



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT MAY 2024

Monday 13th May – Prime Stock Market



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52 PRIME & CULL CATTLE – 10:45 AM
Auctioneer: *Simon Alford – 07789 980203*

Prime Cattle to 300ppk and £1851

Barren Cows & Cull Bulls to 222ppk and £1611

Much better numbers forward this week and plenty of demand for all on offer too when prime cattle reached 300ppk for an outstanding 568kg Limousin steer from Adrian and Bradley Bowden in from Drewsteignton which realised £1701 whilst another eye catching Limousin bullock off the same farm topped at £1851 (644kg x 288ppk). Other heavyweight steers ran to 250ppk and £1558 for well farmed dairy crossbred British Blues from David Slade of Chagford whilst mediumweight steers rose to £1444 (484kg x 299ppk) for a shapely red Limousin from Brian Vallance and Family of Bickington. Some tremendous prime heifers on offer this week when the very best drew a creditable £1839 (658kg x 280ppk) given for a meaty Charolais from Rosie Fishleigh of Sourton Cross with others with similar comments from Rosie rising to £1786 (628kg x 285ppk). Adrian and Bradley Bowden back when parting with a smart British Blonde heifer for £1650 (574kg x 288ppk) followed by a neat red Limousin female from Brian Vallance and Family at £1627 (570kg x 286ppk) and the better of a trio of British Blues from Tom Yandle of Oxton which returned £1542 (556kg x 278ppk). A super run of over thirty month South Devon heifers from Sophie Rew down from Bampton (all around that 46 month mark) peaked at 211ppk and £1555. Barren cows a blistering trade one again this week and topped out at £1544 (798kg x 194ppk) for a grand South Devon from John and Andrew Ball of Stoke Gabriel whilst other South Devon cows of note included ones at £1387 (748kg x 186ppk) and (656kg x 212ppk) for Phil and Richard Coaker of Postbridge and Steve Cane of Staddiscombe, Plymouth respectively. The latter also saw a strong Aberdeen Angus barren reach £1491 (744kg x 201ppk) whilst others to reach the fourteen hundred pound mark included a Charolais at £1489 (754kg x 198ppk) for Richard Player in from Thorverton together with a British Blue cow from Gerald and Lynda Heywood of Rackenford which made £1411 (828kg x 171ppk). Limousin cows came back at £1377 (622kg x 222ppk) for Brian Vallance and Family and Devons saw £1210 (682kg x 178ppk) for one sold on behalf of Cameron and Sandra Zab of Widecombe in the Moor. Best of the cull bulls came from Russell Boundy of Winkleigh who saw his massive 1078kg Salers bull make 150ppk and realise £1611.



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Spring Lambs to £234.50 & 504ppk Prime Hogs to £250 & 431ppk
Mature Sheep to £210 & 364ppk Cull Ewes to £250, Rams to £194 & Goats to £144

Almost 21,000 sheep sold here in Exeter over the last four Monday's!!

2261 PRIME SPRING LAMBS

Another tremendous show of sheep in all sections as even more new sellers make their way to Exeter to be part of these monumental Monday's.

