

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

TUESDAY MARKET REPORT

6 Day Standstill in Operation

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009

TOTAL STOCK: 1913 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.

**Barreners wanted to 134.5ppk and £1119.63.
Large entry of suck lambs to £98.00.
Medium entry of ewes to £75.50.**

93 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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A desperate shortage of cows as dairy Vendors crack on with first cut. Only 93 penned resulted in a dearer trade as purchasers competed strongly for those on offer. Sucklers rose to 134.5ppk for a shapely well fleshed Limousin from Mr RWM Westlake, who sold others at 132.0ppk and 130.0ppk. 132.5ppk was achieved by Messrs KR & HE Harvey of Bovey Tracey, with a British Blue cross. Another best type, Limousin cross, rose to 130.0ppk from Mr J Wakely. Better sucklers generally 120.0ppk plus. Sucklers sold to £1119.63 for the Blonde from Messrs KR & HE Harvey. Another over £1000 at £1003.20, for the Limousin from Mr RWM Westlake.

Some smart black & whites forward to 126.5ppk for a Friesian from Mr RGT & Mrs D Thomson. Another Friesian, this time from Messrs SV & EM Lee achieved 124.5ppk. Several good meat black and whites, 115.0ppk to 118.5ppk. Grade 2's generally 110.0ppk to 115.0ppk. Grade 3 steakers on the whole 100ppk plus, with the odd grazer to 110.0ppk. Grade 4 cows 90.0ppk plus, with only especially lean cows under this level. Black & white cows sold to £1054.65 for a superb 890kg Friesian from Messrs Quick & Sons. Top 9 black & whites all over £800. Best cows are really coming to good money currently, yet even the very plainest bottom end grade 4's are up and down of £400, which could easily be between £100 and £200, if trading conditions were not so favourable. As Vendors concentrate on grass collection, now is the time to sell cows.

Older stock bulls to 118.5ppk and £1179.08 for a Blonde from Messrs KR & NM Hebditch and 116.5ppk and £1169.66 for a Simmental from Mr P Gooding. As cows are in short supply, bulls become wanted.

Saturday 6th June

Special entry in the dairy section

Dispersal of 10 Friesian & 2 Guernsey cows

BARREN COWS (91)		Top price per head
Top price		Beef £1119.63
Beef 134.5p/kg	Beef Ave 114.5p/kg	Dairy £1054.65
Dairy 126.5p/kg	Dairy Ave 100.1p/kg	

Top Suckler Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr RWM Westlake	LIM	602	134.5
Messrs KR & HE Harvey	BRB	845	132.5
Mr RWM Westlake	LIM	760	132.0
Mr J Wakely	LIM	657	130.5
Mr RWM Westlake	LIM	604	130.0
Messrs GH & PC Dening	BRB	623	125.0
Messrs J & W Welland	BRB	697	124.5
Messrs IJ & SA Bell & Son	BRB	703	123.5
Mr J Jennings	SIM	670	123.0
Mr CJ Sage	AA	560	122.0

Top Dairy Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr RGJ & Mrs D Thomson	BF	680	126.5
Messrs SV & EM Lee	BF	672	124.5
Mr JC Edwards	BF	710	118.5
Messrs Quick & Sons	BF	890	118.5
Messrs CG & WL Rich & Son	HF	673	116.5
Mr DG Cullen	HF	760	116.0
Denhay Farms Ltd	HF	682	115.0
Denhay Farms Ltd	HF	660	115.0
Mr DBT Vile	HF	680	114.5
Messrs AA Witcombe & Son	HF	515	114.5
Messrs JM & TI Rich	HF	723	114.0

Suckler Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs KR & HE Harvey	BRB	845	1119.63
Mr RWM Westlake	LIM	760	1003.20
Mr RJ Winzer	PIE	785	910.60
Mr RGJ & Mrs D Thomson	AA	770	900.90
Messrs IJ & SA Bell & Son	BRB	703	868.21
Messrs J & W Welland	BRB	697	867.77
Mr J Wakely	LIM	657	857.39
Mr J Jennings	SIM	670	824.10
Messrs JA & SKC Lindley	DEV	700	812.00
Mr RWM Westlake	LIM	602	809.69

Dairy Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs Quick & Sons	BF	890	1054.65
Mr DG Cullen	HF	760	881.60
Mr RGJ & Mrs D Thomson	BF	680	860.20
Messrs IJ & SA Bell & Son	HF	760	843.60
Messrs JC Edwards	BF	710	841.35
Messrs SV & EM Lee	BF	672	836.64
Messrs GH & PC Dening	BF	782	832.83
Messrs JM & TI Rich	HF	723	824.22
Denhay Farms Ltd	HF	752	819.68

Cows Only	No.	Ave (ppk)	Top (ppk)	Ave (£)	Top (£)
Grade 1	17	123.7	134.5	870.07	1119.63
Grade 2	28	112.2	130.0	738.39	881.60
Grade 3	18	101.5	109.5	636.06	832.83
Grade 4	26	85.4	103.5	491.55	641.69

