (£1,985.76). Mrs R A Keeling 298.5pkg (£1,677.57) for a Limousin steer with East Anglian Trailers seeing the same price for a Limousin steer (£1,892.49) with a Limousin heifer at 295.5pkg (£1,835.06). D J Black Limousin steer to 295.5pkg (£1,705.04) and 290.5pkg (£1,682). J V Styles & Son Limousin steer to 295.5pkg (£1,870.52) with another at 287.5 (£1,814.13) and 282.5pkg (£1,680.88). J B Farms usual run of quality to 294.5pkg for Limousin steer (£1,814.12) with others 289.5, 274.5pkg etc. Heather Blythe to 286.5pkg for Limousin steer (£1,853.66) and Colin Reeve to 286.5pkg for Blonde steer (£1,730.46). A H Pulford & Son strong AA steer to 270.5pkg (2) £1,920.55 and £1,769.07. John Gooderham to 287.5pkg for Limousin heifer (£1,771.01) with another at 272.5pkg (£1,610.48). A Heath & Sons usual run of handyweight BBX heifers from dairy breeding to 283.5pkg (from 257.5pkg and to £1,479.64). As usual plenty of demand for traditional breeds as quoted for AAX steer from A H Pulford & Son with other AAX steers to 268.5, 265.5, 264.5pkg from W J Broom & Son. Longhorn steer to 283.5pkg from J W Chamley & Son, Hereford X steer to 277.5pkg from Bob Manning and Red Poll steer to 246.5pkg from Free Range Chicken Ltd. Longhorn heifer again from the Chamleys to 263.5pkg with Hereford X heifers to 273.5, 272.5 from the Warne family. AAX heifer to 274.5pkg from A H Pulford. As always, maximum value for meat with trade remaining buoyant throughout.

	TOP PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	BUYER	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
31 STEERS av 274.65pkg from 216.5pkg						
4 Light 370-550kg	268.5	242.47	W J Broom & Son	C Humphreys & Sons	1,407.15	1,257.23
20 Medium 551-650kg	306.5	281.52	R & G R Freeman	H G Blake	1,892.49	1,724.98
7 Heavy 651kg+	295.5	270.97	R & G R Freeman	C Humphreys & Sons	1,985.76	1,819.34
21 HEIFERS av 273.29pkg						
5 Light 330-500kg	283.5	272.25	A Heath & Sons	Fowler Bros	1,414.67	1,312.61
12 Medium 501-590kg	314.5	271.49	R & G R Freeman	H G Blake	1,679.43	1,487.06
4 Heavy 591kg+	295.5	281.21	East Anglian Trailers	H G Blake	1,920.55	1,784.27
9 BULLS 261.13pkg from 244.5pkg. A better entry of bulls saw quality Limousin bulls from Drivers Farms to 283.5, 277.5pkg etc and to £1,893.78 a head. Stabiliser bull from Wisington Charolais to 263.5pkg (£1,728.56), Simmental bull to 246.5pkg (£1,848.75) from Robin Brice Enterprises.						
2 Light 370-550kg	277.5	268.46	Drivers Farms Ltd	C J Byford & Son	1,414.52	1,370.49
3 Medium 551-650kg	252.5	248.27	Wisington Charolais	J Coleman	1,557.73	1,439.13
4 Heavy 651kg+	283.5	266.60	Drivers Farms Ltd	Romford Meats	1,893.78	1,817.53
27 AOTM An increased entry met a strong demand despite reports of substantial falls in price due to a flood of cows coming forward and FABBL noted as a premium this week. An excellent Limousin heifer from D & S Wharton to 249.5pkg (£1,801.39). Strong beef cows to 169.5pkg for Simmental beef cow with others to 147.5, 144.5pkg. Strong Hereford cows to 159.5pkg (£1,295.14) with Longhorn cows to 156.5pkg (£1,156.54). Entry of Red Poll cows (non assured) to 135.5pkg (2) (£955.28) with leaner sorts from 69.5 to 108.5pkg, still looking reasonably sold considering the current reports. Entry of dairy cows (FABBL) from Langley Dairies. Young cows to 157.5, 155.5pkg etc. Only very old lean cows below 100pkg. 87 m/o Simmental bull to 142.5pkg (£1,620.23).						
7 Dairy Cows	157.5	131.31	Langley Dairies	C Humphreys & Sons	925.23	724.27
18 Beef Cows	169.5	121.40	Robin Brice Enterprises	Fowler Bros	1,306.85	733.67
1 Heifer	249.5	249.50	D & S Wharton	Fowler Bros	1,801.39	1,801.39
1 Bull	142.5	142.50	Robin Brice Enterprises	Leicestershire Livestock	1,620.23	1,620.23

S H E E P

610 Sheep Another short entry of finished lambs found another strong trade although at less than last week. Still above recent reports from other centres. A generally quality entry forward. Top per kg this week 309pkg from E J & V C Fenton who had other lambs at 306, 303, 301pkg for medium lambs and heavy lambs to 300pkg. E Elnaugh to 303pkg for standard Texel X lambs, Will Griffin to 304pkg for medium lambs with other pens 301pkg etc. General run of meated lambs 280 to 295pkg and considering how wet the lambs were this was a great result. Heavy lambs to £156 from W & J Griffin with N Sewell to £148, £146 etc. Will Griffin other pens £148, £146, £144 etc with W B French & Son to £147 and the Fentons to £144 (2). Medium lambs to £135.50 from Will Griffin with the Fentons to £134.50 and Lewin Farms to £130. Standard lambs to £115 from E Elnaugh with Mrs J Tod to £112 etc. Leaner lambs less but still looking well sold at £95 depending on finish.

	TOP PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
420 NEW SEASON LAMBS av 280.33 SQQ 281.81pkg and £121.33 a head.					
1 Light 25.5-32kg	256	J Tod	256.00	82.00	82.00
91 Standard 32.1-39kg	303	E Elnaugh	271.07	115.00	101.56
211 Medium 39.1-45kg	309	E J & V C Fenton	285.95	135.50	122.51
117 Heavy 45.6 kg+	300	E J & V C Fenton	280.24	156.00	136.48
143 EWES as reported the high number of ewes coming forward depressing demand to av £78,91 a head. Continental X ewes to £100, N C Mules to £95, Half Bred ewes to £80, Texel X ewes to £108, Welsh Mules to £75, Hebridean ewes to £30.					
1 RAM to £84					
43 STORE LAMBS Short entry another storming trade to £93 for long keep lambs and av 81.87pkg. X bred shearlings to £100.					
4 MATURE SHEEP to £144 an to 233pkg.					

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