

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

TUESDAY MARKET REPORT

6 Day Standstill in Operation

TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2009

TOTAL STOCK: 1447 HEAD

For market reports and entry forms on the internet, www.gth.net.
Click on "agriculture". Click on "Sedgemoor Auction Centre".

Payment: Cheques available for collection on Thursday or posted first class that day.

**Barren cows wanted to meet current strong trade.
907 lambs sold to £83.00 as trade levels.
Short entry of cull ewes rose to £89.00.**

161 BARREN COWS, BULLS, OTM & UFM PRIME

Commencing at 12.30pm

Cattle born on or after 1st August 1996. 6 day standstill applies.
Exempt (No TB pre-movement test required) & Clean grazing or feeding sections (pre-movement tested or 3/4 yearly holdings)

Auctioneers:

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An increased entry met another very strong trade which was crowned by a quality red Limousin at 135.0ppk from Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons. A very shapely young Limousin cow from Messrs DC & R Wright achieved 133.5ppk. A well fleshed black Simmental from Messrs CJ & JC Durston sold well at 130.0ppk. Better sucklers generally 115.0ppk plus. Sucklers sold to £1041.30 for a grand 890kg Charolais from Messrs Hill & Johnstone. Others over £900 from Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons, £985.50 (Lim x); Messrs Charget Estate, £937.76 (Char x); and Messrs RJ Rew & Sons, £922.50 (SD).

Black & whites keenly sought to 126.0ppk for the best of a good run from Mr RJ Rowe. Other best sorts 120.0ppk, Messrs WP Gange & Son; 119.0ppk, Messrs AJ Gay & Son Ltd; 117.5ppk twice from Messrs JK Farms and 116.0ppk Messrs AE & PF Triggol. Better cows generally 110.0ppk to 115.0ppk. Grade 2's 105.0ppk plus. Steakers 90.0ppk plus, which looked dear in comparison. Grade 4's 80.0ppk to 90.0ppk. Only very plain cows below that level.

Black & whites sold to £947.05 from Messrs JK Farms. Others over £900 from Messrs DH & SM Churchill, £933.10 and £927.45, Mr RJ Rowe.

We can not encourage Vendors strongly enough to sell cows on this current strong trade.

As with the good cow trade, old stock bulls are also selling very well. Two outstanding old bulls, one being a Charolais from Mr VE Sellick achieved £1362.75 (1150kg at 118.5ppk) and a Simmental from Messrs RB Bowditch & Son realised £1316.45 (1130kg at 116.5ppk). Other bulls over £1000 at £1105.95 for a Hereford from Mr RE Tibbs.

Overage clean peaked at 132.5ppk for a shapely Limousin x from Messrs W King & Son.

BARREN COWS (147)		Top price per head
Top price		Beef £1041.30
Beef 135.0p/kg	Beef Ave 111.4p/kg	Dairy £947.05
Dairy 126.0p/kg	Dairy Ave 98.0p/kg	

Top Suckler Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons	LIM	730	135.0
Messrs DC & R Wright	LIM	527	133.5
Messrs CJ & JC Durston	SIM	607	130.0
Messrs DC & R Wright	LIM	690	127.5
Messrs GG Harraway & Sons	BRB	667	123.0
Messrs RJ Rew & Sons	SD	750	123.0
Messrs W King & Son	SIM	549	122.5
Mrs P Coombes	HER	705	118.5
Messrs M Harrison & Partners	LIM	632	118.5
Messrs EJ & JD Cope	BLO	660	118.0

Top Dairy Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	641	126.0
Messrs WP Gange & Son	BF	579	120.0
Messrs AJ Gay & Son Ltd	BF	686	119.0
Messrs JK Farms	HF	806	117.5
Messrs JK Farms	HF	667	117.5
Messrs AE & PF Triggol	HF	753	116.0
Mr CRG Wall	MRI	651	115.0
Messrs GH Cavill & Sons	HF	694	114.5
Messrs JK Farms	BF	770	114.5
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	780	114.5
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	810	114.5
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	723	114.5

Suckler Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs Hill & Johnstone	CHA	890	1041.30
Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons	LIM	730	985.50
Messrs Marshall Farms Ltd	CHA	819	937.76
Messrs RJ Rew & Sons	SD	750	922.50
Messrs DC & R Wright	LIM	690	879.75
Mrs P Coombes	HER	705	835.43
Mrs TJ Kingdom	HER	729	834.71
Messrs GG Harraway & Sons	BRB	667	820.41
Mrs WM French	SD	780	819.00
Messrs MJ Tarr & Son	CHA	716	816.24

