

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

TUESDAY MARKET REPORT

6 Day Standstill in Operation

TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009

TOTAL STOCK: 1961 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.

**Now is the time to sell Barreners.
Lambs easier. Good finish wanted.
Cull ewes wanted to £80.**

131 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 demand, when the trade was definitely on the side of the Vendor. Top of the sale was 130.0ppk for a smart Simmental from Messrs TB Stevens & Son of South Molton. 129.5ppk was achieved by Messrs Hill & Johnstone with a Charolais. Well fleshed British Blues from Mr H Pratt rose to 127.5ppk and 127.0ppk. Better sucklers generally 121.5ppk to 126.5ppk.

Sucklers sold to £1061.90 for the Charolais from Messrs Hill & Johnstone. Others over £900, were the Blues from Mr H Pratt at £963.93 and £952.43 and £904.48 for a Charolais from Mr J Garland.

Less meat on offer amongst the black & whites, as can be seen by the grades but none the less, all well sold. A run of tremendous Holsteins from Messrs JR Dill & Son rose to 123.5ppk, with others at 122.5ppk, 117.5ppk (x2) and 114.5ppk (x2). Other cows over 120.0ppk from Messrs RH Groves & Sons at 121.0ppk and Messrs SGE Hatch & Son and Messrs Quick & Sons, both at 120.5ppk. Best cows generally 115.0ppk plus. Good meat grade 2's 107.0ppk to 115.0ppk. Plain steakers generally 95.0ppk to 109.0ppk. Lean grade fours between 80.0ppk and 95.0ppk. Only exceptionally lean cows below this level, which still looked well sold as many of them being old, were not the type to fatten and a weaker trade could have easily seen them at much lower levels.

Black & whites sold to £1004.63 from Messrs JR Dill & Son, who sold others at £953.42, £937.76, £929.78 and £905.93. Others over £900 at £957.98, Messrs SGE Hatch & Son and Messrs MM & EH Lucas at £924.30 and £922.68. Big meat cows really wanted.

A few overage clean forward which rose to 135.5ppk for a Simmental heifer from Mr RC Kunda, which returned at £925.47.

Now is a good time to sell old stock bulls, evidenced again as a shapely British Blue from Mr AC Rich achieved 127.0ppk. A Holstein Friesian from Messrs IJ & SA Bell met a call of 107.0ppk and returned at £1080.70.

More barreners kindly requested to take advantage of the current exceptionally good trade. Our grateful thanks go to all Vendors who ranged from South Molton, Ivybridge, Weymouth, Cattistock, Frome, Bristol and Congresbury.

BARREN COWS (119)		Top price per head
Top price		Beef £1061.90
Beef 130.0p/kg	Beef Ave 114.0p/kg	Dairy £1004.63
Dairy 123.5p/kg	Dairy Ave 99.9p/kg	

Top Suckler Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs TB Stevens & Son	SIM	538	130.0
Messrs Hill & Johnstone	CHA	820	129.5
Mr H Pratt	BRB	747	127.5
Messrs JR Dill & Son	AA	616	127.5
Mr H Pratt	BRB	759	127.0
Mr J Garland	CHA	715	126.5
Mr J Dorse	SIM	644	125.5
Messrs FJ & PD Goddard	BRB	596	125.0
Mr H Pratt	BRB	716	122.0
Mr C Chilcott	CHA	693	121.5
Messrs LC Hellier & Son	HER	489	121.5

Top Dairy Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	772	123.5
Messrs JR Dill & Son	BF	759	122.5
Messrs RH Groves & Sons	BF	668	121.0
Messrs SGE Hatch & Son	HF	795	120.5
Messrs Quick & Sons	BF	710	120.5
Mr RW Ham	HF	649	119.0
Messrs CD & BH Persey	BF	707	118.5
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	771	117.5
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	855	117.5
Messrs LF & JM Heywood	BF	606	117.5
Messrs WL Persey & Sons	HF	724	117.5

Suckler Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs Hill & Johnstone	CHA	820	1061.90
Mr H Pratt	BRB	759	963.93
Mr H Pratt	BRB	747	952.43
Mr J Garland	CHA	715	904.48
Mr H Pratt	BRB	716	873.52
Mr TVD Eames	DEV	735	863.63
Mr C Chilcott	CHA	693	842.00
Mr J Dorse	SIM	644	808.22

Dairy Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	855	1004.63
Messrs TWG Bartlett & Son	HF	868	980.84
Messrs SGE Hatch & Son	HF	795	957.98
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	772	953.42
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	819	937.76
Messrs JR Dill & Son	BF	759	929.78
Messrs MM & EH Lucas	HF	790	924.30
Messrs MM & EH Lucas	BF	792	922.68
Messrs JR Dill & Son	HF	771	905.93
Messrs R Lucas & Son	HF	765	872.10