We're still atop the national leader board for spring lamb numbers and after last week's entry of 2200 and a strong level trade we replicated that today with 2261 levelling at 434ppk and £185 per head with an SQQ of 441ppk, being up £3 and 6p respectively on the week. Overweights commanding some big prices with Sam Diment of Wellington selling a pen of 12 58kg lambs at a market topping £234.50 as Nicola Johnson of Crewkerne sold hers at £230, Ben & Sarah Tuck of Honiton made £220 and £210 as Lyle Burrough of Cotleigh made £219 and Tim & Amy Heywood of Rackenford also achieved £210. All overweights averaged £216. 51kgs to £220 for Richard Dare and family of Kilmington as the Partridge family of Poughill sold similar at £212 with R White of Coleford and Tom Yandle of Oxton reaching £210 with Tom Yandle also selling 49's at £207, a fait matched by MJ Edwards of Combe Raleigh and Bayley Winters-O'Brien of Bridport. A smart pair of Blue Texel lambs from young shepherd Ted Williams of Ilsington sold at £205 and 45kgs reached £200 for the Weeks family of North Tawton. Export weights from 37 to 42kgs once again in high demand with two super pens of 42kg Texel bred lambs from Richard Dare and family realizing £198 & £195.50, others at £196 for Graham Perkins and family of Coryton as Jack Enticott of Wellington sold 43's at £195.50 and Syles Farm Ltd of Loxbeare had 44's at £195. Barry & Rachel Mildon of Cadbury sold 41kgs at £195 narrowly ahead of Deane Hurford of Axminster with his 41kgs at £194.50 whilst his plummy 39kg Beltex cross Suffolk Mules sailed to £195 or 500ppk and smart pen of 37's topped the sale per kilo when making £186.50 or 504ppk. Other 38's at £186.50 for both Oaktree Farm Estate Ltd of Whitestone and Martins Farming of Dunkeswell as other 37's traded at £178.50 for both K&J Services of Bovey Tracey and Calhayes Farm Partnership of Luppitt.

PRIME LAMBS					
Weight	No.	Top Hd	Top ppk	Av. Hd	Av.ppk
25-32	2	96.00	310	96.00	310
33-39	323	195.00 (+6.00)	504 (+24)	168.57 (+5.58)	447 (+19)
40-45	1525	200.00 (-1.50)	483 (+3)	185.93 (+3.00)	441 (+5)
46-52	383	220 (+11.00)	446 (+9)	193.61 (-0.41)	406 (+1)
53+	28	234.50 (-1.50)	418 (+4)	216.00 (+13.15)	381 (+39)
PRIME HOGGS					
25-32	18	117.00	377	79.28	264
33-39	95	168.00 (+42.00)	431 (+95)	126.70 (+12.92)	346 (+35)
40-45	201	187.00 (+12.00)	425 (+32)	154.76 (+3.86)	358 (+6)
46-52	303	203.00 (+9.00)	413 (-4)	180.24 (+2.43)	371 (+4)
53+	289	250.00 (-30.00)	402 (+11)	206.51 (+7.07)	354 (+12)
Mature Sheep	313	210.00 (-10.00)	364 (-36)	155.69 (+1.69)	307 (+27)
		Top		Average	
EWES	2060	250.00 (-50.00)		130.80 (-18.18)	
RAMS	69	194.00 (-16.00)		130.41 (-2.91)	
GOATS	20	144.00		112.50	

**** VAN or Farm Assurance NOW A MUST FOR ALL SPRING LAMB PRODUCERS please with all major firms requiring one or the other. Without it you are severely disadvantaged!****

906 PRIME HOGGS & 313 MATURE SHEEP

The old season numbers continue to come, especially the mature sheep as they seem worth a lot more live than anywhere deadweight. The best meated sorts slightly dearer again this week as numbers and indeed quality, begin to tighten nationally. Meated overweights regularly £220 to £250 with this top money achieved twice by Jack Enticott with 90kg+ hoggs, followed closely by KA Raymond of Salisbury with a super 67kg hogg at £249 as well as a pen full at £232, J Baker of Norton reached £238, Martin & Adam Crabb of Luppitt sold their usual quality in penfuls at £235.50 twice, £232 and £230 as Nick Harris of Bridport had 64kgs at £234. 50-51kg hoggs reaching £203 for Roger Coysh of Sigford and £194 for Robert & Christine Steer of Avonwick as J Baker had £202 for 49's (412ppk) and a double pen of Texel x Mules from Robin Banks of Colyton flew to £194.50 whilst Richard Baxter and family of Exwick had a smart 47kg Bleu de Maine at £194 or 413ppk. 44-45kg hoggs trading either side of £4 with Phillip & Christine Caunter of Harbertonford reaching £187 (425ppk) as Widecombe's Tom Havill made £184 and John Laramy of Wilmington made £180. 42's to £168 for Reddaway Ltd of Honeychurch and Tom Mundy of Kingsbridge sold 39kg Beltex's at £168 or a sale topping 431ppk.