Dairy Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs JK Farms	HF	806	947.05
Messrs DH & SM Churchill	BF	868	933.10
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	810	927.45
Messrs GH Cavill & Sons	HF	833	895.48
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	780	893.10
Messrs JK Farms	BF	770	881.65
Messrs AE & PF Triggol	HF	753	873.48
Mr P Fewings	HF	765	872.10
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	793	852.48
Messrs JK Farms	HF	806	850.33

Cows Only	No.	Ave (ppk)	Top (ppk)	Ave (£)	Top (£)
Grade 1	34	114.3	135.0	786.60	1041.30
Grade 2	38	109.8	118.5	748.05	933.10
Grade 3	35	100.3	122.5	642.16	819.00
Grade 4	40	82.7	114.5	506.14	937.76

BULLS (7)		
Top price 118.5p/kg	Ave 110.6p/kg	Top price per head £1011.68

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr VE Sellick	CHA	1150	118.5
Messrs RB Bowditch & Son	SIM	1130	116.5
Mrs WM French	LIM	791	114.0
Mr RE Tibbs	HER	1010	109.5

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pounds
Mr VE Sellick	CHA	1150	1362.75
Messrs RB Bowditch & Son	SIM	1130	1316.45
Mr RE Tibbs	HER	1010	1105.95
Mrs WM French	LIM	791	901.74

OVERAGE STEERS & HEIFERS (7)		
Top price Steers 130.0p/kg Heifers 132.5p/kg	Steer Ave 128.42p/kg Heifers Ave 128.03p/kg	Top price per head Strs £885.19 Hfrs £597.68

Vendor	Sex	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs W King & Son	Hfr	LIM	434	132.5
Mr RA Plowright	Str	HF	623	129.5
Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons	Bull	LH	680	126.5
Mr RA Plowright	Str	HF	697	126.5

Vendor	Sex	Breed	Kg	Pounds
Mr RA Plowright	Str	HF	697	881.71
Messrs LJ Grabham & Sons	Bull	LH	680	860.20
Mr RA Plowright	Str	HF	623	806.79

FINISHED SHEEP Commencing at 11.00am
Auctioneer: Charles Clark Tel: Office 01460 238383, Mobile 07850 691561 Paul Ashton Tel: Office 01278 410278, Mobile 07866 673857

920 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 11.00am
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WEIGHT	NO. SOLD LAMBS	AVE	NO. SOLD HOGGS	AVE
Standard (32.1-39.0kg)	315	162.39	-	-
Medium (39.1-45.5kg)	555	163.49	-	-
Heavy (45.6-52.0kg)	36	160.73	4	93.75
Others (Over 52kg)	-	-	1	87.72

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
LAMBS		
36.0	59.50	Messrs A Irish & Sons
38.0	63.00	Mr D Knight
38.0	63.00	Messrs Wakely & Brunt
39.0	66.20	Bridgwater College
39.0	65.00	Messrs JR & GD Vigar
39.0	65.00	Mr MJ Chilcott
40.0	73.50	Mr R Lewis
40.0	69.00	Mr MJ Chilcott
40.0	68.50	Mr BJ Pepperd
40.0	68.00	Mr EE Baker
40.0	67.00	Messrs NH Hasell & Son
41.0	69.50	Mr ME Kidner
41.0	69.00	Messrs WJ & IJ Gard
42.0	74.50	Mr ZRJ Bessell
42.0	72.50	Mr R Barton
42.0	72.00	Mr ZRJ Bessell
43.0	75.00	Misses Lucy & Ellie Boyer
43.0	74.00	Messrs RR Creed & Son
44.0	77.50	Mr A Henson
45.0	77.50	Messrs AA, L & R Johnson
50.0	83.00	Mr GWG Coles
HOGGS		
47.0	45.00	Messrs AA, L & R Johnson
51.0	47.50	Mr GWG Coles
57.0	50.00	Mr LJ Webber

366 CULL EWES & RAMS Commencing at 9.30am
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A smaller entry sold to a slightly firmer trade for all on offer. A pair of Texel rams from Mr NR Harding topped the day selling at £89.00 each. Ewes sold to £77.50 from Messrs AJ Derryman & Son; £75.00 from Mr RB Cox; £72.50 and £72.00 from Messrs MJ Tarr & Son; £71.00 from Messrs W Johnson & Son and £70.00 from Messrs RC & J Dibble and Mr RAC Barton. Overall average £53.06.