Cows Only	No.	Ave (ppk)	Top (ppk)	Ave (£)	Top (£)
Grade 1	28	119.2	130.0	854.19	1061.90
Grade 2	30	112.9	126.5	759.28	904.48
Grade 3	20	103.1	125.0	671.36	830.29
Grade 4	41	79.0	104.0	468.27	689.08

BULLS (3)			
Top price	Ave	Top price per head	
127.0p/kg	114.3p/kg	£1080.70	

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr AC Rich	BRB	748	127.0
Messrs CD & BH Persey	LIM	789	111.5
Messrs IJ & SA Bell & Son	HF	1010	107.0

OVERAGE STEERS & HEIFERS (9)		
Top price	Steer Ave	Top price per head
Steers 124.5p/kg	121.7p/kg	Strs £666.08
Heifers 135.5p/kg	Heifers Ave 114.2p/kg	Hfrs £925.47

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr RC Kunda	SIM	683	135.5
Messrs J & NP Cavill	SIM	535	124.5
Messrs FR Madge & Son	HF	681	121.5
Messrs J & NP Cavill	HF	538	119.0

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

1334 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 11.00am

	HOGGS (60)	LAMBS (1274)
Top price p/head	£84.00	£85.50
Top price p/kg	149.00p/kg	188.00p/kg
SQQ Average	110.00p/kg	165.94p/kg

Derby Day has been and gone and lamb prices have begun to drop. Large numbers of very plain lambs today did not help the averages – proper finishing pays real dividends. Best lambs still comfortably £70-£80 and up to 188.0ppk, plenty over 180.0ppk but a lot of plainer pens at 150.0ppk- 160.0ppk for 36-38kg, when finishing close to 40kg would have helped. Best 40kg to £75.20 Mr AAJ Bown (188.0ppk) with 41kg to £73.80, Mr WJ Gard and other 40kg £73.00 Mr TS Duck (183.0ppk) and £72.00 Miss S Bishop, whilst at the lighter end 37kg reached £66.00 from both Mr IJ Williams and Mr L Williams. 36kg from Messrs AC & DM Dyer sold to £63.50 (176.0ppk). Top price per head £85.50 for 50kg from Mr M Plowright, 45kg to £80.00 Mr AAJ Bown.

A handful of hogs met a mixed trade but firm for quality selling to £84.00 Mrs J Peaster.

WEIGHT	NO. SOLD LAMBS	AVE	NO. SOLD HOGGS	AVE
Standard (32.1-39.0kg)	752	163.02	2	125.35
Medium (39.1-45.5kg)	497	170.21	26	97.71
Heavy (45.6-52.0kg)	18	157.46	16	95.08
Others (Over 52kg)	1	140.35	5	99.32

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
LAMBS		
36.0	63.50	Messrs AC & DM Dyer
37.0	66.00	Mr IJ Williams
37.0	66.00	Mr L Williams
38.0	65.80	Mr RJ Hawkins
39.0	69.20	Mr RJ Hawkins
40.0	75.20	Mr AAJ Bown

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
40.0	73.00	Mr TS Duck
41.0	72.00	Mr NW Payne
41.0	72.00	Messrs AC & LF Heal
42.0	73.50	Messrs SJ Butt & Sons
43.0	76.00	Messrs AA & E Johnson
43.0	75.50	Messrs Stevens Bros
44.0	74.00	Mr CR Dare
45.0	80.00	Mr AAJ Bown
47.0	75.00	Mr RC Stock
48.0	76.00	Mr G Puddy
50.0	77.00	Mr NW Payne
50.0	85.50	Mr M Plowright
HOGGS		
69.0	84.00	Mrs J Peaster

496 CULL EWES & RAMS Commencing at 9.30am
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Medium entry and a consistent trade, much at last week's levels. Top ewes to £80.00 for a Texel, Messrs RCL Watts & Son. A few others £70.00 plus, most good ewes remain £55 to £70. Some resistance to very fat ewes. Still good competition for lean, long types. Top ram today £65.00, Mr RC Pike.

	EWES		RAMS	
	Ave	Top	Ave	Top
BEST	£64.50	£80.00	£62.00	£65.00
MEDIUM	£54.50	£60.00	£50.00	£57.00
SMALL	£36.50	£48.00	£44.00	£47.00

BREED	VENDOR	£/HEAD
Suffolk	Messrs AJ & MJ Williams & Saunders	£71.00
Suffolk x	Mr GW King	£72.00
Texel	Messrs RCL Watts & Son	£80.00
Milk Sheep	Messrs G & A Speed	£43.50
Masham	Mr SG Knight	£43.00
Leicester	Mr C Reasons	£60.00
Polled Dorset	Mr JR Dill	£58.00
Wiltshire Horn	Mr C Reasons	£50.00
Zwartbles	Mr CJ Sully	£58.50

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.