



# EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

# MARKET REPORT DECEMBER 2024

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Store Stock Market



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**645 STORE CATTLE & SUCKLED CALVES – 10:00 AM**

*Auctioneer: Simon Alford 07789 980203*

**Store Steers to £1900**

**Store Heifers to £1790**

Big numbers still coming forward as we enter the usually quieter time of the year in the cattle pens.... But as they do say 'money will find them' with sellers taking advantage of the big leap in demand normally reserved for the new year. A really mixed bag, quality wise this week, although those poorer dairy bred sorts sold all as well in comparison to the many stronger beef types on offer. Steers topped out at £1885 and £1855 for pairs of grand British Blues (28m) from W and KJ Hill of Stockleigh Pomeroy with slightly younger Blues (24m) reaching £1770 for Mervyn Waye down from South Molton and £1480 for Toby and Beverly Boys from East Allington. Charolais steers (20m) up next when rising to £1810 and £1805 for Barry and Rachel Mildon and Family in from Cadbury with eye catching sorts, followed by a couple of well-bred and farmed Charolais bullocks (22m) at £1540 for Hubert Chugg of Stockleigh Pomeroy and later born ones (18m) looking well sold at £1420 apiece for a pen of five from David Skelley, Shaugh Prior. W and KJ Hill back when selling strong looking steers (25m) to £1770 for a trio of Limousins and Simmentals for £1750 whilst Ed Rhodes parted with a shapely Devon bullock for a creditable £1760 and further Limousin steers saw tremendous red yearling ease to £1265 for a pen of four from Phillip and Tom Cleave of Holne. Best of the British Blonde bred steers saw one from Mervyn Way (24m) draw £1670 followed by later born Blonde bullocks (18m) of high quality fetching £1360 for David Skelley whom also parted with a pair of solid looking Hereford bred steers (20m) for £1540 each. Several good runs of Aberdeen Angus bred bullocks on offer again this Friday with pairs (20m) from Dennis Turner of Wotter to £1565 and others (26m) realising £1540 for Russell Retter and family from Cotleigh whilst further native breed steers ran to £1480 for a bunch of four smart South Devons (22m) from Phillip and Richard Coaker of Postbridge. On to the store heifers which topped when Bary and Rachel Mildon and family parted with a pen of four super Charolais (20m) for a very decent £1720 a life whilst Phillip and Tom Cleave sold their best young (16m) Charolais to £1270. South Devon type heifers saw plenty of demand when reaching £1500 (20m) for the Rowland Family up from Plymouth together with one (29m) from Chris Lentern, Chagford which came back at £1420 whilst British Blue females (24m) ran to £1490 and £1455 for Graham Hawkins of Thorverton and Toby and Beverly Boys respectively. Other store heifer prices of interest included a trio of well summered Aberdeen Angus (24m) from Paul Rusden of Ideford at £1405, British Blondes (20m) selling for £1350 for David Skelley and Herefords (22m) drawing £1320 for the Rowland Family. Also, smart red Limousin females sold readily and to £1320m (20m) for Simon Jervis of Ideford whilst Phillip and Tom Cleave saw theirs rise to £1280 (16m).

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## 250 STIRKS & SUCKLED CALVES

Auctioneer: Ian Caunter 07813 068935

A decent show receiving another pleasing trade. The sale included our 4th and final catalogued show and sale of suckled calves with once again quality being well rewarded. DC Turner up from Shaugh Prior presented Limousin cross steers (11m) which topped out at £1210 with others to £1010. Ben Tristram & Family down from Wellington showed Limousin cross steers (8m) which topped out at £1150 with Charolais steers of a similar ilk to £1070. ST & AM Dennis Ltd across from Inwardleigh sold Limousin cross steers which obtained £1125 with further pens to £1095. GM Thorne & Son of St Giles on the Heath showed a cracking run of young suckled calves with the best topping out at £1090 (7m) with others to £990 and Charolais steers off the same good farm to £950. MA Stephens up from Plymouth presented Limousin cross steers (9m) which levelled out at £960 whilst the best of the dairy bred types saw Blue steers (12m) from Josh Webber of Yarcombe achieve £1045 with a second pen levelling out at £1000. David Pengelly & Son down from Cullompton yet again presented a wonderful run of suckled calves with the best topping out at £1020 for Limousin crosses (7m) with Blonde steers off the same farm to £960. Limousin cross steers (9m) from Terry & Jean Tall in from Modbury sold to £950 whilst well turned out young suckled calves from Martin Daw of Ugborough saw Charolais cross steers (5m) reach £940 with his second pen to £945. Best of the South Devon steers saw GO & CA Rowe of Dawlish realise £905 (9m) whilst a cracking run of dairy bred Blue steers from Johns Farm Ltd up from Newton Abbot raced to £900 (9m) with younger types to £820 & £740. David Pengelly & Son topped the heifer section with Blonde heifers (11m) obtaining £1020. ST & AM Dennis Ltd saw Blue heifers (13m) realise £985 whilst Limousin heifers from Ben Tristram & Family hit £975 (8m) with others to £880 & £860 (8m). GO & CA Rowe saw yearling South Devon heifers attain £855 whilst GM Thorne & Son saw their useful pen of 5 Limousin cross heifers (8m) level out at £830. Best of the dairy bred heifers saw Johns Farm Ltd top out at £790 with others to £775, £730 & £720 (8m). Martin Daw saw his young Charolais cross heifers (5m) hit £770 whilst Alison Collins of Diptford saw Simmental cross heifers (7m) achieve £720 & £700. All types, once again meeting good demand.