	EWES		RAMS	
	Ave	Top	Ave	Top
BEST	£70.00	£77.50	£75.00	£89.00
MEDIUM	£55.00	£65.00	£50.00	£54.00
SMALL	£45.00	£50.00	£40.00	£47.00

BREED	VENDOR	£/HEAD
Suffolk x	Messrs AJ Derryman & Son	£77.50
Texel x	Mr RB Cox	£75.00
Charollais x	Messrs RC & J Dibble	£70.00
Polled Dorset	Messrs RC & J Dibble	£66.00
North Country Mule	Messrs CW Ashford & Son	£54.50
Hampshire x	Mr J Swain	£59.50
Texel Rams	Mr NR Harding	£89.00
Suffolk Wethers	Mr A Andrews	£68.50

	HOGGS (13)	LAMBS (907)
Top price p/head	£50.00	£83.00
Top price p/kg	96.0p/kg	184.0p/kg
SQQ Average	93.75p/kg	164.44p/kg

Fewer forward met a very similar trade with again well fleshed thicker covered lambs in keen demand with plain and very lean types more difficult. The best generally 170.0ppk plus to a top of 184.0ppk from Mr R Lewis; 177.0ppk and 171.0ppk from Mr ZRJ Bessell; 176.0ppk from Mr A Henson; 174.0 from Misses Lucy & Ellie Boyer; 173.0ppk from Mr MJ Chilcott and Mr R Barton; 172.0ppk from Messrs RR Creed & Son and Messrs AA, L & R Johnson and 171.0ppk from Mr BJ Pepperd. Heavier lambs sold to £83.00 from Mr GWG Coles, £77.50 from Mr A Henson; £77.50 and £76.00 from Messrs AA, L & R Johnson; £76.00 from Mr PD Godfrey and £75.00 from Misses Lucy & Ellie Boyer and Mr BJ Pepperd.

TB RESTRICTED CATTLE COLLECTION CENTRE

Second Thursday of each month. 4pm-5pm. Stock pre sold on deadweight basis to highest nationally tendered price. Stock weighed and graded at market to act as a check on killing out percentages and prices received.

Stock to be pre-booked with ear numbers and description by no later than the first Wednesday of each month. TB24B licence required from DEFRA SVS. **Next collection 9th July 2009.**

Contact Robert Venner on 07889 006503 or Adam Hayes 07771 908252. Office 01278 410278.

Blue Tongue Update

Protection of cattle and sheep against blue tongue is crucial to the health of stock and the industry should not be complacent about the risks still posed by it. With over 25,000 cases in France last year alone, the risk of windborne incursion of infected midges remains a distinct possibility. Defra is continuing to promote voluntary vaccination and producers are being urged to vaccinate early in the year, before the onset of warmer weather when the risk of infection significantly rises. Concern also remains over the circulation of blue tongue serotype 1 (BTV-1) in France. Producers are encouraged not to wait to vaccinate their animals against BTV-8 in anticipation of a bivalent vaccine against BTV-1 and BTV-8 becoming available. It is unlikely a bivalent vaccine will be available until after summer 2009, and indeed farmers will not be able to vaccinate for BTV-1 until a protection zone for it is declared.

Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Sedgemoor Auction Centre Livestock Pennage Security Policy

To prevent the escape of livestock from the pennage area, please ensure:-

Outer loading bay gates are securely chained to vehicle tailboard gates when unloading or loading stock. **It will be deemed negligence if this is not done.**

Second set of loading bay gates to be secured with chain (cattle) and sliding fastener (sheep) after unloading.

Gates are always to be left in closed position when vacating loading bays.

In the event of an escape raise alarm and ensure entrance and exit gates are closed. Once entrance and exit gates are closed, then proceed to recapture stock.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

All cattle born after 15th April 1998 require two tags.

Somerset Trading Standards require any such cattle presented at market with less than two tags to be returned home under licence.

Please ensure all cattle have a tag in each ear before leaving home.

If a tag is lost in transit, please present tag to STS Animal Health representative for onward licence and sale.

If you are unable to replace a missing tag due to ill health or health and safety issues and would like to use market facilities, please write to Somerset Trading Standards Service, Animal Health and Welfare, Chelston, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9HP, fax : 01823 664199 or email: ahw@somerset.gov.uk to request permission.

Copy of written confirmation of STSS's permission to accompany stock to market with tags and taggers.