BULLS (2)		
Top price	Ave	Top price per head
118.5p/kg	117.5p/kg	£1179.08

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs KR & HE Harvey	BLO	995	118.5
Mr PD Gooding	SIM	1004	116.5

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

1373 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 11.00am

	HOGGS (152)	LAMBS (1221)
Top price p/head	£83.00	£98.00
Top price p/kg	178.0p/kg	208.0p/kg
SQQ Average	151.28p/kg	192.21p/kg

Another good entry of lambs sold to an overall easier trade after yesterdays flyer, however the best were still 200.0ppk plus topping at 208.0ppk from Messrs Wakely & Brunt; 207.0ppk and 202.0ppk from Messrs RM & BJ Norman; 207.0ppk and 201.0ppk from Kenley Farms; 205.0ppk from Mr BJ Williams, Mr B Scrivens and Messrs JN Hayes & Son; 204.0ppk from Messrs JG Bartlett & Son; 203.0ppk from Messrs MWJ, ME & L Greenslade and 202.0ppk from Mr BJ Pepperd, Mr PG Keates and Mr NR Harding. Good quality heavier sorts sold to £98.00 and £92.50 from Mr EE Baker; £95.00 from Mr CHE Kidner; £92.50 from Messrs Quick & Sons; £92.00 from Messrs ERE & J Down; £90.50 from Messrs DW & PA Retter and Mr BJ Williams and £90.00 from Thornhill Farm (Dorset) Ltd, Messrs JN Hayes & Son, Mr ML Coombes, Messrs PJ & N Mills and Messrs ERE & J Down.

More hogs forward than expected sold to 178.0ppk from Mr IP Merry, 172.0ppk from Mr BJ Potter and 171.0ppk from Mr C Willcox and to £83.00 from Mr D Hunt, £81.00 from Mr BJ Potter and £78.50 from Mr C Willcox.

WEIGHT	NO. SOLD LAMBS	AVE	NO. SOLD HOGGS	AVE
Standard (32.1-39.0kg)	499	191.07	29	157.99
Medium (39.1-45.5kg)	678	193.01	44	148.73
Heavy (45.6-52.0kg)	42	190.89	49	156.09
Others (Over 52kg)	2	184.91	10	118.06

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
LAMBS		
36.0	72.80	Messrs RM & BJ Norman
37.0	73.50	Mr P Norman
38.0	78.50	Kenley Farms
38.0	77.20	Messrs MWJ, ME & L Greenslade
39.0	81.00	Messrs Wakely & Brunt
39.0	80.00	Messrs JN Hayes & Son
39.0	78.50	Kenley Farms
40.0	82.80	Messrs RM & BJ Norman
40.0	80.00	Mr A O'Brien
40.0	80.00	Messrs AJ & HB Hector
40.0	80.00	Messrs RH & JA Heal
40.0	80.00	Messrs NH Hasell & Son
41.0	83.00	Mr BJ Pepperd
41.0	82.00	Mr A O'Brien
41.0	82.00	Mr RL Kent
41.0	82.00	Mr EE Baker
42.0	86.00	Mr B Scriven

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
42.0	85.50	Messrs JG Bartlett & Son
42.0	85.00	Mr NR Harding
43.0	88.00	Mr BJ Williams
44.0	88.80	Mr PG Keates
45.0	90.00	Thornhill Farm (Dorset) Ltd
45.0	90.00	Messrs JN Hayes & Son
47.0	92.00	Messrs ERE & J Down
48.0	92.50	Mr EE Baker
50.0	95.00	Mr CHE Kidner
53.0	98.00	Mr EE Baker
HOGGS		
39.0	69.50	Mr IP Merry
46.0	78.50	Mr C Willcox
47.0	81.00	Mr BJ Potter
63.0	83.00	Mr D Hunt

447 CULL EWES & RAMS Commencing at 9.30am

A medium entry found trade generally easier, reflecting the overhang of ewes from earlier weeks and some buyer resistance during this warm spell. Nonetheless ewes still averaged well over £50.00 across the board to a top of £75.50 from Messrs G Stacey & Sons. Others to £74.00 Mr JG Bartlett, £71.00 Mrs J Barrett, £70.00 Messrs PJ & N Mills, Messrs JC & DC Board and Mr D Pengelly. Many pens of strong ewes £60-£70 with fat ewes much harder to place than of late. Good demand for lean and plainer sorts with Mules and crossbreds in most contention.

	EWES		RAMS	
	Ave	Top	Ave	Top
BEST	£65.50	£75.50	£66.00	£71.00
MEDIUM	£57.50	£64.00	£60.00	£63.00
SMALL	£40.50	£46.00	£47.00	£52.00

BREED	VENDOR	£/HEAD
Suffolk x	Messrs G Stacey & Son	£75.50
Texel	Mrs J Barrett	£71.00
Texel x	Mr E Mills	£70.00
Charollais x	Messrs CD & BH Persey	£64.50
Rouge	Garlic (UK) Ltd	£65.00
Polled Dorset	Mr A Bastable	£65.00
Jacob	Mr D Pengelly	£60.00

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.