Mature sheep to £210 & £207 for J Baker as Jack Enticott claimed £200 of his and Stanley Wreyford of Blackawton saw his best make £190. 49-52kg toothers to £170 for both Stuart Ludwell of Puxey and Tom Friend of Lydford with the best of the rest usually all 330-360ppk peaking at 364ppk for both Tom Mundy with 39kgs at £142 and Hilary Lake of Chillington with 44kgs at £160.

***** Prime and cull sheep must not be found to be lame or in-lamb, any farmers found breaking these rules may trigger a Trading Standards or APHA on farm inspection. *****

2060 CULL EWES, 69 RAMS/WETHERS & 20 GOATS

2149 cull ewes, rams, wethers and goats were a fairly mixy show and sold as slightly lower levels in line with the easing of prices in the later part of last week. The big heavy ewes weren't as far back as feared or reported in other centres with our good heavy Suffolk x Mules regularly selling £180 to £194. Trade level and consistent throughout with the first of these three pens reaching £194 selling within the first 50 lots for first time vendor Harvey Rivers of Farnham whilst the further two pens at this money were within the pig pens and last 20 lots sold, coming from both Ben & Sarah Tuck and Richard Helmer of West Alvington. Other Suffolk crosses at £193 for the Hutton family of Northlew, £192 for both Adrian & Julie Rich of Halwell and Mike & Ken Hill of Bideford and £191 for both Homeligh Garden Centre of Launceston and James Westcott and family of Cullompton. Best ewes in short supply with a Charollais taking the top five prices and topping the sale at £250 for Ken & Joyce Pleace of Cullompton, £228 for the Coombes family of Ideford, £226 for Steve & Sandra Prettejohn of Aylesbeare, £222 for Adrian & Julie Rich and £205 and £195 for Richard Dare and family. Several pens of leaner continental ewes either side of £200 and lots of pens of everything in the £170's and £180's. Mules slightly easier as is often the case when the trade starts to slide, the Mules feel it first. That said the best of them still into the early £150's and lots selling £145-£148. Hill ewes and plain ewes out in force and although £10, £15 sometimes £20 less than recent weeks, returns of £70-£90 often still looking well sold. Ben and Sarah Tuck topped the tups with their best at £194 as Andrew Stacey of Looe reached £182 and both the Northmore family of Clyst Hydon and Rodney & Fiona Thorne of Wiveliscombe reached £180. Plenty of business done from £130 to £165 with the rams and top priced wethers came from Owen Martin of Alresford with a pair of goliaths at £178. Goats to £144 for the Wastenage family of Budleigh Salterton.

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FORTHCOMING SALES

MONDAY 13TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 14TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Sale of Dairy Cattle

FRIDAY 17TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market

MONDAY 20TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull and Store Cattle

FRIDAY 24TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to include Monthly Sale of Beef Breeding Stock inc Sale of Cattle for the South Devon Cattle Breeders Club & Fortnightly Pig Sale.

MONDAY 27TH MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

BANK HOLIDAY - Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 31ST MAY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to include Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle and Sheep, Sale of Dairy Cattle, Early Sale of Accredited and Non Accredited Stock Rams.

MONDAY 3RD JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to Sale of Hogg Couples and Fortnightly Pig Sale.

MONDAY 10TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to 36th Annual June Sale of Early Breeding Ewes & Rams including Show & Sale of Dorset Cross Shearling Ewes.

MONDAY 17TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull and Store Cattle

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to include 1st weekly Sale of Store Lambs & Sale of Beef Breeding Stock & Fortnightly Pigs & Collective Standing Straw Sale

MONDAY 24TH JUNE – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market