**Show Results as follows:** Best Pen of Steers to ST & AM Dennis Ltd of Inwardleigh (Limousins 10m)  
Bes Pen of Heifers to LJ, RB & JV Tristram of Wellington (Limousins 8m)

Our thanks to the show judge, Mr Paul Tripp of Dunsford together with the show sponsors, Cornish Mutual.

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**133 CALVES 10.15 AM**  
**Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774**

A decent number of calves forward saw a very mixed quality entry when more quality calves could have been sold to advantage. That said there was good demand for all grades and an excellent trade was seen! Top of the day was £520 for the best of smart bunch of weaned British Blue steer calves from Johns Farms Ltd of Newton Abbot who sold others to £490 x 3 & £480 x 2. Young Blue bulls sold to £330 for Roy & Katherine Emmett of South Molton. Strong Simmental bulls were a flying trade topping at £440 for Keith & Shirley Wotton of Dartmouth. Charolais bulls to £370 for Frank Pike of

<b>CALVES - 10.15 am</b>						
<b>Auctioneer: - Mark Davis – 07773371774</b>						
<b>CALVES</b>	<b>Bulls</b>			<b>Heifers</b>		
<b>Breed</b>		<b>TOP</b>	<b>AVE</b>		<b>TOP</b>	<b>AVE</b>
<b>British Blue</b>	42	520	243	24	490	243
<b>Limousin</b>	3	280	230	12	205	149
<b>Charolais</b>	1	370	370	2	300	290
<b>Simmental</b>	1	440	440	4	410	388
<b>Hereford</b>	14	185	144	13	160	92
<b>Aberdeen Angus</b>	12	178	114	16	138	84
<b>Swedish Red</b>						
<b>Ayrshire</b>	3	113	93			
<b>Friesians</b>	6	172	78			

Cullompton. Young Limousin bulls sold well to £280 for Martin & Liz Bennett of Broadhembury. Heifers topped at £490 x 8 for a cracking group of weaned British Blue heifers from Johns Farms Ltd with young Blue heifers to £240 for Towhill Farm Ltd of Broadclyst and £220 for Roy & Katherine Emmett. Strong Simmental heifers sold to an exceptional trade topping at £410 with others to £405, £390 & £350 for Keith & Shirley Wotton and Charolais heifers also sold well to £300 & £280 for Frank Pike. Young Limousin heifers to £205 for Towhill Farm Ltd. Friesian bulls to £172 x 2 & £95 for Evershot Farms Ltd of Dorset and Ayrshire bulls sold to £113 & £84 x 2 for Messrs Nicholls of South Molton.

**CHRISTMAS SALES OF OVEN READY POULTRY!**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – HALLWORTHY – 11:30AM**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER – 10:00AM**

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – HOLSWORTHY – 5:00PM**

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**85 DAIRY 11.30 AM**  
**Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774**

The dispersal sale of the Rosehill herd of 230 pedigree Ayrshires on behalf of Messrs WRC & JE Christophers of Truro saw a large crowd travel far and wide with buyers from Wales, Derbyshire, Scotland, Shropshire and across the Westcountry. Top of the day was the much admired "Rosehill Hawaiian Pamela VG87" a Pam Ayr's Hawaiian daughter bred from the Pamela family purchased from the Haresfoot Dispersal, she sold in a partnership between Jake Sayer & Ben Broadley. The next best milker was "Rosehill Pickle Phlache" a fresh third calver by Rosehill Mr Pickle, she sold at 2,600gns to Messrs Astley for their Sunshine herd in Powys. The same buyers also paid 2,300gns for another fresh second calver "Rosehill Very Mega Jiggy VG86" by Rosehill Megastar. Granddaughter Meg sold her own "Megarose Hawaiian Sapphire VG86", an August calved heifer by Pam Ayr's Hawaiian which had been successfully shown already. She sold at 2,300gns to James Warren & Family. Dry cows topped at 3,500gns for the much-admired show cow "Rosehill Pink Indianna VG88", this Rosehill Pink Floyd daughter was champion at Royal Cornwall this year and is due in January to Astorwell, she sold to Rob Higgins of Shropshire. Close behind was "Rosehill Panache Whiskey VG88" a second calver by Haresfoot Panache who was heifer champion at Royal Cornwall in 2023 and reserve breed champion this year. She sold to Nicola Bottom and Family of Truro at 3,200gns. In calf heifers topped at 3,800gns for "Rosehill Fantasy Magenta" by Hunnington Fantasy, she sold due in April to Ravenhill Revolver to Julian Walters of Okehampton. At 1900gns was a shrewd purchase for Phil & Stuart Williams for their Willhome herd in Pembrokeshire, "Rosehill Fantasy Verylight" is a daughter of Hunnington Fantasy sold due in April to Revolver. The same buyer also paid 2,100gns for "Rosehill Tokyo G Primrose" a daughter of the stunning Harrys Gold Primrose EX95 cow which had sold earlier in the dispersal. Heifer calves sold very well and topped at 2,500gns for David's show calf "Trerose Daring Babycham" sired by Troutbeck Daring out of three excellent dams, she sold to Sophia Warren who had successfully shown her as a calf for David. Many other calves sold between 500-800gns. The herd was a real credit to the Christophers Family and the following averages were achieved.

115 In Milk Cows & Heifers	£1584
32 In Calf & Served Heifers	£1029
17 Bulling Heifers	£592
27 Yearling Heifers	£528
36 Heifer Calves	£536

**480 PIGS**  
**Auctioneer: Andrew Varney 07771 885586**

A small entry of sows forward met an easier trade selling to a top price of £112 for RJ & SM Ovenall from Langtree, others to £92 x2 from the same home and £90 from MW Dunston of Falmouth.

Fat pigs sold to another good trade despite a number of coloured pigs forward. Bacon pigs to £160 & £140 from RJ & SM Ovenall. Pork pigs to £150 for 128kgs (117.18ppk), also £140 for 122kgs (114.75ppk), all from A & T Pengelly of Callington.

Store pigs met a firm trade with strong weaners to £60 from MW Dunstone.

Sow and 4 piglets sold for £130 from CJ & KI Drake of Dunsford.

**Next Pig Sale here at Exeter will be held on [Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December](#), it is vital that you let us know of your potential entries in plenty of time so we can advise vendors together with prospective purchasers of expected numbers forward.**

**1969 SHEEP – 10.45 AM**  
Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

**Orphan Lambs to £45**

**Store Lambs to £150**

**Grazers to £149**

**Double Couples to £330**

**Single Couples to £230**

**29 ORPHAN LAMBS**

A thousand less sheep than last week's bumper entry but trade just as firm across the board. Orphan lambs sold to £45 for the strongest six from Tom & Helen Garland of Budleigh Salterton who had another at £28 and the remainder between £15 and £25 whilst Peter Vooght of South Brent reached £42 & £40 twice and Paul Rowden of Blackawton sold a pair at £25 as they all averaged £28.

**1762 STORE LAMBS**

1762 store lambs peaked at £150 twice, firstly for Ed & Julie Williams of Ilsington who had another two pens at £137.50 and secondly for the Retter Family of Cotleigh as Ray & Sylvia Toms of Cheriton Bishop sold theirs at £148 & £144 and Tripp Bros of Dunsford sold a fine run well at £145, £142.50 & £140.50. Both DR Easterbrook & Partners of Yarnscombe and Denos Tapp of Rackenford reached £139 and plenty of short keep lambs between £125 & £135 with all the medium keep lambs north of £100. A lot of smaller, plainer and hill bred sorts here today and majority selling well and still in the £70's, £80's and £90's but some back from that, including several with faults and all included in the average of £107.25, within pence of last weeks.

**118 GRAZING EWES**

Grazers met with more competition and a fast trade for all weights, breeds and grades. The Pengelly Family of Blackawton selling their strong crossbred ewes at £149, £142 and £140 as Brian Cawsey of Torrington claimed £144, CG Stanbury down from Whitchurch Canonichorum made £138 and Tripp Bros completed their great day's trading with ewes at £124.

**22 EWES & 38 LAMBS (60 LIVES)**

Couples continue to command strong interest and lively bidding with Alan Bickley of Puddington selling his smart pen of FM Dorset doubles at £330, £312, £308 & £290 as Peter Vooght sold a double with the same comments at £300 as well as singles at £230 & £222. Dorset's with young lambs straight out the shed made £240 for Mary Curtis of Cadeleigh and Graham Hill of Wiggaton sold Dorset's with young single lambs at £228 & £210. Overall averages of £273 per outfit and £100.10 per life.

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TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

6:30pm Drinks and mince pies

7:00pm Carol Service



## FORTHCOMING SALES

### **FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc. Late Season Sale of Suckled Calves & Stirks plus Fortnightly Pig Sale.*

### **MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market to inc Christmas Primestock Show*

### **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull & Store Cattle*

### **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc. Christmas Show & Sale of Store Stock, Christmas Cracker Ewe Sale & Christmas Stocking Filler Dairy Sale plus Extra Pig Sale.*

### **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE*

### **FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc. Christmas Sale of Dressed Poultry*

### **MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market*

### **MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc January Sale of In Lamb Ewes & Fortnightly Pig Sale*

### **MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Sale of Dairy Cattle*

### **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Stock & Fortnightly Pigs*

### **MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*